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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,  
Wolverhampton.  
Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,  
MESSRS. GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.  
Gentlemen,

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

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

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

## FESTIVITY AT BIRMINGHAM.

Every year seems to add to the success which is attained by the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, and last Saturday's gathering was more than usually noteworthy. No event of its kind in the provinces is so representative in character as this Birmingham festivity, at which ringers, not only from the Midland metropolis, but from distant parts of the country foregather to do honour to the memory of one of the greatest men who ever adorned the Exercise. We are often reminded of the words of Shakespeare, "The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones," but in the case of Henry Johnson no one ever had a single word to say, during his life or after his death, against his integrity and rectitude. His name stands imperishably for honourable and upright dealing in the belfry and out of it, and it will ever remain a cherished memory.

Saturday's proceedings were attended by almost if not quite record numbers and the after dinner oratory was of a more than ordinarily high order. There were many interesting points about the speeches, and both Sir Arthur Heywood, who presided, and the Rector of Birmingham, whose presence gave intense pleasure to the members of the St. Martin's Guild, had much to say that provided food for thought. Sir Arthur had some pointed remarks to make on the question of Disestablishment, and also on the subject of ringing at churches which are situated in populous centres. His words of warning and advice deserve careful consideration, not only by church officials, but by ringers themselves.

By far the most interesting announcement at the dinner was that made by the Rector—in whom, it is apparent, the Guild have a very warm friend—that he and the churchwardens agreed to the proposal put before him by the indefatigable honorary secretary, Mr. A. Paddon Smith, that the second bell of the twelve at St. Martin's should be recast. This bell, as Mr. Smith had pointed out, is the only blot upon an otherwise magnificent peal. How it came to be a blemish makes interesting and amusing reading—if such a thing can possibly have any humour in it. But for a hundred years that bell has been the bête noire of successive generations of Birmingham ringers. Thanks now to the enterprise of the honorary secretary and the ready acquiescence of the Rector and churchwardens, this is to be remedied, and quickly. The announcement came as a great and pleasant surprise to the company, and, needless to say, was received with whole-hearted enthusiasm. This crowning point to a remarkably pleasant social evening will be a source of great gratification to those who ring at St. Martin's.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;**

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

GEORGE R. DAY ... .. Treble	HARRY BARTON ... .. 6
FRANK H. PHILLIPS ... .. 2	HARRY J. BORRETT ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	CHARLES E. BORRETT ... .. 8
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... .. 4	GEORGE G. BURTON ... .. 9
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 5	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and  
Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

The ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 6th hail from Slough, Ipswich and Southwold respectively.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM THEOBALD ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 7
WILLIAM HEWETT ... .. 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. 8
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 9
BERTRAM PREWETT ... .. 5	ERNEST PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and  
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung on St. David's Day. The above is the Brothers Pye's 800th peal together.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs., in D.

*RUPERT J. GOATE ... .. Treble	*GEORGE B. BAXTER ... .. 6
HARRY BARTON ... .. 2	DENISON HAYWARD ... .. 7
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... .. 3	†ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	*HARRY LING ... .. 9
*CLAYTON PARNELL ... .. 5	*EDMUND ETTRIDGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and  
Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs., in E flat.

HARRY PAGE ... .. Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN ... .. 5
GEORGE CROSS ... .. 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 6
TOM PAGE ... .. 3	JAMES CROSS ... .. 7
GEORGE WINES ... .. 4	HENRY CRABBE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

First peal in the method by all, first for the Association, and the first in the method in Wales.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(CHIDDINGFOLD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 11½ cwt.	
CLAUD REMNANT... ..	Treble	WALTER G. BROCKHURST	5
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ...	2	JOHN ALLFORD ... ..	6
GEORGE LUFF ... ..	3	HERBERT J. ELLIS ... ..	7
THOMAS ATTWELL ... ..	4	THOMAS LUFF ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Canon J. W. Hunter, M.A., who vacated the living on this date owing to continued ill health. All the above are members of the local band and offer their best wishes to Canon Hunter in his retirement.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND  
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.		Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.	
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ...	Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... ..	5
JAMES M. BAILEY ... ..	2	CHARLES SAMPSON ... ..	6
GEORGE WILSON ... ..	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... ..	7
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... ..	4	LEONARD P. BAILEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal of Stedman by all. First peal in the method on the bells by a local company.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

DAVIES' TEN-PART NO. 1.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
CYRIL WENHAM ... ..	Treble	ALFRED DAW ... ..	5
ERNEST E. HUTCHINSON ...	2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ...	6
PERCY PAGE ... ..	3	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY	7
ARCHIBALD C. KAY ... ..	4	GEORGE B. ANDERSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

Messrs. Daw and Wenham belong to Stone-in-Oxney, A. C. Kay to Ashford, G. Billenness to Rye, and the rest are local ringers. Rung on St. David's Day.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN AND ROCDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.	
JOHN P. FOULDS ... ..	Treble
ROBERT FOULDS ... ..	2
*EDWARD MALLINSON ...	3
ALFRED BROOK ... ..	4
*HARRY FOULDS ... ..	5
WILLIAM CRABTREE ...	6
HERBERT DEVONPORT ...	7
WILLIAM MALLINSON ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MALLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 6th and 7th hail from Todmorden; the rest belong to the local company.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.	
WILLIAM HENLEY ... ..	Treble
†GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2
JOSEPH J. PARKER ... ..	3
JESSE ELDRIDGE ... ..	4
WILLIAM WELLING ... ..	5
*JAMES BLACKMORE ... ..	6
GEORGE MARTIN ... ..	7
GEORGE ALLDER ... ..	Tenor

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

\* First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal away from the treble.

LONDON.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs., in F.	
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	Treble
THOMAS G. DEAL ... ..	2
*FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON	3
ALFRED GEO. BENNINGTON	4
ERNEST B. CROWDER ...	5
GEORGE H. DAYNES ...	6
†JOSEPH LAW ... ..	7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First in the method and first peal of Major. ‡ First with a bob bell. First in the method as conductor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

BERT CHALLENGE ... ..	Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..	5
JOHN CAPP ... ..	2	GEORGE GATLAND ... ..	6
HENRY STALHAM ... ..	3	WILLIAM C. HART ... ..	7
EDMUND LINDUP ... ..	4	KEITH HART ... ..	Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHAPEL, HIS MAJESTY'S DOCKYARD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.		Tenor 9 cwt.	
ERNEST W. MARSH ... ..	Treble	*WILLIAM RICHARDS ...	5
*WARREN HORN BROOK ...	2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL	6
WILLIAM RUNDLE ... ..	3	WILLIAM FORD ... ..	7
WALTER H. MARSH ... ..	4	*WILLIAM HOBBS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Banister.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

REEVES' TEN-PART VARIATION.	
ALBERT WALLWORK ... ..	Treble
CHARLES SEDDON ... ..	2
THOMAS LINGARD ... ..	3
DANIEL HOWARD ... ..	4
FRANCIS E. BRADSHAW ...	5
*JOHN HOWARD ... ..	6
THOMAS HOWARD ... ..	7
JOHN EDGE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by T. LINGARD.

\* First peal. F. E. Bradshaw comes from Whitefield, the rest are local ringers. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the mother of the conductor.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
TITUS BARLOW ... ..	Treble
JOSEPH RIDYARD ... ..	2
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ...	3
JOHN WELSBY ... ..	4
ALFRED POTTER ... ..	5
THOMAS WORSLEY ... ..	6
JOHN POTTER ... ..	7
ROBERT ALLRED ... ..	Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL, and  
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

### HONITON CLYST. THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 19 cwt.	
WILLIAM H. HOWE ... ..	Treble	JOHN R. HAYMAN ... ..	5
JULIUS A. SNOW ... ..	2	FREDERICK J. MILFORD ...	6
ARTHUR D. SOWELL ... ..	3	FRANK J. DAVEY ... ..	7
WILLIAM A. HAYMAN ... ..	4	*GEORGE BETTS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Davey. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. H. Clarke for the use of the bells and for his hospitality after the peal.

### CHILHAM, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

Tenor 20 cwt.	
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... ..	Treble
EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... ..	2
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... ..	3
EDWARD TRENDILL ... ..	4
CHARLES W. BRETT ... ..	5
EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... ..	6
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... ..	7
PHILIP H. PIERCE ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. HOLDEN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

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

On Sunday, March 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
FREDK. W. MIDDLETON ... ..	Treble
BEN. S. THOMPSON ... ..	2
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... ..	3
CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM ...	4
GEORGE H. CROSS ... ..	5
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... ..	6
ALBERT G. WARNES ... ..	7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	Tenor

Composed by the late THOMAS DAY, and

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN.

This peal was arranged for Mr. C. H. Gillingham, of Ipswich. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector (the Rev. Canon J. Still) for the use of the bells.

### HILLINGDON WEST. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.	
JOHN PEDDLE ... ..	Treble
EDGAR HANCOX ... ..	2
HENRY WAITE ... ..	3
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... ..	4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	5
HENRY H. CHANDLER ... ..	6
PERCY E. JONES ... ..	7
THOMAS SMITH ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. MOORHOUSE, and

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

This peal was rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. G. Bird, who, for 22 years was vicar of St. Andrew's Church, and President of the above Guild since its formation; also as a birthday compliment to H. H. Chandler.

### SIX BELL PEALS.

#### ELSTOW, BEDS. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1913, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELEN,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one each of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY TYSOE ... ..	Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... ..	4
MISS DOROTHY D. STEEL ...	2	REGINALD GARDNER ... ..	5
JOHN W. BARKER ... ..	3	EDWARD WHITE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TYSOE.

First peal by Miss Dorothy Steel. First peal as conductor.

### PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*RICHARD DUNNETT ... ..	Treble	CHARLES FISHER ... ..	4
†LESTER GRAY ... ..	2	WILLIAM REEVE ... ..	5
ALFRED CLEMENTS ... ..	3	ROBERT MILES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT MILES.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble.

### OWSLEBURY, HAMPSHIRE.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lbs., in A.

OWEN H. GILES ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ...	4
*GEORGE PULLINGER ... ..	2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	5
*ARTHUR STUBBINGTON ...	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First 5040. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his kindness in entertaining them to supper at the Vicarage after the peal. This is the first 5040 on the bells.

### BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... ..	Treble	HERBERT SHARP ... ..	4
*MISS EVELYN STEEL ... ..	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	5
HARRY TYSOE ... ..	3	JOHN W. BARKER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

### ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb., in A flat.

*CHARLES CHURCH ... ..	Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... ..	4
GEORGE FLEMING ... ..	2	ALBERT FLEMING ... ..	5
GEORGE PRYKE ... ..	3	†GEORGE FARNISH ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FARNISH.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

### WHITCHURCH, NEAR CARDIFF.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

DAVID THOMAS ... ..	Treble	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK ... ..	4
FRANK J. BAILEY ... ..	2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... ..	5
CLARENCE O. HOBBS ... ..	3	SIDNEY DAWE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by DAVID THOMAS.

First peal of Kent by all and first peal of Kent Minor by the Association. Rung on St. David's Day with the bells half-muffled in memory of Captain Scott and his band, who met their tragic death at the South Pole.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND SPITALFIELDS FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Monday, March 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Anne, S. TOTTENHAM,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lbs., in A.

FREDERICK A. NUNN... .. Treble	ARTHUR N. PALMER ... 4
ALFRED HOWELL ... .. 2	THOMAS KING ... .. 5
RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JR. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUNR.

R. N. Runham's first peal in three methods, and the conductor's first peal of Minor.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-four Minutes,  
At the Residence of A. T. MORRIS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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.

## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At 43, HEATH ROAD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5027 CHANGES;

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.  
Umpire: THOMAS L. SIMMONS.

\* First peal on twelve bells.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	ERNEST PYE ... .. 7-8
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3-4	JAMES HUNT ... .. 9-10
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.  
Umpire: W. HEWETT.

## LONDON.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,  
At 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	WALTER S. WISE ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.  
Umpire: FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. S. Wise. This is the conductor's 200th peal.

## SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,  
At 31, BURGESS STREET,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First handbell peal in the method by all. G. Lewis's 50th handbell peal.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,  
At TRINITY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

†J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON... 1-2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	*FREDERICK BARKER ... 7-8

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the tenors.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,  
At PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5280 CHANGES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMS ... 1-2	REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 5-6
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3-4	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7-8

\*FREDERICK BARKER ... 9-10  
Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: F. P. CHEETHAM.

\* First peal of Treble Bob in hand. First peal of Treble Ten by all except the ringer of 5-6.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, March 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,  
At PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1-2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	FREDERICK BARKER ... 7-8

Composed by J. FLEMING, and  
Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

## SCUNTHORPE RINGERS' EXCURSION.

Messrs. Vamplew, Short, Bird, Strickland, Smith, Oliver, Hocknell and Turner, of the Scunthorpe band, had an enjoyable outing to Hatfield on Thursday week, at the invitation of Mr. Smith, of Winterton, formerly of Hatfield, who kindly entertained them to tea. An attempt to accomplish a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was made at the Parish Church in memoriam of the late Mrs. S. Smith, who died a short time ago, aged 102 years, but the peal went astray, after ringing for 2 hrs. 10 mins.

## OCCASIONS OF PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of 21st February there was reported a peal rung at Bristol on Wednesday, February 5th. An opportunity was here missed of adding a footnote. "Rung to celebrate Ash Wednesday." It was certainly a novel occasion for a peal, but if it really was rung with the bells open, is not this carrying the "No Popery" movement a little too far?—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The monthly combined practice of the Southern Branch was held at Nutfield on Tuesday week, when fourteen members were present, and the following methods were practised: London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. A meeting was held in the tower, at which ten new members were elected to the branch, including the Rector of Burstow as a ringing member. The next combined practice will be at Horley.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## THE NEW BELLS AT COPPULL.

A well-attended practice meeting of the Preston branch was held at the new Church of St. John-the-Divine, Coppull, on Saturday last. At present the massive tower contains a ring of six bells (tenor 16½ cwt. in E), but as the frame is made for eight it is hoped some day to complete the octave. Everything about the church is on an elaborate scale, and nothing could be more fitting to bring it to completion than two more bells added to make a beautiful ring of eight. Messrs. Taylor are the founders, and their reputation is well upheld in the tone and "go," which delighted all comers. One thing mars the ringing chamber and that is noise, but a conversation with the Vicar showed that he was anxious that this should be remedied. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands, the local men being put through their first attempt at changes. The methods were: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Original, and Stedman Doubles. The towers represented were: Preston Parish and St. Mark's, Leyland Parish and St. James', Penwortham, Eccleston, Brindle, Chorley, Whittle-le-Woods and Standish.

## HENRY JOHNSON DINNER. GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS AT BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S SECOND TO BE RECAST.

There was a great gathering of ringers from far and near at Birmingham on Saturday on the occasion of the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, held under the auspices of the St. Martin's Guild. The event has always been a great attraction, and this year there was a larger number present than ever. After meeting for ringing at St. Martin's and St. John's, Deritend, in the afternoon, nearly 140 sat down to dinner at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, where mine host provided an excellent repast. Subsequently the party was swelled by the addition of many other ringers and friends, the post prandial speeches being listened to by a company of about 200. Sir Arthur Heywood presided, and was supported by Canon J. W. Willink (Rector of Birmingham), Canon Gonner (Vicar of St. John's, Deritend), Ald. J. S. Pritchett (Presiding Master of the Guild), Messrs. J. Kendall (churchwarden of St. Martin's), H. G. Vickerstaff, Arthur Wade Edge, W. H. Godden, F. E. Dawe, T. Faulkner (Master of the College Youths), H. Mason, A. E. Parsons, C. W. Bassano, and A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary). Among those also present were: Mr. J. E. Groves (Ringing Master), Mrs. Groves, Miss E. K. Parker (London), Miss M. Sampson (Edinburgh), Messrs. E. Horrex, A. A. Hughes and J. Waghorn (London), J. Griffin (Burton-on-Trent), J. Austin (Gloucester), R. J. Wilkins (Bristol), W. Page and C. Jones (Worcester), and many ringers from neighbouring towns.

### SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD ON DISESTABLISHMENT.

The Chairman, having submitted the loyal toast, which was enthusiastically honoured, proposed "The Church and State." He called particular attention to the fact that the two were coupled together, and, after emphasising the greatness of the Empire with some striking figures, said that with their greatness they had their responsibilities. How had they been justifying their responsibilities? I am not going to talk politics, proceeded Sir Arthur, but what some people call politics are the essence of considering what a nation is doing. That we have a right to do every time and everywhere. We ringers are "down in the mouth," and for this reason, a Bill has passed through the House of Commons, and in about another year will practically pass into law, which disestablishes the Church in Wales ("shame"). It is four years ago since I had the honour of taking the chair at one of these most enjoyable gatherings, and I remember that at that time I pointed out the necessity of every ringer, and by ringer meaning Churchman, must to the utmost resist this attempt to take away money from part of the Church of England. Now what I want to point out to you is this: Is it consonant with the intelligence that ought to accompany the ruling of so great an empire as ours that any Government, I am not talking about one side or the other, should take away from a body that is doing so much good as the Church of England is doing in Wales, that small modicum of its means which will make all the difference between success and, I won't say failure, but success under very much increased difficulty? I venture to think that is not in accordance with the intelligence we should have expected from those who, in other ways, have perhaps very adequately ruled this country.

### DANGER TO THE CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

I want most earnestly to beseech you all, as ringers, and, therefore, interested in the welfare of the Church of England, to bear in mind that this disestablishment of the Church of England in Wales is simply a forecast of the methods that will be applied to the Church of England in England itself. Long before there was any Parliamentary Government in England there was a church, and long before there was a church in England there was a church in Wales, and it was from Wales that the church came to England. It is a most ruthless action to take away from that little church in Wales the small endowment they have, and to devote it to a purpose which is wholly illusory. It is an entire misrepresentation to say there is any body in Wales that outnumbers Churchmen in Wales. There is no single denomination in Wales that outnumbers the Church in Wales. Therefore, by what possible reasoning can you make it fair to take away funds from that Church? I do most earnestly ask you in drinking this toast of "Church and State" to bear in mind that the church is responsible in large measure for the creation of this country, and it will be a bad day if in England the Church is separated from the State (cheers).

The Rector of Birmingham, who had a most enthusiastic reception, said, in the course of his reply, that bell ringing was one of the most beautiful arts that science and religion had combined to give them, and to see so many men gathered together, men to whom the art of bell ringing was a true joy and a true enthusiasm, was something to fill a man in his position with great thankfulness and great hope of the future (applause). The Chairman had been speaking to him of what he had known during his long and honourable record of belfry work, and the wonderful change that had come over the ringers of the present day compared with the ringers of the days gone by. Ringers to-day were, in increasing numbers, taking up their art as an offering to God as part of their weekly worship (applause). It was a great joy to him a little while ago to receive from his own noble band of brothers, to whom their St. Martin's belfry was sacred ground, the

request that they might be enrolled as members of the C.E.M.S. (applause), and he should not easily forget the emotions of his heart and mind as they stood before him at the chancel steps and were admitted into that august brotherhood. That, he believed, could be paralleled in many parts of England, and for that he thanked God from the bottom of his heart.

### AN ACROSTIC.

Proceeding, the Rector offered an acrostic on the word "bells." Did not the letter B, he said, tell them of the beauty, the holiness and the joy that men felt in giving the very best they had to the service of God? He loved to think that when the bells were rung they were as much a part of Divine service as the anthem that was going to be sung in church (applause). For that reason he welcomed the practice nights which enabled the ringers to make their beautiful work more beautiful still. Then, did not the letter E remind them of the great word "enthusiasm." It was enthusiasm that brought them there that night. Enthusiasm was the salt of life and the joy of work, and he thought, if ever one found enthusiasm anywhere, one found it in a company of bell ringers. The two L's spoke of love's labour; for labour it was, but labour when it was enthused by love, the master motive of humanity, ceased to be labour. The letter S surely spoke to them of the one great thought which he, as representing the Church that night, would like so much to emphasise—the sanctification of their work, the offering of it to God Himself. If they regarded their ringing from this standpoint, it took on a totally different perspective. They looked upon bell ringing as a privilege and joy. It brought them into brotherhood with a remarkably fine set of men; it brought them into touch with great and high things, and he felt that the privilege of their art was one for which they might thank God. It seemed to him that they were there on almost a sacred errand, to hallow their brotherhood, to deepen their goodwill, to exchange experiences, and go forth from that anniversary dinner to the memory of a great and good man with renewed energy, with a higher motive than ever before, and a truer resolve to do their best for Him to whom they offered their services (applause).

### ST. MARTIN'S SECOND BELL.

Before concluding, the Rector said he had received a letter from their valued secretary, Mr. Paddon Smith, in which he wrote: "It occurs to me that this is a favourable moment to bring to your notice the fact that the second bell of the twelve at St. Martin's, the smallest but one, is badly out of tune, and it is considered the only blot on our otherwise magnificent peal. Somewhere about a century ago it was clumsily handled by a workman connected with a London firm who were rehanging the bells. This intelligent man finding that the bells and frame had been placed too close together to permit the mouth of the bell to pass, cut away so much of the frame as he thought could be done with safety, and then actually proceeded to operate on the bell itself. He removed portions from both sides of the lip, and this, of course, left the bell hopelessly flat. The only remedy is recasting, and as the cost of this would not be heavy, probably under £25, I earnestly hope that you and the churchwardens will agree to the improvement being made. In the opinion of experts, we should then have in Birmingham a ring of twelve second to none in the country (applause). Should you view my suggestion favourably, I will, on behalf of the Guild, guarantee £5 towards the cost (applause), and would certainly promise to raise a further £5 in subscriptions. In these circumstances the expense to the church would only be a matter of about £15. My members are not aware that I am placing the matter before you at this moment, and if you agree, I think it would be nice for you to spring it on them as a pleasant surprise in the course of your speech after dinner" (laughter and applause). The Rector added: I have only to say in response to that most eloquent appeal—I heartily thank Mr. Smith for writing it—that the Rector and churchwardens are absolutely at one in this matter, and are prepared to sanction the expenditure and see the work carried out (loud cheers). When that work is done, in the course of a few months, we must have a special gathering of ringers; you must let me lead you in a service in the grand old church, and then you must allow me, if you will, to be your host, so that we can celebrate together the completion of the unrivalled St. Martin's peal, and cement our good fellowship in some delightful way. It will be a very great joy to me to meet you once again, and we will have a really good time with the old bells when they are complete (loud cheers).

### THE MEMORY OF HENRY JOHNSON.

The Chairman proposed "The Immortal Memory of Henry Johnson," and expressed his pleasure at once more presiding at that dinner which was held in memory of one of the best and most honest and upright of ringers that, to his (the speaker's) knowledge they ever had among them (applause). Sir Arthur recalled the interesting and, as he termed it, the almost romantic story, of the rivalry between those two Birmingham men, Thurstans and Lates, to obtain the first peal of Stedman Triples on the twin-bob principle. The first to get the composition was Thurstans, and Mr. Johnson called the peal. Those who were young ringers did not realise the excitement there must have been in Birmingham, for the whole country was looking for the first proper peal of Stedman Triples to be rung. That toast, he continued, was to the memory of a man who was the one in those days to whom everybody in that town—and it was a great ringing town then—turned to as the one reliable man they could count on (hear, hear). There

was never any idea about Henry Johnson going behind anything he said, or treating any man other than fairly and honourably. All his life that was the one example that he set before them. He (the Chairman) hoped that dinner would be carried on for many years to come, seeing how much good fellowship it engendered, and how many friends it brought together under the influence of its good feeling. In asking them to rise to that toast in silence, he wished that the memory of Henry Johnson might be ever with them, because he was a standing example of the truth, and it was that very truth in his character that had made him the great man in the Exercise that he was and always would be.

The toast was drunk in silence.

#### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

Ald. Pritchett, who, owing to another engagement was only able to spend a short time with the ringers, proposed the toast of "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild." He said there was nothing with which he was associated that he wished greater prosperity to. He welcomed the presence of Miss Edith Parker (applause), who was, as they knew, the first lady to conduct a peal of Stedman Cinques in this or any other country. He did not know what more that young lady had to look forward to in the way of achievements in ringing, but probably she would find a way to surpass even that wonderful performance. He would like also to mention that they had with them Miss Marjorie Sampson (applause), who rang in a peal of Stedman Triples only the previous week. It was sometime since the ladies began to take an interest in the Art, and they were glad to see them among them in increasing numbers. He thought it was a tribute to the good behaviour of ringers that any young lady might now go into any belfry in England without feeling any loss of self-respect (applause). He would like specially to mention that they had among them that old veteran, Mr. Faukes, who that day completed his 76th year (applause). They hoped he would continue in good health for many years to come. But the great anniversary to which he wished to allude was the 50th anniversary of Mr. Rock Small's entry into the bonds of holy wedlock (applause). They congratulated him, and would have been delighted and proud to welcome Mrs. Small had her health enabled her to come. The speaker went on to congratulate Mr. Painter on recovering from his illness, and Mr. James George on completing his 500 peals, and upon ringing his first peal of Cambridge. Then he also had to congratulate Mr. Jimmy Jones upon three new grandchildren since last they met (loud laughter). He had kept the greatest name till last—their friend John Carter was present (hear, hear). They had hoped his ringing machine would have been perfected, and would have been exhibited to them on that occasion, but he thought it would be there next year for certain. In the course of his duties as a member of the City Council, he (the speaker) had inspected some relics at Handsworth with a view to housing them in the Reference Library. He saw there some wonderful models of steam engines which Watts perfected and patented, but they all seemed wonderfully simple compared with Mr. Carter's ringing machine, and he could not think that the acumen and ability was required to construct these models that Mr. Carter had shown in constructing his wonderful machine (applause). The thought occurred to him in mentioning Mr. Carter, and the mention of Mr. Johnson, how little the world knew of some of its greatest men (applause). He was glad to think the Guild was prospering greatly. They were more numerous in members than ever before, and those members, taking them all round, were more accomplished ringers and certainly better men than those of the past. They also had more friends than they ever had; they were delighted to have a friend in their Rector—a true friend, as they had experienced that night (applause). The speaker referred in eulogistic terms to the services rendered to the Guild by Mr. Paddon Smith, the hon. secretary, upon whom the mantle of Mr. Godden had fallen.

Mr. Smith, who responded, said the work of his office was to him a labour of love, and he was particularly proud to be the secretary of the Guild. With all due respect to the secretaries of other societies he would not "swop" places with any one of them (laughter and applause). He was very proud of the fact that they had with them the Rector of Birmingham, for the first time for eight or nine years (hear, hear). As far as the recasting of the second went, it was one of the objects which he had had in mind, certainly ever since he had rung at St. Martin's. He was determined that one day it should be done, and now it was almost as good as done, thanks to the Rector (applause). He (the speaker) had already received an anonymous donation of three guineas towards the cost (applause).

#### KINDRED SOCIETIES.

Mr. W. H. Godden submitted "Kindred Societies," of which many were represented there that night, including the Ancient Society of College Youths, who were represented by the Master.

Mr. S. Faulkner, who responded, expressed his pleasure at the opportunity of being present, and added that they in London had a very deep respect for the provincial societies, and there was no society for whom they had greater respect than for St. Martin's Guild. The traditions of ringing between Birmingham and London were so closely bound up, that there seemed a brotherhood between the two that existed between London and no other city, with the possible exception of Norwich. He was glad to have with him the "father" of the society, Mr. Horrex, and their junior steward, Mr. Hughes, as well

as one of their past Masters, Mr. Dawe. They as ringers ought to set a high ideal before them. It was better to fall short of it than to have no ideal at all (applause).

In complimentary terms, Mr. F. E. Dawe proposed "The Ringing Papers," to which the Editor of "The Ringing World" responded.

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL AND RINGERS.

Mr. Dawe then submitted "The Chairman," and recalled the efforts made by Sir Arthur when he founded the Central Council, which was brought into being to protect the rights and privileges and interests of ringers (applause). He (Mr. Dawe) became the first secretary, but he most candidly admitted that he found the task too gigantic, and he gave way to another. He had not attended a Central Council meeting for many years until last Whit-Tuesday, and he found then that so far from it being established to protect their rights and privileges in the future, it became almost a gigantic argument between two of the most skilled mathematicians. He was sure they did not want to go all over England to hear gentlemen discuss the difference between tweedledee and tweedledum. To say that they had never yet rung a correct peal of Stedman Triples was straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel (laughter). He would like to see the Council do something to induce ringers to study first the feelings of the general public. In some of the populous places he believed the frequent peal ringing would presently lead to a tremendous "kick-up." He thought the Central Council should bring influence to bear on church authorities and bell ringers to study the feelings of the general public. Ten, twelve or fourteen thousand people were not going to be annoyed for hours to please a dozen men who wanted to ring a peal, and they would find ways and means of stopping it. They should never be surprised if some day there was an Act of Parliament passed to stop bells being rung in populous districts. Let them, therefore, before it was too late, get church authorities to carry out the necessary structural alterations to stop the reverberating clang, otherwise their rights and privileges might be crushed in the future.

#### SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S WARNING.

Sir Arthur, whose health was drunk with musical honours, said, in reply, that what Mr. Dawe had said about peal ringing had a very real basis. It was perfectly splendid the way in which year by year their records were increasing in number and increasing in quality, but there was no doubt whatever that the general public did not very much like it. He had always said that, among a population that worked with their hands, there was a deep inborn appreciation of church bells, but he confessed that he himself at times, if he had a considerable amount of brain work to do, found that to do that brain work to the accompaniment of bells that were being rung close by was not the best incentive to one's labours. He believed that if they were not very careful, what Mr. Dawe had forecast might very well come about. It was possible in a parliament which carried things with a rather high hand, they might themselves come up for judgment, and he earnestly commended to them what Mr. Dawe had said about having the belfry windows bricked up. It did not impair the music at all, but increased it, and stopped the noise. It was one of the things to-day which needed their most careful attention. In all other ways, the Exercise was going forward in the right path. Nothing, continued Sir Arthur, had caused him so much pleasure as the information that the Rector of Birmingham had given them that night that his ringers had joined the Church of England Men's Society (applause). If they, as ringers, were to be true to their colours, they must try and mend their ways. He had stuck up for them for years and years (hear, hear), and he knew that almost all of them were real good fellows, but a lot of them were shocking bad church goers (laughter and applause). They could not really pose as church bell ringers unless they would prove themselves Churchmen as well. The interests of the church were necessary to the promotion of their interests because, if the church were swept away, the bells would be swept away. Looking at it, therefore, from the lowest motives, it was to their supreme interests that they should identify themselves with the church authorities. He had always stuck to it, and he had told the Rector so that night that the reform of the ringers—and they wanted reforming to what they were 60 years ago—was due not to the parson, but to the ringer (applause). But having got so far, there remained something for them to do, and he earnestly besought them to bear in mind their responsibility to consider the public, and that unless they took care they might in the future be debarred from the Exercise which they all loved (applause).

This concluded the speech-making, which had left very little time in the course of the evening for music. There was a pianoforte solo, and a course of Stedman Cinques, and tunes on handbells by members of St. Martin's Guild. The tit-bit of the programme, however, was the course of Scientific Triples (216 changes). Mr. Carter's remarkably complex method which was tapped on the dulcimer by that wonderful man, Mr. Harry Withers. Needless to say, the performance fairly "brought down the house." Mr. Withers also played a selection of airs with great skill.

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## BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— WORCESTER.

By J. R. JERRAM.

According to Ellacombe's "Bells of the Church," Worcester Cathedral seems to have had a detached bell-tower, standing at a short distance from the north-east transept, in early times. This was built about 1220, and contained four bells. The first was inscribed, "Campanas diu serves has Virgo Maria"; the second, "Cristus vincit, Cristus regnat, Cristus imperat, Cristus nos ab omni malo" [defendit]; the third, "Johannes Lyndesey hoc opere impleto, Christi virtute faveto"; and the fourth, "Ave Maria gracia plena Dominus tecum." There appears to have also been a clock-bell, inscribed: "Thoma Mildenhani Priore. En ego campana nunquam denuncio vana. Laudo Deum Eternum, Plebem voco, Congrego clerum. Funera plango, Fulgura frango, Sabbata pango, excito lentes, Dissipo ventos, Paco cruentos."



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

Previous to the present peal there was a peal of eight in the central tower, the old detached campanile having been long since pulled down. These bells are said to have borne the following inscriptions:

*Treble.*

GOD SAVE THE KING.

*Second.*

(no inscription).

*Third.*

IN HONORE SCI WOLSTAN EPSI.

*Fourth.*

HONI SOIT QVI MAL Y PENS.

*Fifth.*

RICARDO EDES DECANO 1602 (this bell was recast by Rudhall 1820).

*Sixth.*

HOC OPUS IMPLETO JESU VIRTUTE FAVETO.

*Seventh.*

MISSI DE CELIS HABEO NOMEN GABRIELIS.

*Tenor.*

I SWEETLY TOLLING MEN DO CALL TO TASTE ON MEAT THAT FEEDS THE SOUL. (this bell was recast by Rudhall 1830).

In 1868 these bells were replaced by a peal of twelve. Each bell is inscribed in Lombardic capitals JOHN TAYLOR AND Co FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH. MDCCCLXVIII, with the following additions:—

		weight	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
<i>Treble.</i>	S. MATTHIAS		6	3	19
<i>Second.</i>	S. JUDAS JACOBI	"	7	0	22
<i>Third.</i>	S. SIMON ZELOTES	"	7	2	10
<i>Fourth.</i>	S. JACOBUS ALPHÆI	"	8	3	0
<i>Flat Fourth.</i>	(used for chimes)				
	S. PAULUS	"	9	2	4
<i>Fifth.</i>	S. MATTHÆUS	"	10	1	21
<i>Sixth.</i>	S. BARTHOLOMÆUS	"	11	0	24
<i>Seventh.</i>	S. THOMAS	"	12	0	0
<i>Eighth.</i>	S. PHILIPPUS	"	15	2	11
<i>Ninth.</i>	S. ANDRÆAS	"	21	2	11
<i>Tenth.</i>	S. JOHANNES	"	26	1	8
<i>Eleventh.</i>	S. JACOBUS	"	34	2	12
<i>Tenor.</i>	S. PETRUS	"	49	2	0

A large bell, weighing 4 tons 10 cwt., on which the clock strikes the hour, was put up at the same time. This bell bears the following inscription in Lombardic letters:—

+ SURGE + QUI + DORMIS + ET + EXSURGE + MORTUIS + ET + ILLUMINABIT + TE + CHRISTUS. [and on the waist below] IOHANNES TAYLOR DE LOUGHBOROUGH FUDIT IN USUM ECCLESIE CATHEDRALIS CHRISTI ET BEATÆ MARIE VIRGINIS IN CIVITATE ET COMITATU VIGORNIENSI MDCCCLXVIII ☐ (Royal arms) ☐ (arms of Dean and Chapter) ☐ (arms of See of Worcester) ○ (arms of City of Worcester) ○ (Taylor's Medallion).

In 1875 two more bells, cast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., were added for the carillons. These are a flat sixth, inscribed S. MARCUS, weight 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs., and a flat eighth, inscribed S. LUCAS, 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.

### ODD CHANGES.

Mr. Ted Horrex, now the "father" of the College Youths, paid his first visit to Birmingham on Saturday, for the dinner of the St. Martin's Guild. He is getting quite "gay" in his old age. Needless to say, Mr. Horrex was a very welcome visitor.

Speaking of Birmingham, it is not uninteresting to note that for over a hundred years St. Martin's Church has never been without a Stedman Cinques band. This must be a record for any church, we should think. For 150 years, except when silenced through illness near the church, or for repairs, the bells have always been rung on Tuesday nights. It has become a perfect tradition, and even open air preachers and speakers—who in Birmingham may only use the Bull Ring—recognise the well established custom and avoid the Bull Ring on Tuesdays.

Few men, at the outside half-a-dozen, have rung 800 peals, yet we record this week the 800th peal which the brothers William and Ernest Pye have rung together!

Last Friday was the 112th anniversary of a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, by a mixed band of Cumberland and College Youths. Only one peal in the method is supposed to have been rung previously. This was at Norwich, but no record of it is in existence.

Mr. York Green, of Stratford, writes: In your issue of January 17th (page 47) you publish in the article upon Originality of Compositions of Bob Royal and Major, a three-part peal of Major (5088) with H. Price's name attached to it. This peal belongs to me, and is published in the "Appendix" of 1895, page 63. It was first rung at Bow, Middlesex, February 14th, 1895, conducted by H. Springall.

Referring to the lines anent "Ye rascally ringers," which we quoted last week, the Rev. A. Du B. Hill, of East Bridgford, writes: It may interest some of your readers to see the following French quatrain, expressing the same idea as those quoted by you from the "Staffordshire Advertiser" of 1813:—

Persécuteurs du genre humain  
Qui sonnez sans miséricorde,  
Que n'avez vous au cou la corde  
Que vous tenez in votre main.

I have copied this from my "common-place book," where I entered it nearly 40 years ago, with the appended note "Drabicius, 1618." This is a reference I cannot now verify, nor am I sure whether it refers to the verses quoted. But the French is probably the original, and we may take comfort that it was not originally aimed at English change ringers.

Successful district practices have been held during the past month by the Durham and Newcastle Association at South Shields and Jarrow, with decided benefit to a considerable number of the younger members. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent and Stedman.

Mr. G. R. Newton's reply to critics of the Wallasey peal is unavoidably held over.

#### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The March meeting of this Society was held at Doncaster on Saturday, and proved very successful. About 30 ringers were present from Arksey, Bolsover, Doncaster, Ranmoor, Rotherham Parish Church, Retford and Treeton. The fine peal of eight (tenor 30 cwt.) at the Parish Church of St. George, were raised about 4.15 p.m., and were kept going in Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major till about 8 p.m., with short intervals.—A short business meeting was held in the tower, presided over by Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), president. Five new members were elected—Rev. A. R. James (Arksey), Messrs. W. Froggatt, W. Bunting and L. Brightman (Rotherham Parish), and Mr. A. Whitworth (Treeton).—A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Sandford for granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for making all arrangements, was carried unanimously.—Mr. G. Halksworth suitably replied.

#### SALISBURY GUILD'S PRESIDENT DEAD.

Owing to the death on February 25th of Lord Nelson, of Trafalgar House, near Salisbury, who since the foundation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in 1882 has been the much respected president, and who was buried at Standlynch Church, near Salisbury, on Saturday last, the bells of St. James', Southbroom, and those of St. John the Baptist, Devizes, were rung muffled on Saturday evening, while at the request of Mr. H. Brownlee West, the hon. secretary of the Devizes branch, muffled peals were also rung on the bells at all the towers within the area of the Devizes Branch—between 20 and 30—as a token of respect to the late earl.

#### CHELMSFORD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read the letter signed "Veritas," which term, to my mind, is quite descriptive, I should like to say I heartily endorse every word this ringer has written, and moreover his opinion is supported by many members with whom I have discussed this topic, all of whom are of one mind, that these accumulated funds might be applied to a more useful and practical purpose. Personally, I think the majority of ringers are in no way indebted to the Church, but rather the reverse. In reply to Mr. Cooper's statement, that "Veritas" is a ringer who has nothing to say at a meeting, but makes his complaints to a small number of outsiders, this I may say is purely an "hypothetical assumption," and may be instantly dismissed. I have attended several association meetings at which "Veritas" has openly expressed his opinion on certain topics under discussion in no uncertain tone. In conclusion, I should like to say "Veritas" may have a multiplicity of reasons for adopting a nom-de-plume, as I myself have. NEMO.

#### SPLICING MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following are the two Plain Imperial Minor methods which were omitted from the C.C. Collection.

CHILDWALL	WAVERTREE
123456	123456
214365	214365
241635	241635
426153	426153
246513	246513
245631	245631
425361	425361
423516	423516
243156	243156
421965	421965
412635	412635
146253	146253
142635	164523

They were rung (and provisionally named) at All Saints', Childwall, on February 28th, spliced to St. Clements and College Single. A "Parkerian" splice is necessary, as the in-and-out-of-course of the changes does not allow of a "Jacobian" splice. Below are the 720's, one requiring 24, the other 35 changes of method.

23456 S. Clements	23456 College Single
42635	64235
64523 Childwall	52364 Wavertree
56342	43652 College Single
S 32564	26435
— 45326 S. Clements	54326 Wavertree
34652	63542
63245	25463 College Single
26531 Childwall	34625
— 45263 S. Clements	53234 Wavertree
24356	42356 College Single

Five times repeated  
with — for s, except  
in 4th part.

Five times repeated  
with s for last — in  
3rd and 6th parts.

To get the methods equally divided it would be necessary to select another group of six leads, which would not occur in the same place in each part.—Yours faithfully,  
Simonsdelf, Frodsham.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

#### HONOURING A GRAND OLD MAN.

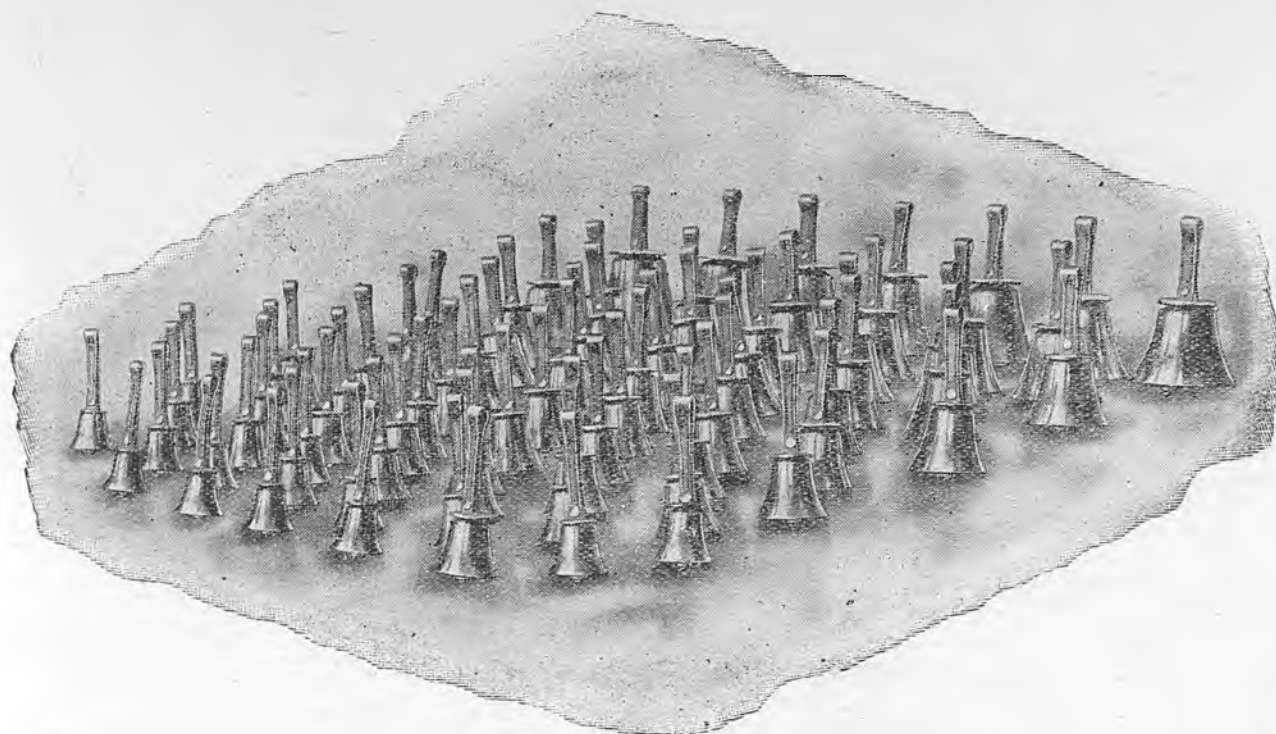
As reported in another column, eight members of the Devon Guild met at the Dockyard Chapel, at Devonport, on March 1st to ring a peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the birthday of that grand old veteran ringer, Mr. Wm. Banister, and it will be seen that their efforts were crowned with success. Mr. Banister, who is 89 years old, resides at Fulham, London, with his relatives, and still writes a splendid letter, the handwriting and composition being superb. He was born on Feb. 29th, and thus only gets a real birthday every fourth year.

He came of a great ringing family from Woolwich to Devon to take up an appointment at Devonport Dockyard, and laboured long and earnestly in the cause of change ringing in Devon. He was instrumental, together with the late Col. Troyte and others, in the formation of the Devonshire Guild, and it was he who got two trebles added to the then six at the Dockyard Chapel. He wrote a valuable book on change ringing, and went up and down the county and the adjacent county of Cornwall, giving advice, ringing peals, and with a splendid chromatic peal of 60 handbells, together with a band whom he had taught, gave concerts, and secured large sums of money for charitable purposes.

He conducted the first peal rung on Charles' bells, Plymouth (by all local men) in 1877, and the first peal in West of England at the Dockyard in 1868. Nearly 30 years ago he was ordered by doctor to give up ringing, which was a serious loss to the ringing world. Of his achievements with his own brothers before coming to Devonport, abler pens than mine can tell. They were simply marvellous. But we who still keep the thing moving in the Three Towns feel that we owe him much. The late Col. Troyte also personally paid him that compliment in his book. We read of him at the last Central Council meeting, and the honour then shown him. May he be yet spared to us for many years.

W. H. M.

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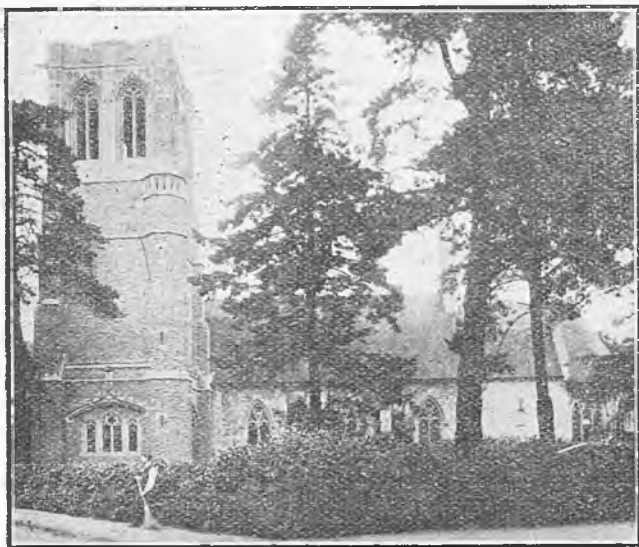
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## NEW PEAL OF EIGHT IN SURREY.

### SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT WITH GLASS SCREENS.

North-west Surrey has just acquired another peal of eight bells, which have been put into the tower of St. Mary's, Oatlands, a residential district lying not far from the banks of the Thames. The church has been built for many years, but hitherto, one ting-tang has sufficed as a call to the worshippers, although the fine square tower, standing up boldly, seemed a particularly inviting structure for a ring of bells. The scheme for putting up the peal has now been successfully carried out, the church authorities having secured the musical octave which Messrs. Warner and Son, of the Spitalfields Foundry, had on exhibition at the Crystal Palace Festival of Empire. The peal are a set of admirable castings, and in tone leave nothing to be desired, the trebles being a particularly good feature. The tenor is 12 cwt. in G, and the total weight is 52 cwt. Each bell bears the name of the founders and the inscription: "Cast in the first year of the reign of King George V, 1911."

As we intimated in our last issue, an experiment has been made in closing up the apertures in the tower with glass screens, instead of interfering with the architectural appearance by erecting unsightly louvres. What has been used is known as "armoured" glass, which is bedded in lead and let into oak panelling, and the success of the experiment is unquestionable. Standing beneath the tower the sound of the bells was splendidly deepened, yet every one in the peal could be heard. While thus successfully filling the main purpose of the experiment, the glass has other advantages, for while softening the sound and keeping out the weather, it affords plenty of light in the bell chamber, a place where, as a rule, light has been a last consideration.



OATLANDS' CHURCH, SURREY.

The dedication of the bells took place on Sunday morning at the ordinary service, for which the old single bell that has been used for many years, was rung. When it ceased, the processional hymn, "We love the place, O God," was sung while the clergy and choir passed on their way to the foot of the tower. At a given signal the bells were chimed in rounds and changes, together with two verses of the processional hymn by Mr. W. Shepherd, of Hersham. The new peal was rung for the thanksgiving service, which took place in the afternoon, the first touch being a 312 Stedman Triples by: A. F. Shepherd 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, F. J. Shepherd 3, W. A. Woodrow 4, O. J. Hamblin 5, F. Shepherd 6, E. J. Harding 7, J. Emery 8. Afterwards, two touches of Grandsire were brought round, conducted by F. J. Shepherd and G. Woodiss respectively. Nearly all the ringers attended service, after which 192 Double Norwich and 84 Stedman Triples were brought round, both conducted by W. Shepherd. At the tea, which was kindly provided by the Rev. J. H. Townsend, some 16 or 17 sat down, and after the thanks of the company had been ably voiced by Mr. F. Shepherd, senr., a move was made for the tower to ring for evening service. A 224 of Bob Major, conducted by F. White, was brought round, followed by three courses of Stedman Triples conducted by W. Shepherd, after which the bells were lowered in peal.

Many were the visitors to the belfry and bells at various times during the day. The bell founders were represented by Messrs. Robert and Andrew Warner, Mr. Duncan F. Christy, and four of the foundry band. Ringers were also present during the day from Ashted, Ewell, Twickenham, Kingston, Chertsey, Walton, Woking, Portsmouth and Hersham.

## MEMORIAL PEAL BOARD.

Before the peal at Tyldesley, Lancs, last Saturday, a board was unveiled recording a peal of Bob Major rung in memory of the late Mr. James Allred, who was for 46 years tower keeper at the above church. The ceremony was performed by the curate (the Rev. H. Stones). After the peal the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allred, who were heartily thanked for their hospitality.

## THE SILENT PEAL OF CINQUES.

### A HANDBELL PERFORMANCE RECALLED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—While congratulating the band of College Youths on the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, I beg to point out that by a curious coincidence the peal was rung on the anniversary (10 years) of the previous peal of silent Stedman Cinques, which was rung "in hand" here at Leicester. In ten years many ringers come and many go "to that bourne," and it may interest those who have come on the scene since that time to reproduce the record.

"On Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 1903, in 3 hrs. 15 mins., on handbells (retained in hand) at the King and Crown, Leicester, a peal of Stedman Cinques (5006 changes): John O. Lancashire 1—2, George Cleal 3—4, Samuel Cotton 5—6, William Willson 7—8, John Buttery 9—10, Alfred Millis 11—12, composed by J. O. Lancashire and rung non-conducted. First silent peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung. This band has now rung the extent of Stedman system, from Triples to Cinques, all silent. Umpires: S. Cooper, C. Fowler, F. Dexter, J. Marlow, J. Wilson."

Out of the above band, Messrs. Cooper, Marlow and Millis have gone to rest; Mr. G. Cleal is in Ireland; Mr. J. Buttery is approaching the "sero and yellow leaf," but the record stands as the only silent peal of Cinques ever rung "in hand."—Yours,  
Leicester.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

## MITCHAM RINGERS' DINNER.

### A SUCCESSFUL SOCIETY.

Although need for proper light and ventilation in their ringing chamber is still desirable, the Mitcham Society continue to progress and show their earnest desire to advance the interests of change ringing, and the proper recognition of ringers. This is, no doubt, due to perseverance, constant practice, and with a genuine effort to assist others in that direction. At their annual dinner, served by Host Bance in his usual admirable manner, Mr. J. D. Drewett presided, and was supported by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, the Master of the Surrey Association, and others, about 32 being present, representative of the towers in the adjoining districts of Ashted, Beddington, Croydon, Carshalton, Ewell, Sutton, etc., and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Mitcham Society was founded in 1832, and now consists of 13 ringing and 15 honorary members, and Dr. Carpenter, in proposing the toast of "The Mitcham Society," spoke in encouraging terms to the ringers, and with other speakers paid a warm tribute to their work which has resulted so successfully.—Mr. F. Holder (Carshalton), in reply to the toast of "The Visitors," said how fortunate the Mitcham Society were to have such an energetic man as the chairman to manage the affairs of the society. His never-failing courtesy and hearty welcome were one of the many pleasant features of a visit to Mitcham tower.

Songs and recitations were contributed by Dr. Carpenter, Messrs. Holder, Gordon, Bance, Ely, Brown, Welling, Copley, the Chairman, and Miss Bance, the last-named also kindly assisting with her valuable musical ability.

## OXFORD GUILD.

### NORTH BUCKS BRANCH AND THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Stony Stratford, on Saturday.—The Rev. J. R. Vincent, President of the Branch, was in the chair, supported by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), and the Vicar (the Rev. H. Last) and 64 ringers from Emberton, Olney, Old Wolverton, Thornborough, Shenley, Calverton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Padbury, Milton Keynes, Sherington, Maids Moreton, Linslade, and Bletchley.

The resolution by the Rev. F. W. Bennitt, Rector of Bletchley, "that the question of the holding of the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford each year instead of as at present at different centres each year be fully discussed by the branch at this meeting," was considered, and it was agreed by a large majority to instruct the branch representatives to support this course at the next committee meeting of the Guild, the Master having promised to introduce the matter.

Mr. Harry Sear (Bletchley) proposed, and Mr. George Clarke (Shenley) seconded, "that in view of the extra expense which would be incurred by holding the annual festival at Oxford this branch is of opinion that the refund of 1s. to members attending the dinner be stopped."—This was also carried by a large majority.

On the motion of the Rev. J. R. Vincent, seconded by Mr. V. Sear (Bletchley), a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. H. Last for his hospitality that day, and to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for his very excellent address at the service which had been previously held.

## BELL RESTORATION IN KENT. TWO PEALS OF FIVE REHUNG.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of the Wykes Bishop Street Bell Foundry, Ipswich, is having a very busy time in Kent, having just completed the restoration of rings of five at Sandhurst and Warehorne, and is now rehanging a peal of six at Yalding.

Thanks to the excellent judgment of our forefathers in using massive timber, the frames in both towers will last for many years to come, and in each case it was only necessary to brace the bell cages slightly, thereby making them practically as firm as a new frame, and saving additional expense.

It seems evident that it was intended in bygone years to have six bells in both towers, for an extra pit exists in each bell chamber, and as contributions have poured in freely, it has been decided to add a new treble at Sandhurst at no distant date.

At both places the frames have been rearranged, and the ropes now fall in much more convenient positions. Steel headstocks, new clappers, grease boxes, wheels, and all the latest fittings were included in the contracts, while at Sandhurst neat guides have been fitted. Quarter turning was necessary for each peal, and the crowns have been done away with.

As regards the history of the peals, Sandhurst dates much farther back. The fourth is an old "black letter" or Pre-Reformation bell, and was cast between 1450 and 1500. It weighs 10 cwt. The tenor (12½ cwt.), the second (7 cwt.), and the treble (6 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.), were cast by Joseph Hatch in 1619, and the third (9 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.) which Mr. Bowell has recast, was originally made by William Hull in 1678.

On Thursday evening in last week, members of the Kent Association journeyed to Sandhurst to inspect the work and test the bells. They were received by Mr. Bowell, and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung by Messrs. C. Tribe (Tenterden), G. Billenness (Rye), W. H. Lambert (Benenden), A. Blackman and F. Underdown (Roven-den), T. Ashenden (Hawkhurst), and A. Bowell and H. Welham (Ipswich).

On the following evening, a scrutiny took place at Warehorne. The local ringers were present, and Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung by Messrs. C. W. Slayer (Stone), G. Johnston (Appledore), A. Bowell (Ipswich), A. C. Kay (Ashford), G. Billenness, P. F. Giles and D. Martin (Rye), and — Barman (Woodchurch), while other Woodchurch ringers and the Warehorne band had some round ringing.

The bells, founded by John Waylett in 1721, weigh as follows: Treble, 4 cwt. 3 qrs.; second, 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs.; third, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.; fourth, 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.; tenor, 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs. Mr. Bowell has recast the third and fourth, and the ringers expressed their absolute satisfaction with the "go" of the bells at both places, and also highly praised the neatness of the workmanship.

On Monday evening, the Bishop of Croydon dedicated the Sandhurst peal, and on the afternoon of the same day, the dedication at Warehorne was performed by the Rural Dean, the Rev. P. H. Collins, Rector of Lydd. At each church the local ringers had charge of the ringing.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week, the annual meeting of the Bedford District was held at Sharnbrook, and a goodly number attended to take advantage of the splendid welcome offered by the incumbent (the Rev. Edwards), and the local company. Not only in-county members, but a number of Northamptonshire friends attended to share the pleasures of the meeting, and cement the cordial friendship that exists between the two societies. The bells were fully utilised, and were turned in to a variety of methods, a number of ringers receiving further tuition in methods they had not practised to any appreciable extent.

An excellent tea was enjoyed, and was followed by the business meeting.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. W. Barker) presented the report and balance sheet. Circumstances might have militated against the success of the meetings, he said, but, notwithstanding, the majority had been highly successful. The numbers that had attended had been very satisfactory, and the methods rung were on a higher plane than at any other period. The financial side also proved satisfactory, there being a substantial balance in hand.

It was thought advisable, at the election of officers, that the office of president should not be a permanency, but should be conferred each year on a different incumbent that took an enthusiastic interest in ringers, and subsequently the Rev. C. W. Browning, Bromham, was elected to that office.—Miss Evelyn Steel was again elected vice-president, and Mr. J. W. Barker, hon. secretary for the ensuing year.—It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Renhold.

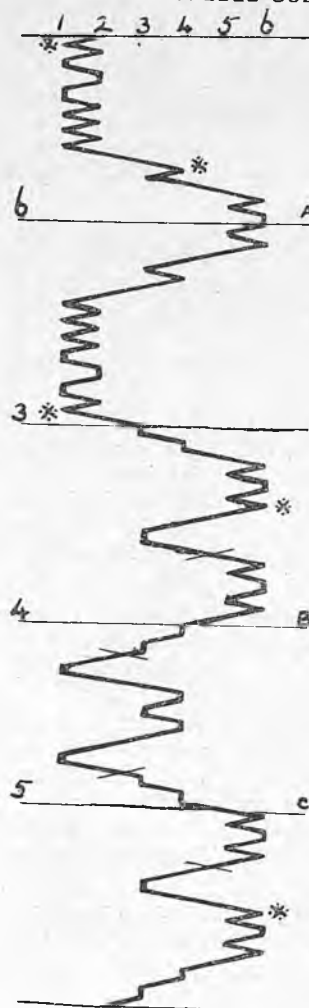
Mr. G. Ette, Wellingboro', addressed the meeting on a subject that has been much discussed privately among country ringers, viz., the affiliation of societies for the purpose of allowing affiliated members to ring peals with other societies. Much could be said for and against the idea. He considered that it would be advantageous to the ringing community, especially to the poorer members. A small sum could be paid each year, individually by the members or collectively by the societies, into a central fund, the fund to be controlled by the Central Council or any such similar body. His remarks were received with sympathy by the ringers present.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. B. C. Edwards concluded the business.

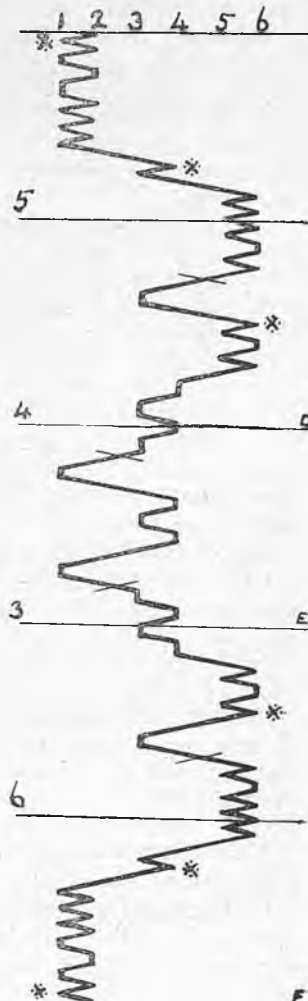
## RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

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

KILLAMARSH TREBLE BOB



SANDIACRE TREBLE BOB.



## THE BOB WORK.

Killamarsh: A. Dodge, instead of lying a whole pull, and take up work of 5th. B. Dodge, instead of going down to 4th's, and take up work of 6th. C. Make 4th's place and take up work of the 4th (as in Kent Treble Bob.)

Sandiacre: D. Run in after 3rd's, and take up work of 2nd. E. Make 4th and take up work of 4th. F. Run out and take up work of 3rd.

The figures of a lead of the above methods only differ in the back-stroke lead of the treble.

## PEAL AT BECCLES.

Recorded in another column is a peal of Grandsire Caters at Beccles. It was rung in honour of a Confirmation service, which was to take place on March 5th, and also as a welcome to the Bishop of Thetford, who was to administer the rite, March 1st being the nearest available date for the peal attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. R. Rush, the steeplekeeper, for having everything ready. Mr. H. Barton hails from Southwold, Mr. W. H. Fussell from Slough, Mr. E. F. Poppy from Eye, Mr. D. Hayward from Great Yarmouth, and Mr. F. C. Lambert from Halesworth. The rest belong to the St. Michael's company, and it is 60 years since five members of the local band took part in a peal on ten bells in their tower.

## NOTICES.

**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.—J. Slarke, 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.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The next practice will take place at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, the 8th inst. Tower open from 3 to 5 o'clock. There will also be ringing for service on Easter Day and the first Sunday in every month at 10 o'clock.—F. Bennett, 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.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Tunstall, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 15th. Tower open at 3.30. Short service at 5 p.m. Meeting following immediately after light refreshments, which will be provided for those sending their names by Wednesday, March 12th.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.**—The next meeting of this society will be held at Norton on Saturday, March 15th, 1913. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, March 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 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 Saturdays; St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The thirty-first annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, March 24th. The bells at St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mark's and St. John's will be available for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at 3 o'clock in the High Cross Coffee House, followed by tea (1s. each) and general meeting at 4 o'clock. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. T. H. Hardy, 3, Wright Street, St. Peter's Lane, by March 20th at the latest. The towers will be closed during the tea and meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Stourbridge on Easter Monday, March 24th. Service, with address by the Rev. Stanhope Newland, Vicar, in St. Thomas' Church at 1.45 prompt. General meeting in the Foresters' Hall, High Street, at 2.30. Bells available: St. Thomas (8), Oldswinford (8) and Wollaston (6). Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, March 19th. Subscriptions should be paid to the branch secretaries and reports obtained in a room near the church between 12 and 1. The peal book will also be on view there.—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Walsall on Easter Monday. Bells available: St. Matthew's (10) and Rushall (6) from 11 a.m. Rushall tower penny tram from The Bridge. Short service at St. Matthew's at 4. Tea at 4.30 in Masonic Hall, High Street, 1s. each. General meeting to follow. Kindly send word not later than Tuesday, the 18th inst., to H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, March 24th, 1913. Towers open at 2 p.m.: St. Peter's (10), Cathedral (8), St. Stephen's (6), St. Michael's (6). Ringing can be had upon the peals of six earlier in the day by communicating direct to respective conductors. Service in the Cathedral (choral) 5 p.m., with short address by the Rev. Canon Lord William Gascoigne Cecil, Rector of Hatfield. Tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute adjoining, immediately after service, for election of officers and other business. Secretaries are asked to communicate the probable number of their band attending by first post on Easter Monday to enable satisfactory tea arrangements to be made. Meat tea 6d. each to members; other ringers, who will be heartily welcomed, 1s. 3d. each.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

**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.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Easter Monday. Business meeting at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Bells available all day. All ringers welcome.—H. Moore, junr., Honorary Secretary, Pentrefelin, Wrexham.

**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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, March 29th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. "Motions" for the agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.—Albert E. Reeves, Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

**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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F. PITSTOW.

**WITNEY, OXON.**—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 2nd, for evening service, 504 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.

**ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1152 changes): A. Bacon 1, H. T. Pye 2, H. Bacon 3, W. Fenner (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, E. Merchant 5, H. Evers 6, G. Potley 7, W. J. Schofield (conductor) 8. Messrs Pye, Evers and Schofield belong to Colchester.

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