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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1913.
Gentlemen,

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

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

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

MODERN WORK.

CHELMSFORD BELLS.

The public to-day have very few privileges which they can exercise to unlimited degree, but one of these certainly is that of being allowed to grumble over things with which they do not agree. In this spirit "Veritas" wrote to us last week anent the proposal of the Essex Association to give one of the trebles to Chelmsford Church to make a peal of twelve for the county's future cathedral. "Veritas" will find a well-reasoned answer from Canon Papillon in our columns to-day. This letter should allay the misgivings which any critics of the scheme may have. For ourselves we think the suggestion of the Association a most admirable one from several points of view, the principal of which is that it will demonstrate in a very tangible fashion that ringers are not imbued with any spirit of selfishness, but are prepared, where they can, to assist Church authorities in providing the bells which it gives them so much pleasure to ring. The case of Chelmsford is exceptional. At present Essex possesses no peal of twelve bells, and St. Mary's Church is to become the mother church of the new diocese. The opportunity of making the bells of a character befitting the importance of the sacred fane ought not, of course, to be missed—everyone will agree to that. The point as to whether the Essex Association should provide one of the bells is the only matter at issue, and if it can do so, as Canon Papillon asserts it can, without seriously undermining its financial stability, then we do not think the members need cavil at the proposal.

On some other points raised in the letter by "Veritas" we have no doubt many members of the Essex Association will be in agreement. The question of allowance towards railway fares is one which ringers would naturally look upon with favour, but it is, of course, a matter of financial adjustment. With Canon Papillon, we do not think an annual subscription of one shilling would stand any large drain by way of payments for travelling expenses, but no doubt the committee would give the matter consideration if it were brought before them. The establishment of a benevolent fund is a matter which we should much like to see taken up. The Insurance Act has by no means removed the opportunities for good which such funds can do, and, as the Kent and Sussex Associations have already proved, even in a short while, it is possible to accumulate quite a substantial sum for the purposes of relieving ringers in distress. Essex is in a particularly strong financial position and might well move in the direction indicated. Perhaps "Veritas" will bring the matter up when the Association holds its annual meeting, and induce the executive to do something towards the establishment of such a fund.

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**OPINION OF OUR
MODERN WORK.**

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs,

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

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

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANCES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

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

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH and Non-Conducted.

Umpires: HENRY DAINS (Royal Cumberland Youths), and
GEORGE W. WILD (Ancient Society of College Youths).

This peal was rung upon strictly non-conducted principles and was the first peal on twelve tower bells rung under these conditions.

TEN BELL PEAL.

PLYMOUTH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, February 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 35 cwt., in C.

JOHN GLUYAS Treble	GEORGE PARR 6
† WILLIAM FORD 2	WILLIAM HAMBLYN 7
* ALFRED MITCHELMORE 3	WILLIAM SHEARS 8
WILLIAM RUNDLE 4	G. HARRY MYERS 9
WILLIAM RICHARDS 5	THOMAS LINNELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by G. HARRY MYERS.

* First peal. † Fiftieth peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Prebendary Burroughs, who has resigned the living of St. Andrew's, and gone to St. Peter's, Tiverton.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5004 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

* FRED DAVIES Treble	FREDERICK E. SMITH 6
GEORGE HOLLIS 2	ERNEST H. CLARKE 7
ALBERT H. WARD 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 8
† JOHN FLINT 4	WALTER WALLACE 9
CHARLES DRAPER 5	BART MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal on ten bells. † 300th peal. First peal of Stedman Caterers as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

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

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Harcourt Anson) who is leaving Southover for Shipton-Bellinger.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELV DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 5
WILLIAM DENT 2	*WILLIAM FAYERS ... 6
*HARRY CRICK 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD ... 7
*GEORGE LAMBERT 4	W. R. JOHN POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL, and
Conducted by A. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect in memory of those heroes who lost their lives returning from the South Pole.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, February 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,*

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

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lbs.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. 50th peal by C. Edwards, for whom it was arranged.

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

*On Thursday, February 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER Treble	JOHN W. KELLEY ... 5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... 6
THOMAS BEADLE 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... 7
WILLIAM NEW 4	GEORGE W. COOMBS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. George A. Ransom and F. G. Goddard ; also to the youngest daughter of C. F. W. Hunt.

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

*On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

*CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	GEORGE GARRISON ... 5
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 2	*THOMAS WELLS ... 6
JOHN SANDERS ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7
JONATHAN PRESTON ... 4	*WILLIAM G. ANKER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged specially for Mr. Thomas Wells, parish clerk of Erdington, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. William G. Anker, tower-keeper of Boldmere.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWIN WELLSTEAD ... Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 5
WILLIAM J. RIVES ... 2	*CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... 6
ALFRED MEARS ... 3	ANDREW MEARS ... 7
HENRY W. WILKES ... 4	GILBERT BULL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Grandsire.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,*

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*ARTHUR ANDREWS ... Treble	DAVID BREARLEY ... 5
JOSEPH ATKIN ... 2	GEORGE HALKSWORTH ... 6
GEORGE LEWIS ... 3	*JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
*ARTHUR HAGUE ... 4	CLEMENT GLENN ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

WASHBROOK'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE J. TAYLOR ... Treble	E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ... 5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR ... 2	ALFRED FULLICK ... 6
*ERNEST JONES ... 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
FRED W. TAYLOR ... 4	*THOMAS W. BELTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	JOHN EVANS ... 5
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 2	RALPH BIGGS ... 6
HENRY T. GOWLETT ... 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	ARTHUR G. JANES ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARDY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Carter, of Vale Cottage, Downley.

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

*On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

JOHN NEAL ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5
ALF PALDON SMITH ... 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... 6
JAMES E. GROVES ... 3	THOMAS MILLER ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	*JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Cambridge away from treble and first attempt.

EDMONTON.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER Treble	WILLIAM A. ALFS ... 5
*MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 6
CHARLES H. AUSTIN ... 3	JAMES PARKER ... 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 4	GEORGE PAICE ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for Misses Belcher and Sampson and was attempted in the afternoon at Waltham Abbey, but owing to illness had to be abandoned after a quarter-of-an-hour's ringing. Unfortunately Miss Belcher could not stay for the peal at Edmonton. Miss Sampson received the hearty congratulations of the band at the conclusion of the peal.

PRESTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*THOMAS WILSON Treble	JAMES ARMSTRONG 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	EDWARD ARMSTRONG 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7
FRED HINDLE 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

* First peal of Stedman.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM ROBINSON Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	GEORGE A. COOK 6
JOHN CRAWFORD 3	RICHARD KENDALL 7
WILLIAM COOK 4	DAVID ANSCOMB Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Mr. James Wyatt, son of Mr. John Wyatt, captain of the Ashstead band; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. William Cook and Mr. G. A. Cook.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

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

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	HARRY BARTON 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	WILLIAM FUSSELL 6
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD 7
JOHN O'NEILL 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

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

This was arranged for Messrs. Barton, of Southwell, W. Fussell, of Slough, Bucks, J. O'Neill, of Halesworth, who were elected members previous to starting. This was the conductor's 150th peal, and rung on the anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN IN THE EAST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the first peal on the bells for over 20 years, and the first peal in the method ever rung in the City of London.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON Treble	GEORGE TURLEY 5
ALBERT BELTON 2	*JOSEPH MILNER 6
HERBERT MARKWELL 3	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7
STEPHEN J. PERKINS 4	STEPHEN PERKINS, Senr. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by STEPHEN PERKINS, Senr.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Latter, but he was unwell and unable to stand in, and Mr. Perkins kindly took his place at short notice.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALPHÆUS BERRY Treble	LEONARD LAST 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	JAMES BETTS 6
HARRY BARTON 3	ERNEST POPPY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	FREDERICK WATLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT, and

Conducted by ERNEST POPPY.

Arranged for Mr. Barton Southwold and Mr. Fussell, of Slough.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHERFIELD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. ILSLEY Treble	F. DRAPER 4
F. PEARMAN 2	W. BENNETT 5
H. G. HERBERT 3	H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by W. BENNETT.

First peal by all the band and first attempt. This peal was rung in honour of the Rev. J. B. Barker being made Rector of the parish.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

ERNEST PEARSON Treble	LEWIS WISEMAN 4
OLAVE BROYD 2	ALBERT CATERWELL 5
HARRY CANSSELL 3	WALTER NICE Tenor

Conducted by A. CATERWELL.

First peal as conductor. E. Pearson was elected a member before starting, and this was his first peal and first attempt. It was rung to celebrate the birthday of a daughter of H. Canssell.

CROWLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 72c's differently called.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALFRED HOLLAND Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
EDWIN TILLEY 2	*ISAAC P. BENNETT 5
WILLIAM WALDRON 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

* First peal. This is believed to be the first peal on this ancient ring of bells, the tenor having been last recast in 1464.

STEBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(STEBBING BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED BARKER Treble	HARRY P. EMERY 4
GEORGE SCHLUETER 2	J. THOMAS BARKER 5
EDWARD HYNDY 3	EDWARD CLAYDON Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD CLAYDON.

The above peal was rung as a farewell to G. Schlueter, who is leaving the parish, having joined the Metropolitan Police. His fellow ringers wish him every success, but all are very sorry to lose him from the company.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor about 14 cwt.

*HERBERT SADDINGTON ... Treble	PEARL INSKIP 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
HARRY MEADOWS 3	GEORGE LINES Treble

Conducted by GEORGE LINES.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor in seven Treble Bob methods. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

EASTCHURCH, ISLE OF SHEPPEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

HARRY JEWISS Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
CECIL C. BISHOP 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

Messrs. Jewiss and Jull hail from Tunstall, Bishop and Hyland from Upchurch, Walker from Rainham and W. H. B. Wilkins from Sheerness.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. WILLSON, 4, KEYTHORPE STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

*EDGAR VALLANCE 1—2	WILLIAM WILLSON 5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3—4	WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr. 7—8

Composed by W. WILLSON, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire: T. HENRY HARDY.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. E. M. Atkins, of London. First handbell peal by the ringers of 1—2 and 7—8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

MAURICE SMITHER 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 7—8

Composed by H. PRICE, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: Mrs. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Francis S. Wilson, of Tewkesbury, late of Ludlow.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.
Witness: E. AVIS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Umpire: GEORGE WILSON.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF OLAVE BROYD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

GEORGE PANNELL 1—2	OLAVE BROYD 3—4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5—6	

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.
Umpire: ERNEST PEARSON.

First peal in three methods by all, and rung at the first attempt.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1913, in One Hour and Forty-five Minutes,
AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3—4
*ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 5—6	

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.
* First peal in any method, and rung at the first attempt.

The umpire of the handbell peal at Grantham on February 11th was R. H. DANIELS.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

MR. LINDOFF'S FINIS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dains finds it hard to believe that more peals can be obtained on the plan. Well, just to let him see that I am not like himself, given to idle boasting, I enclose two more; and, at the same time, remind them that this class of peal was originated by me; and mine they will all remain. I am not to be bounced by them or anyone else; nor shall I trouble to answer any more of their croaking.

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In these two peals, as in my two previous ones, the calling may be started after course-end 32546, when they would retain the same qualities, and same authorship.

G. LINDOFF.

LEGITIMATE METHODS.**THE NAMES UP-TO-DATE.**

Writing in reply to Mr. Sharples, who in our issue of Jan. 31, enquired for the names of the Legitimate Methods published in the Central Council's Collection, Mr. F. Blood, of Biggleswade, says: I have taken the trouble to go through my ringing books and I can give a list of those methods that have been rung and claimed through the ringing papers. Mr. Sharples is rather late in claiming two of these methods as they have appeared in print years ago. I trust my effort will meet the eyes of those interested in those methods. The names are as follows:—

Plain Methods (page 5) No. 5.—Hereward Bob rung at Bourne, Lincs., Feb. 16th, 1910; No. 6.—Reverse, Hereward Bob; No. 8.—St. Lawrence Bob; No. 10.—Frodsham Bob; No. 11.—Stepney Bob; (not double). These methods were published in the "Ringing World," May 12th, 1911. No. 19.—Roydon; No. 23.—Brentford Single.

Court Methods.—No. 24.—Single Court, or London Single.

Treble Bob Methods.—No. 2.—Sandal Exercise; No. 3.—Grandsire Treble Bob (rung at Bourne, Lincs., April 16th, 1910); No. 4.—Furton Treble Bob; No. 8 is also known as College Exercise; No. 12.—Cambridge Treble Bob; No. 14.—Killamarsh Treble Bob; No. 15.—This has four names, Trinity in 1906, Coventry in 1910, Norbury in Oct. 29th, 1911, and also Sandiacre Treble Bob, Oct. 1st, 1911; therefore Trinity has first claim; No. 18.—Kingston Treble Bob; No. 19.—Norbury Treble Bob (rung at Norbury, July 26th, 1912).

Fourth's-Place Delights.—No. 8.—Southwark; No. 12.—Wragby; No. 13.—Wilkesden rung Aug. 15th, 1911; No. 14.—Hull ("Ringing World," Sept. 6th, 1912); No. 16.—Neasden ("Ringing World," Dec. 8th, 1911); No. 17.—Old Oxford Modernised; No. 20.—College Bob 4th, and as Bocking Treble Bob by A. Huckson, of Braintree (per C. W. Clarke, Bedford) in the "Ringing World," May 10th 1912; No. 19.—Norwich; No. 27.—Sutton ("Ringing World," Sept. 6th, 1912).

Third's-Place Delights.—No. 13.—Kent; No. 19.—Chelsea; No. 26.—Coventry; No. 34.—Dunedin; No. 35.—Ely.

Surprise.—No. 1.—Munden; No. 2.—Alawick ("Ringing World," April 14th); No. 4.—Morpeth ("Ringing World," Aug. 18th, 1911); No. 5.—Newcastle (Feb. 9th, 1909); No. 7.—Whitley (Jan. 15th, 1911); No. 8.—Northumberland (Jan. 22nd, 1911); *No. 10 (May 28th, 1911); *No. 11 (June 4th, 1911); *No. 12 (June 18th, 1911); *No. 13 (June 16th, 1911); No. 14.—London; No. 15.—Wells; No. 16.—Lincoln (published Feb. 2nd, 1907, as Southwell); No. 17.—Cuneastre (March 30th, 1909); *No. 18 (June 11th, 1911); *No. 19 (July 23rd, 1911); *No. 20; *No. 21 (July 20th, 1911); No. 22.—Lancashire Surprise (June 15th, 1907); No. 23.—Lightfoot; No. 24.—Stamford (March 24th, 1911); No. 25.—Wearmouth; No. 28.—Netherseale Surprise, rung at Netherseale (March 11th, 1911); No. 30.—Hexham (rung February 26th, 1911); No. 31.—Surfleet (February 12th, 1911); No. 34.—Berwick ("Ringing World," April 14th, 1911); No. 35.—Beverley ("Ringing World," April 14th, 1911); No. 40.—Hull (April 23rd, 1911); No. 41.—Bourne (rung April 3rd, 1910). Those marked * were published in the "Ringing World" on August 18th, 1911, and up to the present they remained amongst the unnamed. The above are correct, as they have appeared in print, and I would again appeal to the Whitley Bay ringers to finish naming the Surprises, as they have rung them all. Will Mr. Severn, of Anston, also look through the book and see if he has any methods by him like them, as I know they have rung a lot with names which I have never seen elsewhere.

A MEETING AT BRISTOL.

A meeting of the Bristol branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at St. Matthew's Church, Bristol, on Saturday, and was well attended, about 35 being present.—Ringing commenced at 6 o'clock. The business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, the chairman (Mr. H. T. Howell) presiding.—Six new performing members and one hon. member were elected.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. George's on April 5th.—Ringing was afterwards continued at St. Matthew's and St. Stephen's Churches.

DEATH OF MR. C. CASTLE, BALDOCK.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Charles Castle, of Baldock, Herts, who passed away at his residence, Alma Cottage, after a few days illness from pneumonia, on Friday, February 14th, at the early age of 39 years. Deceased had been a ringer at the Parish Church for twenty years, and a member of the Hertfordshire Association, and had taken part in six peals, viz., two of Grandsire Triples, three of Stedman Triples and one of Kent Treble Bob Major. On Sunday week for morning and evening services touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, the bells being muffled. The funeral took place on the following Tuesday at the Cemetery, the Rector (Rev. Canon Nairne) officiating. Amongst the floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell from his fellow-ringers, with the following inscription: "With deepest sympathy and kind remembrance from the ringers of the Baldock company." In the evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung with muffled bells. Mr. S. E. Roberts, of Royston, formerly a member of the Baldock band, took part in the ringing, and was also present at the funeral. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and her family in their sad bereavement.

CHELMSFORD BELLS.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—With respect to the letter signed (not quite happily) "Veritas," the present officials of the Essex Association and most of its members will probably ignore the insinuations of one who does not form his charges openly over his own name. As a former official, who has now severed his connection with Essex, I may, perhaps, point out (1) that the proposal to give a new treble to the future Cathedral of the Essex Diocese does not, as might appear from his letter, involve the expenditure of the whole reserve fund, but (as I understand) of less than a third; (2) that if the association attempted to do anything "towards defraying the travelling expenses of members to meetings," the subscription would have to be fixed at much more than 1s. a year, while, as a matter of fact, those who do attend meetings get a good "bonus" in reduced charges for tea or dinner; (3) that a Ringers' Association is not a benefit society, and had better keep to its own business if it wishes to remain solvent. By all means have a Ringers' Benevolent Fund, but on a regular financial basis, and on a much wider scale than the limits of a single association.

Meanwhile, will "Veritas," if he has anything more to say, give his name, that we may know what weight attaches to his opinion?—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON
(formerly Master of the Essex Association).

St. Albans.

Sir,—Having read "Veritas'" letter re the above bells, I, as the mover of the motion that the Essex Association of Change Ringers give the treble bell to St. Mary's, Chelmsford, beg to ask "Veritas" kindly to forward his name and address to me. If he will do this I will forward him the facts of the proposition. If he fails to do so then I ignore his letter and class him as one of those who have nothing to say at a meeting, but directly it is over starts with his complaints to a small number outside.—Yours truly,

HENRY F. COOPER.

District Secretary, Chelmsford.

THE BRISTOL SURPRISE RECORD.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I had no intention of entering into any further correspondence on the subject, as I think too much space has already been wasted over discussing a performance which no just person would have said a word against. But there are one or two statements Mr. Winney makes which I feel bound to dispute. The majority of his letter would puzzle the Attorney-General; but one statement he makes is that two of the band have confirmed what he tried to explain in his first letter. This is absolutely untrue, as no one has ever admitted that there was a ruddle or any serious trip. He also says that he told one of the band that it would have been better if one man had not been in it. I regret very much that I was not the one he spoke to about it. I hope he will not be offended if I tell him our band could not have been improved upon had I included anyone in it that was in his 12,000, to the exclusion of the person he refers to.

W. PYE.

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Winney's letter in your issue of the 7th inst. I was surprised that he should see fit, after a lapse of eight months, to make such insinuations, knowing, as he does, that the ringing was extraordinarily good. I heard as much of the peal as the majority present (about 12,000 changes), and timed the ringing by my watch. At 1 o'clock they were going 28 changes to the minute, but at 1.5 o'clock a slight trip occurred which lasted six changes, when the bells got into their stride again. For Mr. Winney to say there was a "nasty trip" at 6 o'clock is making a false assertion, as such a thing never occurred. If Mr. Winney will recollect I slapped him on the back just as the bells came home, and said, "Winney they've beaten you, give them a clap, for they deserve it," and he replied "So they do," and he did so with others present, and afterwards went up into the belfry, and congratulated the band on their success and said, "It was very good what I heard. I have not been here long."—Yours faithfully,

February 18th.

ARTHUR J. NEALE.

SHREWSBURY RINGERS AT WHITCHURCH.

On Saturday members of the Salop Guild from Shrewsbury paid a visit to Whitchurch. The arrangements had been made by Mr. E. R. Trevor Corbett, of Dorrington, Shrewsbury, and, on reaching the church, the visitors were met by the local ringers, who gave them a hearty welcome, and had the bells ready for a peal of Stedman Triples. This was successfully accomplished, and afterwards the visitors, with the local ringers, were entertained to a capital tea by the Rector (Rev. Dugdale). This was very much enjoyed by all, and subsequently a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kindness, both in providing the tea and for the use of the bells. There being two hours to wait for the return train, a most enjoyable time was spent with the local ringers, during which touches on the handbells were rung.

KENT ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED JOINT MEETING WITH SUSSEX.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford Division, held at Mersham, on Saturday, was in all respects a very encouraging and gratifying assembly. The attendance numbered just over thirty, and the towers represented, in addition to the local one, were: Ashford, Biddenden, Brabourne, Charing, Folkestone, Headcorn, Maidstone, New Romney, Rolvenden, Rye, Sellindge, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and Woodchurch. Good striking was prevalent, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were tapped off as if by "clockwork." Several young hands were present, and, in order to give them assistance, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and were creditably gone through.

A service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Dyke (an hon. member of the association), was held, the association's special form being used. Mrs. Wicks kindly presided at the organ, and the choir boys were present, the hymns "We love the place, O God" and "Fight the good fight" being sung.

Subsequently the company adjourned to the Farriers Arms Inn, where a splendid meat tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was thoroughly enjoyed. The business meeting followed, Mr. G. Paine, of Mersham, presiding.

The Honorary Secretary (Mr. C. Tribe) said the next meeting to take place was the proposed combined assembly at Rye of their division and the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association, and, at his request, Mr. Billenness stated what he thought the feelings of the Sussex men were on the subject. As far as the Rye ringers were concerned, he said, they were quite agreeable to the proposal. He had had the opportunity of attending meetings of the Sussex Association, and the conclusion he had arrived at was that the Sussex members generally were also quite willing to fall into line. On former occasions the Vicar of Rye had kindly entertained the members at association gatherings, and he had no doubt the rev. gentleman would again extend his hospitality if the meeting were held. He did not see, however, that it could be held until June, because the annual meeting of the Sussex Association came in May. The Sussex Committee arranged the list of meetings for the year, and it would be well to advise the secretary of the month for the meeting, so that it could be placed before the committee for their consideration.

Mr. P. H. Pierce asked if there would be more than the Rye tower available, and Mr. Billenness replied that there would be no difficulty in securing Iden, a six-bell tower, 2½ miles from Rye.

On the proposition of Mr. Finn, seconded by Mr. T. Hodgkin, it was resolved that the honorary secretary should take up the matter with the Sussex Association officials with a view to arranging the meeting.—Mr. C. W. Player thought it would be advisable to have a meeting prior to the Rye assembly, and Pluckley was put forward.—As an amendment Woodchurch was submitted, and was carried.

The Chairman apologised for the absence of the Rector, who had been indisposed recently. He also mentioned that Mr. C. Bates, of Mersham (hon. member) was unable to attend, but he was pleased that Mr. R. L. Wicks, of Mersham, another hon. member, had favoured them with his presence. On behalf of the Mersham band he cordially welcomed the association members.

Mr. C. Tribe proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Dyke for his hospitality, permission to ring, and for arranging the service. They were also grateful to the organist and the choir boys. The meeting was to have been at Wye, but the bells were unavailable, as they did not go very nicely. He hoped everybody would make an effort to attend the meeting at Rye.

This concluded the business, and the bells were subsequently kept going till past nine o'clock.

Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who is rehanging Warehorne and Sandhurst bells, was present, and the company were glad of the services of Mr. P. H. Pierce, who conducted the Stedman.

During the day the company visited the premises of Mr. Finn, who has been connected with bell hanging. He has made a miniature bell cage, and in it is hung a peal of ten little bells, in exactly the same manner as church bells are hung. The clappers, the wheels, the stocks, and other details were noticeable, but Mr. Finn has several additions to fix. He hopes eventually to have the whole thing complete. The ringers complimented him, for it undoubtedly requires a man of great abilities and patience to carry out such an undertaking. Hearty congratulations to Mr. Finn.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The members of the Canterbury District held a very successful meeting at the pretty village of Wickhambreaux on Saturday, Boughton, Canterbury, Chislehurst, Deal, Dover, Hernhill and Lymington being represented. The bells go remarkably well, a fact which reflects great credit upon the ringers for their careful attention to them. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, with Violet by the local company were successfully rung. Service in the very pretty Parish Church was followed by tea in the Village Club Room, provided and presided over by the genial Rector (Rev. G. Hyde Smith), who gave the members a very hearty welcome, and expressed the hope that they were enjoying themselves. The applause which followed was a sufficient reply in the affirmative, but the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore formally thanked the Rector for his great kindness on this and on other occasions.

The new Rector of Adisham attended to obtain information respecting the association and to become an honorary member. Mr. Smith, late of Tring, who has come to Sandwich, was heartily welcomed and duly elected a member. Three probationers were also accepted.—The Rector inquired about the Benevolent Fund, and, after a few remarks from the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, at once gave a donation towards it. This is believed to be the first of its kind.—Mr. H. Castle then proposed, and Mr. E. Verrier seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding.—A course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, followed by a 224 in the same method, conducted by Mr. C. Turner, brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Crawley on Saturday, and was a great success, 55 members being present from all parts of the county. The members were welcomed at the tower by the local band, amongst whom was to be seen the veteran, Mr. J. Newman, trotting round in high spirits and shaking hands with many an old friend. The bells were set going in various methods, and afterwards a short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Barrett-Lennard). A capital knife and fork tea was next partaken of at Mr. Leggett's, North Gate, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding.—The Rev. Reginald James Lea, Vicar of Henfield, was elected an hon. member; the Rev. E. Cresswell Gee, Twineham, hon. active member; and nineteen active members belonging to various towers in the division were also elected.—A vote of thanks was then passed to the Rector, with loud applause, for his great kindness in granting the tower for the meeting, and his generosity in providing such an excellent tea.—In reply, the Rector said what great pleasure it gave him to welcome the association to Crawley, and hoped they would come again in the near future.—The tower was again visited, touches in various methods being brought round, thus concluding a meeting which must be nearly, if not quite, a record for this division.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers was held at Cranleigh on Saturday, February 22nd. Owing to a funeral in the village the bells were not rung for the service at five o'clock, when the Rector (the Rev. P. Cunningham) gave a practical address. At the tea, which was subsequently held at the Schoolroom, the Rector presided. Tea was followed by a business meeting, at which the secretary (Mr. J. J. Jones) read the items of the balance sheet, which had been audited. The income for the past year amounted to £30 17s. 6d., and, after defraying all the expenses, including teas and part travelling expenses to Winchester, and instruction at Aldershot, a balance of £11 16s. 7d. remained. The balance had been forwarded to the general secretary, and had been acknowledged with the best thanks. The balance is the largest of the seven districts which are included in the Winchester Diocese.

Several new members were elected, including two ladies.—Mr. A. H. Pulling, the ringing master, reported that a satisfactory number of peals had been rung during the past quarter.—It was decided that the next combined practice should be held at Witley in April, and also a district meeting at Binstead in the same month.

Mr. R. Whittington, of Ewhurst, brought forward the question of the Long Stanton (Cambridge) bells, and said that, after much trouble, the Vicar and the ringers had been able to increase their old peal of three to one of eight, and had made considerable progress in change ringing. Unfortunately their old tenor bell cracked, and they were compelled to have it recast. He proposed that someone should go round with the hat.—The Rector stated that it was generally agreed that the clergy made the best beggars, and, taking up his college cap, went round the room himself.—A sum of 10s. was collected by the appeal.

The remainder of the evening was spent in change ringing in the tower, various methods being rung successfully. Members present came from Guildford, Clandon, Woking, Godalming, Dunsfold, Cranleigh, Shafford, Ewhurst, etc.

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

The Rev. H. B. Woolley, Vicar of Long Stanton, states, in answer to inquiry, that the Long Stanton tenor had been quarter turned, and since she has been hung for ringing she was never clocked. The cracking was a pure accident, caused apparently by the natural vibration of the bell, acting upon a weak place in the sound bow where the clapper used to strike, and where the metal was slightly honey-combed.

The Vicar and churchwardens acknowledge with many thanks the following contributions towards the cost of recasting the tenor:—H. B. W., £1 1s.; C. A. P., £1 1s.; G. F. C., 10s.; S. A. C., 10s.; T. Fitz J., 2s. 6d.; H. K., 1s.; A. P. W., 1s.; the Cambridge University Guild (resident members), £1 16s. 6d.; the Cranleigh band, 1s.; W. W., 1s.; total received to date, £18 8s.; amount required, £35. Donations will be thankfully received by the Vicar, Mr. W. Doggett or Mr. H. Croot, Long Stanton.

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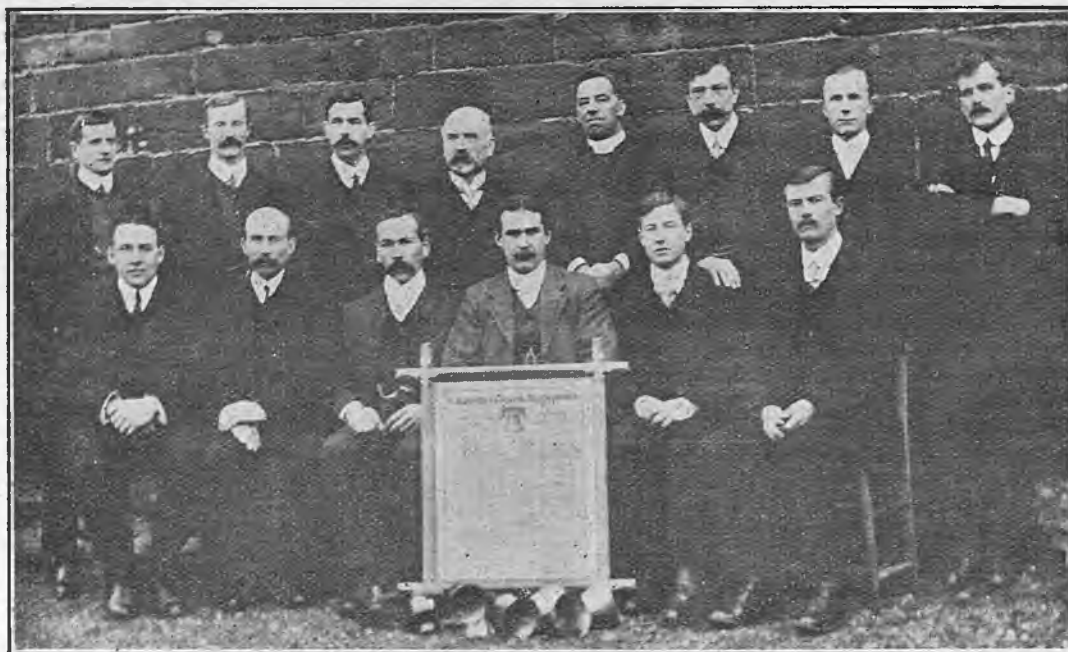
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A THRIVING YOUNG SOCIETY.



The photograph above is of the Biggleswade Society, which, although formed only on November 14th last, is making excellent progress in change ringing. The company was established after the old peal of five bells had been recast and augmented to eight, and all the men are showing the greatest enthusiasm. They are among the latest recruits to the Bedfordshire Association.

It is interesting to note that the frame which contains

the rules is made from a portion of old oak beams on which the ancient peal used to hang. The ringers in the photograph are: Back row, R. M. Spong, L. C. Franklin, R. Olney, Mr. H. Franklin (churchwarden), Rev. R. S. Bagshaw (vicar and president), F. Thompson, H. B. Smith and C. A. Pratt. Bottom row, M. G. Walker, A. Franklin, E. Hussey (vice-captain), F. Blood (captain), H. Rowlett (hon. secretary), and E. Stratton.

ODD CHANGES.

Another noteworthy performance was accomplished by the College Youths on Saturday, when they rang a non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and the band are to be congratulated upon the unique achievement. A similar effort at Bow about three months ago was lost. This peal at Cornhill is the first non-conducted on twelve tower bells.

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The peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) installed at Oatlands, Surrey, by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, are to be dedicated on Sunday afternoon, and all ringers will be welcome. The tower is an open one, and in order to counteract the noise and not interfere with the architectural features, glass screens, we understand, are to be used instead of louvres. This will be quite an experiment, and it will be interesting to see how it answers.

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Many happy returns of the day to Mr. William Banister, who, although without an actual "birthday" this year (he was born on February 29th), is 89 to-day. We are delighted to be able to say that he is enjoying excellent health for one so advanced in years.

Even in "the good old days" apparently bell-ringers were the object of invective and and satire. The following lines appeared in the "Staffordshire Advertiser" exactly one hundred years ago:—

"To the Churchwardens of the parish of —
O ye rascally ringers, and merciless foes,
And disturbers of all who delight in repose;
How I wish for the quiet and peace of the land,
That you had round your necks what you hold in your hand!"

Stafford, February 7th, 1813.

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In a glass case in the Church of St. Sepulchre, Holborn, is the bell which was rung outside the condemned cell at Newgate by the bellman of St. Sepulchre's at midnight on the eve of an execution. He then recited the following verses (which are on the brass tablet):—

All you that in the condemned hole do lie
Prepare you, for to-morrow you shall die.
Watch all, and pray, the hour is drawing near
That you before the Almighty must appear.

Examine well yourselves, in time repent
That you may not to eternal flames be sent,
And when St. Sepulchre bell in the morning tolls
The Lord above have mercy on your souls.

The custom originated in a gift or bequest of £50 made by Mr. Robert Dowe in 1605.

Hands up for a tailors' peal! Those members of the trade who would care to take part in one should communicate with Mr. C. H. Bernard, 2, St. Austin's Lane, Harwich.

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The ringers of St. Luke's, Heywood, are making an appeal for help for an old ringer, Mr. John Harrison, who has been seriously ill for some time. Any contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Mr. J. Tattersfield, 8, Langton Street, Heywood, near Manchester

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The following paragraph, which appeared in the "Norfolk Chronicle," of January 30th, 1813, will be interesting, as it records some ringing at Norwich a century ago by that old master, Mr. Samuel Thurston:—

On Sunday morning last, that musical peal of six bells belonging to St. John's, Maddermarket, rang a Funeral Peal of Seven Hundred and Twenty, called the Revolution Peal (as a mark of respect at the interment of Mr. Dunn, many years Clerk to that parish), in a very masterly style, under the direction of Samuel Thurston, by ringers which justly may be termed Odds and Ends, as none of the St. Peter's ringers had any hand in it, and it may be fairly presumed from the steady perseverance of Mr. Thurston in this art, and his already acute knowledge, he is likely to become one of the first ringers this or any country ever produced.

A SIX-BELL CONTEST.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S COMPETITION.

The Halifax and District Society held their quarterly meeting and contest on Saturday, February 15th, when 10 companies competed, each set ringing 600 changes. The draw for the order of ringing took place at 2.45 p.m., and the ringing was then immediately proceeded with and continued until 8.30 p.m. The judges of the competition were Messrs. Broadley and J. W. Cundall, of Bradford. Tea was provided by the local branch during the afternoon, to which about 100 visitors sat down.

At the close of the ringing the business meeting was held in the Schoolroom, with the president, Mr. Cotterill, of Halifax, in the chair, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Metcalfe) and the society's officers.

No invitation being brought forward for the place of the next meeting, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the secretary.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schools was unanimously carried, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Dransfield.—The Vicar, in reply, said his experience of ringers was that they were a fine lot of fellows, and he liked them very much indeed. There was a story that in the olden days a certain amount of gold and silver was mixed with the metal to improve the tone, but he thought if this dross had been given to the ringers instead it would have been much better (laughter). The ringers, he added, did a very great service for the church, and he hoped that their ringing would turn listeners toward the church for worship.

A vote of thanks to the local company and to the ladies was proposed by Mr. Drake, and seconded by Mr. Smith.

THE RESULT.

The result of the contest was then announced by Mr. Broadley as follows, in the order of competing: Lindley, 177 faults; Brighouse, 205; Earlsheaton, No. 1, rung out; Halifax, 306 faults; Earlsheaton, No. 2, rung out; Kirkheaton, 194 faults; Lightcliffe Parish, 202; Batley, 116; Heptonstall, 165; Lightcliffe Congregational, rung out. Batley were, therefore, declared the winners.

The cup was then presented to the conductor of the winning team by the Vicar.

A vote of thanks was passed to the judges, and responded to by Mr. Broadley, who said the ringing that day had been a long way above the average, and, although it had been a long job, it had been a pleasure to listen to the ringing.—This brought a very successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Church Broughton, Derbyshire, on December 7th, 1912, will not be booked by the M.C.A., as our rule as to the election of members has not been complied with, see "Ringing World," December 13th, 1912. The peal of Grandsire Triples at Kibworth, December 26th, 1912, we are booking, as it was sent up to you in error as the Kibworth Association instead of Midland Counties, see "Ringing World," January 10th, 1913. Will you kindly draw attention to the above in your next issue.—Yours truly,

W. E. WHITE,
Honorary Secretary, M.C.A.

EIGHT BELLS FOR SUNDERLAND. DEDICATION SERVICE.

On Sunday a processional cross, and the two new treble bells added to complete the ring of eight, were dedicated at the church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, Sunderland. The original ring of five bells was the gift of the late Mr. D. H. Haggie and family, in memory of their parents, and they were dedicated on Easter Day, 1893. In the following year the number was increased to six by the addition of a treble bell. This was the gift of the Rev. Edgar Boddington as a thank-offering for God's mercies to him during his vicariate, 1889 to 1899, and it was dedicated on July 2nd.

The two bells now added are the gift of Mr. Stanley M. Ritson, and are in memory of his mother, Mrs. M. A. Ritson, who entered into rest on St. Matthias' Day, February 24th, 1912.

The processional cross is of bronze, with five silver panels. In the centre is "the Lamb," designed on blue enamel, and in the four arms the symbols of the four evangelists. The whole is richly chased, and the bosses of the base are set with amethysts. This cross is the gift of Mrs. F. M. Sykes, wife of the Vicar, and is also a memory of the late Mrs. M. A. Ritson, her mother.

The dedicatory service was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. Edward Sykes, the trebles being sounded separately, and the eight rung in rounds. An appropriate sermon was preached by the first Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Edgar Boddington, whose presence was much appreciated, especially by the remaining original members of the Ringers' Guild. During the day the ringing was done by the members of the local Guild, and included 501 Stedman Triples after morning service, and also for evening service.

The whole of the bells are the work of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and they have made a perfect splice, the ringers' verdict being that the ring is a credit to the Loughborough firm. It is intended to have a gathering of the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on Easter Monday to celebrate the completion of the ring.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

Under the able leadership of Mr. T. T. Gofton, vice-president of the association, a very enjoyable northern district practice was held on Saturday at Whitley Bay. From the outset it was apparent that the Whitley band were determined to make the opportunity one of useful practice for the visitors, who left, after a strenuous evening of Kent, Plain Bob Major and Stedman Triples, well pleased with the new bells. Many were safely piloted through their first touches by Messrs. Gofton Brothers.

On Saturday, March 8th, at 6 p.m., the next practice will take place—the last before Easter, and by kind permission of the Mayor of the historic town of Morpeth, the use of the peal of eight in the ancient Watch Tower has been granted for the practice. The Watch Tower, one of the few places where the Curfew is still rung, is hardly less interesting than the town itself, though visitors to the tower miss the relics of bull-baiting days, which now have a place in the museum. Between the Watch Tower, standing in the Market Place and the River Wansbeck, is the house once occupied by Lord Collingwood, who, on Lord Nelson's death at Trafalgar, assumed command of the British Fleet.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the Luton district was held at Luton on Saturday, and was a most successful one, the ringing being of first class order. Members were present from Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Woburn, Husbome Crawley, Hitchin, Harpenden and the local tower. The bells were kept busy during the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

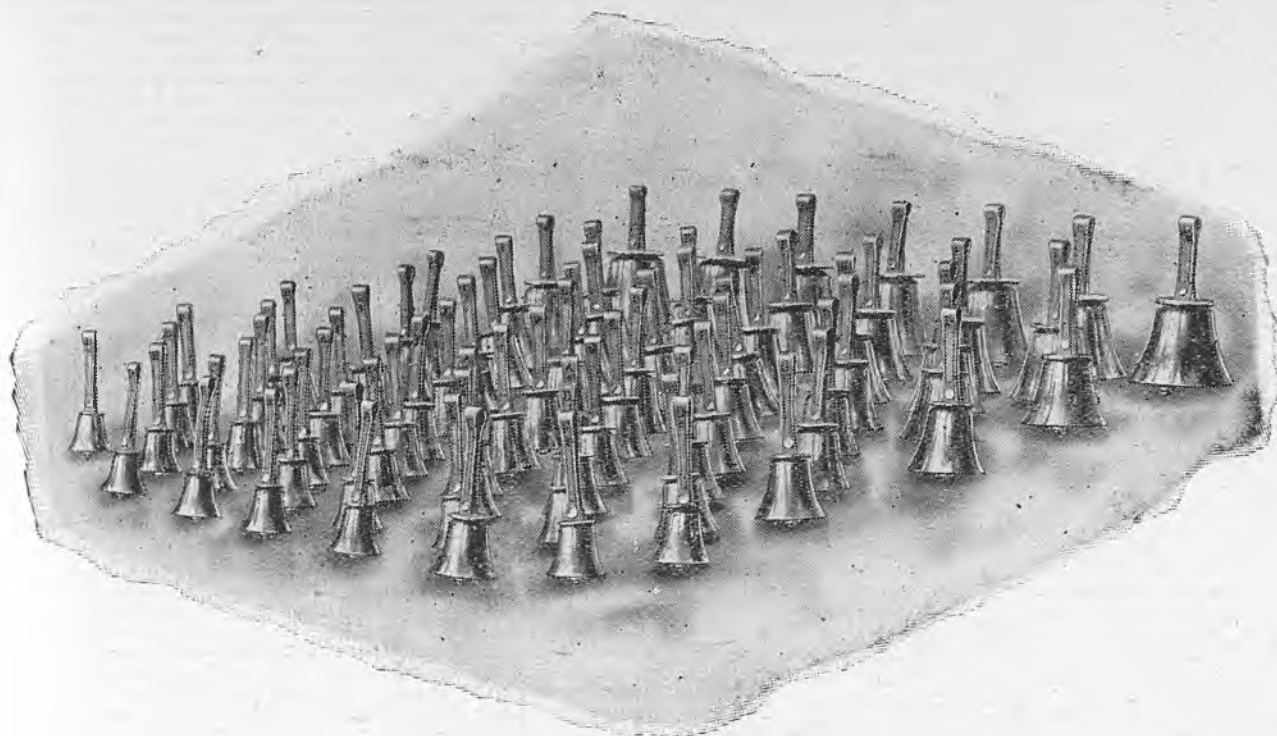
The business meeting was held in the evening, Mr. E. Herbert, of Woburn, occupying the chair, in the absence of the president (Rev. W. W. C. Baker).—The Honorary Secretary gave a brief retrospect of the meetings held in the district since the division of the association, and it was the unanimous opinion of the members present that the monthly meetings were a decided success and helped greatly to promote the art.

The following officers were elected for the year: President, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Dunstable; honorary secretary, Mr. A. King, Luton; committee, Messrs. C. Herbert, Woburn; M. Lane, Aspley Guise; H. Smith, Husbome Crawley; J. Nicholls, Leighton Buzzard; G. Healey, Dunstable.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Woburn during April.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding, and to the Vicar of Luton for the use of the bells.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A combined practice of the Sonning branch was held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday last, when 13 members were present, representing Binfield, Wokingham (All Saints), Easthampstead, Hurst, Wargrave and Sandhurst. The Master of the Guild was also present. The following methods were practised: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. It is of interest to note that it was the first time that two of the members had rung on eight bells, and the first time that one had rung away from his own tower.

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THE DISPUTED PEAL AT WALLASEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Newton made a few statements which are as untrue as his peal, first as to the jealous motive, which I had no idea existed between us; secondly, as to the distance from my garden (where I accidentally heard the blunder), which is about 1½ miles as the crow flies. As I had not the honour of being Instructor until about six months after Mr. Newton started with the band, and I did not expect nor desire to instruct the young men, I think he has been misinformed about unsolicited help. His other remarks do not trouble me so much, as anyone can see through them.—Yours faithfully,
School Lane, Bidston. W. WILCOX.

Sir,—Having read the correspondence with regard to the peal of Bob Minor rung at Wallasey on Boxing Day and being a ringer in the peal I should like to say that to my idea it was not a true one. I think the same applies to the one previous as I am sure the last one, by all accounts, was superior to the first. With an experienced man like Mr. Newton as conductor in both peals, knowing the coursing of the bells, it would be an easy matter to make one or two very bad mistakes and still continue with the peal ("Hip" them at times). I see no reason, however, why Mr. Newton should ridicule Mr. Wilcox in such a manner when he simply asks a reply about the peal. I know Mr. Wilcox does not despise the lads in any way but, on the other hand, he gives them great credit for their performance in so short a time. What does Mr. Newton mean by teaching gratis? Does he do so I wonder? In any case I know Mr. Wilcox has done it; I should say before Mr. Newton ever rang a peal. In fact I was one of the last band he taught. In my short stay with him he put me through seven different methods, of course "wheel-barrow fashion" as Mr. Newton terms it. It would take a very large barrow to hold the "lumps" that fall in some of Mr. Newton's peals. I must give Mr. Newton great credit for the great attention he has paid to the lads, if I must call them so. I don't think for one minute there is any jealousy on the part of Mr. Wilcox, as he is always ready to give a helping hand.
3, Russell Road, Wallasey. J. WALTER.

DEATH OF MR. T. PATTISON, GAINSBOROUGH.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. Thomas Pattison, of Gainsborough, the sad event taking place on Friday, February 14th, at the advanced age of 83 years. He was for upwards of 50 years a member of the Gainsborough Parish Church company, and, being of a cheerful and genial disposition, was greatly respected by all who knew him. He only took part in one peal (Holt's Ten-Part, rung on March 23rd, 1887), which was the first by all the band, and also by the North Lincolnshire Association, which was in existence previous to the formation of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The interment took place at the General Cemetery, and in the evening, at the Parish Church, as a tribute of respect to an old comrade, the bells were rung half muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) being brought round in 47 minutes by C. H. Baker 1, J. C. Tinker 2, F. S. W. Butler 3, W. Dickenson 4, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 5, H. Torr 6, G. Wilson 7, A. H. Curtis 8. It was also rung as a token of sympathy with the relatives and friends of those who lost their lives in the Antarctic disaster.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the Manchester branch held their usual monthly meeting at Whitefield. It is many years since a meeting was held at All Saints, but the bells have now been recast and placed in a new steel frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the tone and "go" are a credit to the founders.

The Rector (Rev. A. Kershaw, M.A.) presided at the meeting. He gave a hearty welcome to the ringers as co-workers in the church's interest and for the glory of God; and to the association as an organisation, where the bond of interest was created. He spoke of the sacrifice which was not always appreciated as it should be by the many listeners to whom the sound of the bells appealed, and he urged upon the ringers not to think that ringing was the end, but the beginning of divine worship. He, therefore, hoped that they would attend God's House whenever possible.

The Rector was proposed and accepted with acclamation as an honorary life member.—Eccles was chosen as the next meeting place, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having things in readiness.

Members were present from Manchester, Ashton-under-Lyne, Pendleton, Walkden, Worsley, Helmshore, Newchurch, Reddish, Birch, Prestwich, Miles Platting, etc., and the bells kept going in Plain Bob, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Superlative. Mr. Cyril Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry firm, took part in the ringing.

A FALSE PEAL.

Mr. J. H. Barrett writes: The peal of Stedman Caters rung at Steney on February 1st, I am sorry to say, is false, through my neglect, and I humbly apologise to the band who took part in it.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

LLANBRADACH.

The ringers at Llanbradach were entertained by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. Barry and T. Lane), and spent a most enjoyable evening. —The Vicar presided, and submitted the toast of "The Churchwardens," which was received with enthusiasm.—In responding, the Churchwardens expressed their pleasure at having such a company of young men, who, in the face of many obstacles and difficulties, had stuck to their posts and had regularly rung for the services. —The Vicar proposed "The Bell Ringers." He was pleased, he said, to have such a sturdy and faithful company belonging to his church, and to show his pleasure, intended to ask them to allow him to become a ringer. He hoped next time they met their numbers would be doubled.—Mr. W. Maybeir and Mr. Frank Stevens responded, and thanked the churchwardens for their hospitality. They were pleased to think their services were so much appreciated, and they would continue to do their best. They reported on the progress that had been made during the year.

ACTON.

An interesting story of the bells of Acton was provided by the churchwarden (Mr. W. A. Brown) in a letter from him read at the annual dinner of the St. Mary's Guild. The party, 21 in number, assembled in the Parish Room at the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. G. S. de Sausmarez), who presided. In his letter Mr. Brown said: "The Acton bellringers play a part—and a very important part—in the religious life of Acton, and the history of the Parish Church of St. Mary's itself. History does not tell us the date of the first bells of the church, but it is recorded that one of the old bells which was broken up in 1877, to form a new peal, bore the date 1583 (Queen Elizabeth's time), and might have rung out as a danger signal at the time of the great Armada, and that bell, with two others dated 1637, formed a peal of three bells, which rang out in 1640, when the present communion plate, given by Lady Dudley, was brought to the church. The two latter bells form part of the peal of eight bells, now in use in the church. . . . The old bells remind us of our duty to God and to man, and that on Sundays and other days the old church is waiting for us to return thanks for the blessings we have received, and to receive our prayers for blessings to follow. The Acton bellringers themselves have rung out from generation to generation, 'Faithful unto death,' and, as the poet says: 'Men may come, and men may go, but we ring on for ever.' Acton is fortunate in having such a fine body of earnest workers, and I am sure their services are duly appreciated."

After dinner an enjoyable programme was carried out. Tunes on handbells were skilfully rung by Messrs. J. R. Mackman and W. Phillips, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. E. J. Ridler, C. H. Dobbie, J. R. Mackman and H. W. Cotton. Other contributors to the evening's enjoyment were Messrs. R. Holloway, Curryer, Briggs, A. W. Mackenzie, J. R. Sims, etc.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.

The 15th annual dinner and social in connection with the St. John's Society took place at the Ranmoor Inn, Sheffield, some 25 ringers and friends sitting down to an excellent repast, served in Host Hutton's usual thorough style. After dinner an adjournment was made to the smoke room, where, after duly honouring the loyal toast, a capital programme was enjoyed, the items, consisting of songs, recitations and tunes on the handbells, being received with much applause and encores demanded in quick succession. Whether it was the jovial spirit of "mine host" or the excellent playing of the bells, or the capital singing and playing of Messrs. Clarke Brothers, who both did duty at the piano, it would be hard to say, but somehow or other the company seemed to be in for a right good time when the hour of closing arrived, greatly to the regret of all concerned, "Auld Lang Syne" having to be gone through during prohibited hours. Thus ended another of those pleasant gatherings which are, alas, mounting up, the years slipping away with such swiftness that one would like to put a few steel filings on the bearings of old Father Time's chariot.

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By S. WOOD, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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First rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, March 9, 1912. Conducted by the Composer.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TENBY, S. WALES.—On Sunday, Jan. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: T. Johns 1, R. Jenkins 2, J. Evans 3, A. Richards 4, L. Jenkins 5, A. Rees 6, A. W. Brighton (of London), conductor, 7, J. Williams 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Jan. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 420 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Long 1, C. R. Walker 2, E. Brown 3, A. E. Brooks 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 8th, 720 London Singles: E. Jenkins (first 720) 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, B. Buckle 3, H. Hall 4, J. Barber 5, W. Burgess 6.—On Jan. 15th, 720 Oxford Bob: R. Jenkins 1, W. Saban (first 720 Oxford) 2, B. Buckle 3, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 4, H. Hall 5, G. Balls 6.—On Jan. 22nd, 720 Plain Bob: C. Ellis 1, E. Jenkins (first 720 inside) 2, W. Saban 3, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 4, H. Hall 5, G. Balls 6.

NORWICH.—St. Peter Mancroft Guild.—On Sunday, Jan. 26th, for morning service, 720 Bob Royal: G. Day 1, E. Lubuck 2, F. H. Phillips 3, A. Potter 4, J. Freeman 5, G. P. Burton 6, H. J. Borrett 7, C. W. Bullen 8, J. E. Burton (conductor) 9, G. S. Mayers 10.—In the evening, 592 Bob Major, on the back eight: A. Potter 1, J. Freeman 2, E. Lubuck 3, G. V. Burton 4, H. J. Borrett 5, F. H. Phillips (conductor) 6, J. E. Burton 7, C. W. Bullen 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Pink 1, F. L. Tull 2, F. J. Newland 3, G. Bull 4, H. W. Barry 5, A. Mears (conductor) 6, S. R. Churcher 7, C. Privett 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, on Sunday, January 19th, 1263 Stedman Caters: E. J. Ridler 1, W. E. Garrard 2, W. G. Matthews 3, A. B. Bennett 4, P. Miles 5, A. E. Bradley 6, W. J. Daubney 7, C. Charge (conductor) 8, H. G. Miles 9, W. A. Garrard 10.

DARLEY DALE.—On Jan. 22nd, at St. Helen's Church, a date touch of 1913 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins.: T. White 1, F. Travis 2, H. Gregory 3, E. Blackwall 4, J. W. Derbyshire 5, A. C. Wright (conductor) 6, W. Taylor 7, H. W. Gregory 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 29th, a half-peal (2520 changes) Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 38 mins.: A. E. Smith 1, W. Phillips 2, E. J. Ridler 3, H. W. Cotton 4, R. Holloway 5, J. W. Fruin 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, W. E. Holloway 8. Longest length by all except ringers of 3rd, 4th and 7th.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 720 of Oxford Bob: G. Webb 1, W. H. Tubb 2, F. Tubb 3, E. Tubb 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Wednesday, Feb. 5th, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): W. Chapman 1, E. E. Ham 2, H. Evans 3, R. Apple-gath 4, W. Perry 5, V. Lowton 6, A. Hardiman (conductor) 7, F. Noakes 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung by an entirely local band at the above church.

HEMEL Hempstead.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 6th, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. Floyd, junr., 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, F. Walker (first 500 with a bob bell) 3, A. Searle 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. H. Newell 7, W. Charge 8. Also 602 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Floyd 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, A. Searle 3, W. Floyd 4, J. Floyd, senr., 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. H. Newell 7, W. Charge 8. Rung in honour of Capt. Halsey, commander of H.M.S. New Zealand, who was sailing on an Empire voyage that day.

LEISTON.—On Feb. 4th, 504 Stedman Triples: E. H. Bailey 1, A. F. Bailey 2, J. M. Bailey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, F. W. Bailey 5, C. Sampson 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, J. W. Mallett 8. Also 224 Double Norwich. J. W. Mallett belongs to Earl Soham.

YAXLEY.—Peterborough and District Association.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 6th, an attempt for a peal of Minor was lost in the fourth 720, owing to a bob being missed by the conductor: J. Jutson 1, W. Waldron 2, E. Tilley 3, O. Richardson 4, T. Vaughan 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6. The party afterwards adjourned for tea, and touches of Kent on the handbells were rung, after which the tower was again visited, and a good 360 rung, the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Brown) taking a rope.

STOKE COVENTRY.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: A. Roberts 1, *W. Pryce 2, W. H. Brunson (conductor) 3, G. H. White 4, W. T. Cox 5, *W. Maund 6, F. E. Pervin 7, C. Freeman 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, the longest touch yet rung on twelve by the local company, viz., 910 Stedman Cinquses: A. F. Ashman 1, R. Coles 2, G. F. Williams 3, G. Twitchen 4, S. T. Goodchild 5, F. K. Biggs 6, E. Markham 7, F. Hayes (conductor) 8, J. Gransbury 9, W. Phipps 10, B. Page 11, A. J. Hoing 12.

GREAT WOLFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Nov. 27th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Pardington (Longborough) 1, J. H. Keyte (Blockley) 2, F. Davis (Stow) 3, E. Pardon (Longborough) 4, F. Bird (Shipston) 5, W. Large, conductor (Fodenham) 6. This is believed to be the first 720 of Plain Bob on the bells.

WEST LYDFORD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: U. S. Weichman 1, G. Meek 2, A. Cullen 3, A. Whitehead 4, W. Tudgay (conductor) 5, E. Starks 6. This was the first attempt for 720 by members of the above tower, where the bells were recently rehung and a treble added to make six. Fourteen months ago neither of the above band knew anything of change ringing, and have since then been trained by Mr. E. F. Creed, of Castle Cary.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 26th, at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Lawrence 1, R. W. Hyner 2, J. H. Odey 3, D. Jackson (first in the method) 4, G. Lancaster 5, W. G. Lancaster (first in the method) 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, A. W. Harrington 8. Also 448 Superlative Surprise Major: J. H. Odey 1, R. W. Hyner 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. W. Townsend 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

HOLLOWAY.—On Dec. 1st, 1263 Stedman Triples: H. Ranzetta 1, C. H. Hughes 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, A. Hart 4, J. Cornford 5, G. Charge 6, R. W. Green 7, A. Turner 8.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Dec. 2nd, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: T. Oglesby 1, J. Barrick 2, Geo. Thompson, junr., 3, J. W. Crowder (conductor) 4, H. Batson 5, H. E. Dannatt 6. First 720 on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mallaby and Son, and first 720 by ringers of 1 and 3.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—At St. Saviour's Protestant Church, the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. O. Hood, kinsman of Lord Hood, to Miss Margery Digby, niece of Lord Lansdown, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins., 7, 6, 8 covering: C. Bennett 1, E. Keene 2, J. Tyrrell 3, A. Hadley (conductor) 4, S. Forde 5, C. Evans 6, R. Prestage 7, W. Bailey 8. Also nine six-scores of Grandsire Doubles: H. Hoyle 4, A. Hadley (conductor) 5, A. McGowan 6, the rest standing as before. The above and also the quarter-peal was rung on Tuesday, November 26th.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Dec. 1st, after evensong, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 52 mins.: H. Mitchell 1, *T. O'Connor 2, *F. Darrell 3, A. Little 4, H. Farlow 5, H. Jones 6, W. H. Lawley 7, B. Clark 8, H. Knight (conductor) 9, E. Mitchell 10. Composed by J. E. Groves. Rung on Queen Alexandra's birthday. *First quarter-peal in the method with a working bell.

UPPER CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: R. E. Pellatt 1, C. Gray (first quarter-peal) 2, H. J. Sudell 3, H. J. King 4, A. J. Harding 5, B. Horton 6, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 7, S. S. Dunwell 8.

ISHAM.—On Dec. 8th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: G. Blaxley 1, W. Lewis 2, F. Talbutt 3, A. Four 4, W. Wilson 5, F. Andrews (first 720 in the method as conductor) 6.

KENNINGTON.—Ancient Society of College Youths (Guild of St. John-the-Divine, Kennington).—On Sunday, Dec. 8th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 41 mins.: H. D. Opher 1, A. Walton 2, H. J. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, Alec. Miller 5, Arch. Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, T. W. Wellbourne 8.

LONDON.—On Dec. 8th, for evening service, at St. Saviour's, Southwark, 1195 Stedman Cinquses, in 57 mins.: H. Springall 1, T. H. Taffender (composer and conductor) 2, L. Attwater 3, R. French 4, C. H. Hughes 5, A. D. Barker 6, C. H. Burden 7, R. W. Green 8, F. J. Hardy 9, T. Langdon (2) 10, H. Langdon 11, T. Walker 12.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, 720 Bob Minor: *R. Brown 1, C. Glenn 2, *J. Monks 3, A. Whitworth 4, A. Hague (conductor) 5, J. Cottam 6. *First 720. Also 720 Bob Minor by members of the Parish Church company: C. Ryder 1, Miss Winnie Hague 2, L. Brightman 3, W. Froggatt 4, J. Monks 5, A. Hague (conductor) 6. First 720 by Messrs. Ryder and Brightman, and first in the method by Miss Hague.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Dec. 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Sheppard 1, C. P. Oliver 2, O. Porter (conductor) 3, A. Hinstead 4, E. W. Wenman 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave 7, F. Harris 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Nellie, the eight years old daughter of the conductor, and to the ringer of the 4th.

SOUTH SHORE, BLACKPOOL.—On Dec. 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Hill 1, F. Hill 2, A. Cooper 3, G. Rawcliffe 4, A. Atkinson 5, G. Maries (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on inside bells by all except the conductor.

EASTON NESTON.—Towcester and District Association.—On Dec. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. H. Clarke (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, J. W. Unwin 2, C. Faulkner 3, G. W. Beesley 4, F. Hopper 5, G. Basford 6, J. W. Sharp (first-quarter of Triples as conductor) 7, T. Denney 8.

CROYDON.—The Surrey Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), being the first quarter on the bells: H. Brooker, junr., 1, H. Brooker, senr., 2, A. J. Perkins 3, H. Lover 4, C. Dean 5, A. J. Plowman 6, G. Bush 7, W. S. Smith 8, E. L. Miles (conductor) 9, C. Kitching 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by three of the band, and the first attempt at calling a quarter of Caters by the conductor. This touch was specially arranged in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Ives (one of St. Peter's band), which took place on Sunday; it was also the birthday of the ringer of the third.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the new church of St. John the Divine, Coppull, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. The outward train service from Preston is inconvenient, but a motor 'bus service runs between Chorley and Coppull every hour from 12 noon. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, March 1st next. Service at 3 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Secretary, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, March 1st, 1913. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Meat tea at the Maidstone Restaurant, Bank Street, 5.30 p.m. A charge of 3d. per member will be made for tea. Subscriptions are now due.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

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. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's, Deritend (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Barton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, March 1st. Bells read at 3 o'clock.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6, 6d. each. All are welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

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

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on March 8th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24 Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Blakesley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells

available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by short business meeting. All ringers intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, March 5th.—J. Clarke, Brackley Road, Towcester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome. The committee meet at Todmorden on the same day.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at the church of St. Thomas, Milnthorpe, by kind permission of the Vicar, on Saturday, March 8th, 1913. Bells (six) available from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. Short service in the church at 7 p.m.—W. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, March 15th. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, established 1824) Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on March 15th, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow. Tower open for ringing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 15th, at 6 o'clock; business meeting, 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 29th. Full particulars will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, and H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Colchester on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter (8), which have recently been re-cast, and All Saints (5), will be available from 11 o'clock till 7. Tea 1/- each, followed by meeting, will be held in Parish Room adjoining St. Peter's, at 4.30. I wish to remind those intending being present the necessity of giving notice not later than the 20th, as tea will only be ordered for number sending notice.—A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—In consequence of the Honorary Secretary being in hospital suffering from severe burns, the annual meeting is postponed. Further notice will be given when the date is fixed.—S. Spittle, Ringing Master, 6, Great Hill, Dudley.

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TAMWORTH RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the Tamworth ringers was held in College Lane School on February 3rd. There were present the Rev. J. H. Courteney Clarke (Vicar) presiding, Messrs. John W. Parker and Sydney N. Chatterton, churchwardens; Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Chatterton, Miss K. Clarke and Miss Sampson, and Messrs. J. Pratt (captain), A. E. Young, R. P. Brindley, J. H. Chatterton, J. H. Chapman, W. Chapman, A. Chaplin, C. Chapman, who were re-elected ringers. Mr. A. E. Young was elected captain, and Mr. R. P. Brindley vice-captain. —Mr. J. W. Timms, Mr. A. Everitt and Miss Sampson were elected hon. ringers, and Messrs. A. Marks, S. Smith, John W. Parker and George Chaplin were elected probationers.

The Vicar and the churchwardens afterwards provided a substantial meal, which was greatly appreciated, and the Vicar said he was always pleased to give the ringers every opportunity for practice.

Mr. Young presented the report of the year, which recorded one peal, one quarter-peal and a large number of touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Erin Triples and Bob Major.

Mr. Brindley moved that the best thanks be given to the Vicar and wardens for the excellent repast and for the pleasant gathering that they had arranged, and expressed the hope that it was only the forerunner of many more. He thanked them also for the interest that they had taken in the ringers during the year.—The Vicar and wardens responded, and said it had been a great pleasure to them to be amongst such a body of men who worked so harmoniously together.—Games were afterwards engaged in, and a happy evening was brought to a close about 11 o'clock.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the London County Association was held on February 8th, and proved most successful. The towers of St. Andrew's and St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, were open during the afternoon, and although the "go" of either of the peals is not perfect, good use of the bells was made by the members, and visitors from the country. Tea was partaken of at the "King of Denmark," 42 sitting down. Afterwards the business meeting took place. Four new members were elected. The concert balance sheet showed a balance of 11s. 4d.

The Secretary read his report for the year, which proved most satisfactory. The two districts were making progress, and good feeling existed throughout the society. During the year, 20 new members were elected, an increase of six on the previous year. Death had removed several of their most respected members, including Mr. Matthew Wood, Mr. William Cooter, Mr. James Pettit, Mr. Arthur Jacob, and Mr. Jarrold Hayward. The rule book had been thoroughly revised and brought up to date, and matter of considerable interest added. —The balance sheet, which showed a balance of 1s. 6d. in the treasurer's hands, was considered satisfactory. During the year 19 peals had been rung in eight methods, 71 members taking part, the conducting having been shared by eight conductors.

Mr. T. H. Taffender was elected Master; Mr. F. J. Hardy was re-elected hon. secretary; Mr. W. G. Matthews, treasurer; Mr. F. Wells, senior steward; Mr. W. G. Kilby, junior steward; Messrs. R. A. Daniell and T. H. Taffender, trustees.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the officers of the past year, and to the incumbents of the two churches for the use of their bells during the afternoon.

The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing and harmony.

DOVER.—Kent County Association.—On Jan. 20th, at St. Mary's Church, 518 Grandsire Triples: W. Corteen 1, C. Turner (conductor) 2, A. Roberts 3, R. Stevens 4, H. C. Saywell 5, G. Saunders 6, W. Sheaff 7, G. Godfrey 8. Also 336.—On Jan. 29th, 224 Grandsire Triples on handbells: R. Stevens 1—2, A. Saywell 3—4, C. Turner (conductor) 5—6, H. C. Saywell 7—8. This is the first successful touch beyond a plain course rung on handbells, double-handed, by the St. Mary's Society.

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