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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.

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

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

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

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

MODERN WORK.

HINTS TO C.C. MEMBERS.

There was some justification, we feel, for the comment made by the President of the Central Council, in connection with the debate on the subject of bells and the public, when he said that members sometimes went to the meetings, but did not go back and give their associations the benefit of the knowledge they had acquired. Unquestionably the associations who send representatives to the Council meeting are entitled to receive from them some report upon the proceedings. It need not necessarily be lengthy, so long as the important points of discussion are brought out, in order that the rank and file of the Exercise may at any rate grasp the view of their delegates in regard to the various matters of general interest.

It may be said, of course, that every ringer has the opportunity of reading the report of the proceedings. That is perfectly true, but the circumstances under which the reading is generally done do not provide opportunities for discussion and the ventilation of opinions, whereas when a subject is brought up at a meeting, diversified views can be brought out by debate, and ringers can gain a better knowledge of the various subjects which the Central Council have been considering for their benefit or otherwise. We believe that much good would be done, and certainly a wider interest in the functions and operations of the Council would be taken, if at the various association meetings some of the topics were talked over. Discussion need not necessarily take place at annual gatherings, when there is usually a good deal of routine business to be got through, and it might well be reserved for district meetings, when, not infrequently, there is a dearth of business for transaction.

For our immediate purpose, however, the occasion when these matters might best be considered is not of much consequence. What we are anxious to see is something done to bring home to the members of affiliated societies the results of the Council's labours. It is not even necessary that the whole of the subjects should be considered at one meeting. Indeed, to spread the various questions over a series of meetings would sustain the interest. But whatever steps are taken on these lines they would be bound to prove advantageous in the long run to the members of the associations, and would react upon the Council itself eventually, by bringing it into close and real touch with those in whose interests it exists. It may, perhaps, be a bit difficult to get some representatives to propound their impressions of the Council's proceedings to a meeting of their fellows, for they may look upon that kind of thing as something in the nature of an ordeal. But those who do not already give their members a resume of the meeting should remember that they have, after all, a duty to those who send them.

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CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lbs.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3	JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 8
HARRY BARTON ... 4	GEORGE SPENCER ... 9
WILLIAM WELLING ... 5	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung on the anniversary of the record peal of Bristol at Hornchurch. It was the conductor's 500th peal.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH),

AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAURENCE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
At the Bell Tower,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

*HARRY MORTON ... Treble	FREDRICK JOHNSON ... 6
RAYMOND YOUNG ... 2	FRANK COOK ... 7
HERBERT JORDAN ... 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS ... 8
JAMES HEMMING ... 4	HARRY MIDDLETON ... 9
FRANK MOSS ... 5	WILLIAM WORKMAN ... Tenor

Composed by F. G. MAY, and
Conducted by H. MIDDLETON.

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. This peal was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the Rev. H. A. Holmes, who, for the past three years, has been Curate of All Saints and St. Laurence Churches, and who passed away at Tewkesbury Old Vicarage on May 24th, and was interred at Tewkesbury Cemetery on May 28th. This peal preceded a memorial service in All Saints' Church.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

HIRAM MEAKIN ... Treble	GEORGE ASTBURY ... 6
*ALFRED BARNES ... 2	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ... 7
JOHN HOLMAN ... 3	GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... 8
SAM THOMAS ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... 9
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 5	HARRY CHAPMAN ... Tenor

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

* 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

FRANK MORRIS ... Treble	FRED ABBOTT ... 5
THOMAS WORSLEY ... 2	TITUS BARLOW ... 6
WILLIAM DUCKWORTH ... 3	RICHARD HEALD ... 7
HAROLD ODDY ... 4	JOHN MOSCROP ... Tenor

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. Henry Bentley, who had been a ringer at the above church.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 26, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CLARENCE GOOCH Treble	EDWIN WHITING 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
JOHN SNELLING 3	CHARLES BRICE 7
FREDERICK SEAGER 4	FREDERICK BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by C. BRICE.

* First peal in the method.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY BROWN Treble	GEORGE T. HANDSCOMB ... 5
WILLIAM R. PARKER 2	WILLIAM STURGES 6
WALTER H. AUSTIN 3	ALFRED J. MAWBY 7
WILLIAM H. SIBLEY 4	JOSEPH WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by A. J. MAWBY.

First peal by all. Rung on the occasion of Queen Mary's birthday, and of the conductor's wife's. Messrs. Brown and Wilkins were proposed members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 26, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

AMOS COOPER Treble	ALFRED PLANT 5
CHARLES TYLER 2	BERT HORTON 6
EDGAR MARLOW 3	JAMES TYLER 7
THOMAS HILL 4	EDWIN J. TYLER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

First peal in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells by a local band.

OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM AMALGAMATION.)

On Tuesday, May 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. o qr. 18 lbs.

HERBERT BARLOW Treble	JOSEPH GREENWOOD 5
HARRY HAMPSON 2	CHARLES E. PLATT 6
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	LUKE HAMPSON 7
EDMUND SCHOFIELD 4	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

The ringers of the 4th, 5th and tenor belong to Rochdale.

ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RALPH A. BROWN Treble	ARTHUR ANDREWS 5
CLEMENT GLENN 2	ARTHUR HAGUE 6
†ARTHUR WHITWORTH ... 3	JOHN W. J. COTTAM 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 4	WILLIAM HURST Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Sir Charles Stoddart, who was interred on the above date. He was donor of the tower, spire and bells, and a great benefactor to the town.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. o qr. 23 lbs.

R. ALDER GOFTON Treble	†ROBERT GOFTON 5
*ARTHUR PAYNE 2	*GEORGE R. HARRISON ... 6
†THOMAS R. PERCIVAL ... 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4	*THOMAS M. WHITFIELD... Tenor

Conducted by R. ALDER GOFTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor. Rung at the first attempt and by an entirely local band.

NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROWLAND POLLARD Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr... 6
THOMAS VALLANCE 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS 7
*ERNEST STONE 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal in the method.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	ALBERT G. WARNES... .. 6
BEN S. THOMPSON 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
FRANK R. COPEMAN 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER... .. Tenor	REUBEN SANDERS 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART No. 2.

WILLIAM D. WHITE Treble	HENRY NORMAN 5
HENRY J. CREED 2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS... 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	ISAAC CREED 7
EDWIN CHAPMAN 4	ROBERT CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Allen, organist and choirmaster of the above Church.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

*CHARLES EDWARD JOYNES ... Treble	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 5
JOSEPH W. TIMMS ... 2	EDWIN J. STRINGER ... 6
FREDERICK J. COPE ... 3	GEORGE PARSONS ... 7
JAMES GEORGE ... 4	JACOB SEABORN ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

* First peal of Stedman.

LOW MOOR, BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE ... Treble	JOHN WILLIAM CUNDALL ... 5
JAMES COTTERELL ... 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 6
JAMES H. MAWSON ... 3	JAMES W. EMMETT ... 7
JONAS S. AMBLER ... 4	FRED SALMONS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRED SALMONS.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of Mr. Thomas Simpson, who had been a respected member of the local company during the past 25 years.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. ... Treble	WALTER SMITH ... 5
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
REGINALD BROUGH ... 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. ... 7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 4	*WILLIAM LYDDIARD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to T. Groombridge, Junr.

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

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

The ringer of the 3rd hails from Tamworth, the 5th from St. Martin's, Birmingham, and the remainder from Erdington Parish Church. First peal on the bells in which a lady has taken part. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

HODDESDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM IRONS ... Treble	GEORGE RADLEY ... 5
CHARLES H. AUSTIN ... 2	WILLIAM SABAN ... 6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3	JAMES PARKER ... 7
JESSE PUPLETT ... 4	WILBY J. HAZELL ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*J. HERBERT BENFIELD ... Treble	†GEORGE GARRISON ... 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
*HORACE HOWELL ... 3	JOHN BASS ... 7
*WALTER PIGOTT ... 4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. This is John Bass's 150th peal for the Worcestershire Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Bass and Mr. J. Swann, the father of the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford.

GEORGE COOPER ... Treble	JAMES STARLING ... 4
DAVID LEGGETT ... 2	HENRY PUTTICK ... 5
GEORGE ABLITT ... 3	WILLIAM SAWYER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*EDWIN S. NAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM E. SPICE ... 4
FREDERICK MACEY ... 2	WILLIAM NYE ... 5
GEORGE EASTMAN ... 3	WILLIAM SPICE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell peal to E. S. Naylor, who is leaving Rainham for Canada.

POTTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

W. COMPTON ... Treble	A. O. BAILEY ... 4
S. J. COLEMAN ... 2	S. STUBBINGS ... 5
G. D. COLEMAN ... 3	E. C. CHASTY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Rung in commemoration of Empire Day.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, three of Plain Bob Minor and two of Grandsire Minor.

W. HAZLEHURST ... Treble	W. ROGERS ... 4
E. PEERS ... 2	S. STRONG ... 5
G. R. ROGERS ... 3	J. WALTER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. WALTER.

Rung in honour of Empire Day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. ANN'S GUILD, TOTTENHAM.)

*On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ann, Tottenham,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**Tenor $8\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

*HENRY C. STUBBS... ..	Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	4
ALFRED HOWELL	2	FREDERICK A. NUNN, Senr.	5
ERNEST DAVIDSON	3	CHARLES I. DAVIDSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.

* First away from tenor. First peal of Doubles on the bells, and by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lovell, the vergier, H. C. Stubbs and F. A. Nunn, Senr. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. Ringrose for having them ready. Quickest peal on the bells. Messrs. Howell, Groombridge and Nunn are from Messrs. Warner and Sons.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor $14\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

GEORGE A. JONES	Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ...	4
BASIL C. OWEN	2	JACK BURLS	5
FREDERICK HAYES	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. First peal and first attempt by Basil C. Owen, who is to be congratulated on the way he rang his bell. Also first peal of Minor by Herbert A. Holden. Both these ringers are members of the local band.

SEAL CHART.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, May 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three of Grandsire, all called differently. Tenor 10 cwt., in G.

*ERNEST C. SAXBY	Treble	†JOHN P. COX	4
*HERBERT H. HARDING ...	2	JAMES FORD	5
*ARTHUR WENBAN	3	DENIS J. GOLDSMITH ...	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FORD.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**Being seven 720's. Tenor $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

KENNER G. HAWKINS	Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ...	4
JOHN WALDEN	2	WILLIAM WALDEN ...	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	3	DANIEL F. GIBBONS ...	Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

Rung as a welcome home to Mrs. Bridges (wife of the rector of the parish). Mr. Gibbons was elected a life member of the Oxford Guild previous to starting, and it was his first peal since returning from America, where he has been carrying out work for Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, May 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter de Merton,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, London S. Scholars', College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

V&FRNEY COOPER	Treble	CHARLES A. ROBINSON ...	4
ANK WEBB	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	5
WILLIAM STAPLETON	3	HERBERT SHARP	Tenor

Conducted by C. CLARKE.

* First peal.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's of College Single, two of Oxford Bob, one of Canterbury Pleasure and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, Junr.	Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL ...	4
EDWIN LAMBERT	2	*JAMES WAGHORN	5
JIM BEACH	3	FRANK PATTENDEN ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

* First peal.

ORSETT, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles and All Saints,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's.

*HARRY CHINNER	Treble	ARTHUR R. KEELING ...	4
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	2	†ERNEST J. BUTLER ...	5
GEORGE H. JAYE	3	EDWARD H. HAWKINS ...	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Jaye and Keeling.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**Tenor $18\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

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

*MISS DOROTHY STEEL	Treble	CHARLES STAPLETON ...	
PERCY JOHN COOKE	2	CHARLES ROBINSON ...	5
CHARLES WM. CLARKE	3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

POULTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's of Grandsire, two of Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob. Tenor $8\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

GEORGE MARIES	Treble	*GEORGE RAWCLIFFE ...	4
†FRED. GREENWOOD	2	†FRANK WHITESIDE ...	5
†JAMES BOLTON	3	ROBERT CARDWELL ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARIES.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. This is the first peal on the bells, which have been in the tower for 209 years.

BRAMPTON ASH.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one of St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor $13\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

*ALBERT E. YORK	Treble	FREDERICK KILBORN ...	4
†BERT KILBORN	2	*HARRY PEET	5
†ROBERT G. BLACK	3	HORACE W. SHARMAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods.

LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINST.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor II cwt.

HENRY WEALE Treble	FRANK VOYCE 4
JOHN GWYNNE 2	JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT ... 5
EDWARD SUMMERS 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Minor by the ring of treble; also first of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT... .. 1-2	WILLIAM PYE 7-8
ERNEST 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: J. E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Hunt. This composition is now rung for the first time.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

MAURICE SMITHER... .. 1-2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	FRANK BLONDELL ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Maulden, who was unfortunately unable to take part.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 2, CARLTON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

ALBERT V. INNS 1-2	DAVID J. NICHOLS... .. 5-6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

The peal of Minor rung at Watlington, Norfolk, on May 24th, should be credited to the Norwich Diocesan Association.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY DISTRICT MEETING AT DUFFIELD.

A monthly ringing meeting of the Derby district was held at Duffield on Saturday, and was a very successful gathering. The most striking feature was the wide area represented, showing the great attraction that ten bells have to change ringers. The following places were represented: Alfreton, Burton-on-Trent, Crich, Darley Dale, Derby, Etwell, Ilkeston, Uttoxeter, and Wirksworth. The Rev. C. J. Sturton, of Orston, was also present.—Tea was provided at the Bridge Inn, and the subsequent meeting was held in the belfry, the Rev. C. J. Sturton being voted to the chair.—It was pointed out by the hon. secretary that as the quarterly meeting of the M.C.A. would be held about the end of June, and that it would not be advisable to arrange a district meeting for that month, it was finally decided that the next meeting be held at Brassington in July, if arrangements could be made, Mr. Fox pointing out that Messrs. Taylor and Son, of Loughborough, had just put in a new bell to make a peal of six, and that, as there was no change ringing at the present time at Brassington, it was a good opportune time for "missionary" work there.—Votes of thanks were accorded the clergy and churchwardens for placing the bells at the disposal of the members, and also to the Rev. C. J. Sturton for presiding.—The Chairman, in responding, remarked how delighted he was to visit the Derby district meetings, and said some of the happiest hours of his life were spent amongst ringers. The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening to the standard methods, and the meeting was a great success.

LEEK MAJOR.

By E. A. RIDGWAY.

It has been my ambition for many years to discover a method worthy of the acceptance of the Exercise, and to which I might for a title give the name of my birthplace. After many failures, I have discovered a method which will, I believe, compare favourably with any method yet published, and the following few particulars may be of interest. My ideal has always been to obtain a method in which each and every bell should do the same work throughout the course, and Leek Major is a method of this description.

The changes are alternately quadruple and triple throughout, consequently all places are made the right way, i.e., at hand and back stroke, and, except when a single is used, there are no adjoining places. The method is divided into eight divisions of ten changes each, giving a plain course of eighty changes. At the head of each division the bells are in what may be termed Bob Major coursing order with the Treble one of the working bells. The second division head (rounds of course is the first) is 68472513; and a glance will show the coursing order of the bells to be as follows: 68753124. This will be sufficient proof that the tenors are always kept well together. The musical qualities of the method may be judged by the combinations with the tenor in 7-8 in the plain course. There are three 7-8's, including "Rounds," and three 8-7's; three 6-8's, including "Queen's" and three 8-6's; two 4-8's, including "Tittums," and two 8-4's; two 5-8's and two 8-5's. The method being a double one, the same combinations are found in 1-2, including "Rounds" backwards; "Queen's" backwards; and "Tittums" backwards. The combination of "Queen's" and "Tittums" in one course is, I believe, now published for the first time.

First place instead of third's place is made at a Bob; the three front bells only being affected. At a Single the three front bells lie still. If Bobs only are used, and the tenors kept together, there is only one false course-end against each course, viz., as is 126543 to 123456. With the sixth also a fixed bell, the method has a clean proof scale even if Singles are used. When the sixth is shifted, and Singles are made use of, there are two additional false course-ends, 124635 and 125364.

A Bob before, which would be called at the end of the fourth division, shortens the course thirty changes, and has a similar effect to a Single in changing the resulting course-end into an odd row instead of an even row. Therefore, when a Bob before is made use of, the two additional false course-ends must be taken into consideration in proving compositions.

The extent of Leek Major tenors together is 180 courses, or 14,400 changes. With the 6th, a fixed bell, 120 courses, or 9,600 changes. These figures speak for themselves; the extent in Bob Major or other plain methods with a guiding bell being only 13,440. Below I give the first division in full and the remaining seven division heads, also an example of Bob and Single, and a table of course-ends for conducting and composition, together with a peal of 5120 changes.

1st Div.		Table of Course-ends.								5120			
		3	5	6	8	Will run				12345	3	5	8
12345678	123456	—	—	—	—	3 Courses.	42513	—	—	—	—	—	—
21436587	243156	—	—	—	—	5	25413	—	—	—	—	—	—
12463578	542136	—	—	—	—	4	54213	—	—	—	—	—	—
21645387	512634	—	—	—	—	2	45312	—	—	—	—	—	—
26154837	125634	—	—	—	—	2	53412	—	—	—	—	—	—
62518473	425136	—	—	—	—	2	35214	—	—	—	—	—	—
26581437	213654	—	—	—	—	2	52314	—	—	—	—	—	—
62854173	132654	—	—	—	—	2	12453	—	—	—	—	—	—
68245713	432156	—	—	—	—	2	24153	—	—	—	—	—	—
86427531	521436	—	—	—	—	3	41253	—	—	—	—	—	—
Div. heads	541632	—	—	—	—	3	14352	—	—	—	—	—	—
68472513	415632	—	—	—	—	4	43152	—	—	—	—	—	—
53718264	215436	—	—	—	—	2	31452	—	—	—	—	—	—
24163857	143652	—	—	—	—	3	13254	—	—	—	—	—	—
87654321	431652	—	—	—	—	5	32154	—	—	—	—	—	—
31527486	231456	—	—	—	—	3	21354	—	—	—	—	—	—
46281735													
75836142													

With Bobs before.

		3	4	8	will run in short courses.	Repeat three times Single instead of Bob at 8 at the last call in the second and fourth parts.
123456	325461	—	—	—	4	
Bob	253461	—	—	—	4	
86427531	315264	—	—	—	6	
84672513	153264	—	—	—	4	
Single	N.B.—A Bob before shortens the course by thirty changes.					Composed by Geo. Baker, Brighton.
86427531						
86472513						

WICKHAM BREAU.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, March 16th, at St. Andrew's Church, for the christening of the first son of Mr. Sidney Walter (the local captain and secretary), 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: W. Maxted 1, Harrison Smith 2, William Wood 3, Jabez Walter 4, William Norris 5, Stanley White (conductor) 6.—On April 5th, on the occasion of the wedding of Captain Hardy, of the Buffs, and Miss Olive Robertson (grand-daughter of the Rector), 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 21 mins.: Walter Maxted 1, Stanley White 2, Sidney Walter 3, Harrison Smith 4, William Norris 5, Henry G. Castle (conductor) 6.

ON PLEASURE BENT.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

For their first annual outing the ringers of Barcombe, Sussex, had a circular motor tour from Tunbridge Wells. The party, augmented by a few friends and numbering 16, first had an hour's ringing at St. Peter's Church, touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire being brought round. By car they then journeyed to Tonbridge, where after dinner they exercised themselves on the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, where the tenor (21 cwt.) is about three times as heavy as that at Barcombe. Subsequently the journey was continued to Hadlow, where they were visited in the tower by the Vicar (the Rev. S. H. Money Penny), who gave the party a warm welcome. After tea, another pleasant ride brought the visitors again to Tunbridge Wells. At each tower the ringers were met by local men, who took part in the ringing with them, and whom they wish to thank for making the necessary arrangements. They also desire to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells. The outing was an exceedingly enjoyable one.

ANOTHER MOTOR TRIP.

The Goole and district ringers also favoured a motor tour for their first outing, a party of 20 mustering at Snaith and thoroughly enjoying the delights of the car. Tadcaster was the first stop, and here, in conjunction with the local band, ringing was indulged in on the beautiful bells of the parish church. Afterwards, the journey was continued to Boston Spa, where dinner was partaken of, and then the party walked to Callingham, where the light peal of eight was rung. Next they had a grand spin through the historic Bramham Moor country to Sherburn-in-Elmet, when tea, followed by further ringing, was enjoyed before the return drive to Snaith, which was safely reached, after a most enjoyable day. The thanks of the party are due to the Vicars who allowed their bells to be used, and to the local ringers who met the visitors and did their best to make the trip one to be long remembered.

HORLEY.

An evening trip by motor—it is the fashionable way of going out now—was enjoyed by ten members of the Horley and Burstow towers of the Surrey Association, who, in the course of a delightful spin, were able to reach places as far afield as East Grinstead (Sussex) and Edenbridge (Kent). At each place they rang several touches in various methods, and it is hoped that this will not be the last excursion of its kind during the coming summer. The party wish to thank the respective Vicars for the use of their bells, and the local ringers for meeting them.

TRING.

The second annual outing of the Tring Parish Church ringers was a very enjoyable affair, despite the showery weather. Having journeyed by brake to Berkhamstead they were met by the local men, and rang touches of Grandsire, including 336 of Triples, in which two of the local men took part. Hemel Hempstead was the next objective, and after a welcome by Mr. H. Golding, some capital touches were rung, until tea-time. Afterwards, an attempt for a quarter-peal was made, but came to grief. A good 518 Grandsire Triples was, however, rung by: F. Reeve 1, H. Golding 2, H. Lovel 3, H. Heley 4, W. H. Newell 5, W. Grove 6, W. Melville (conductor) 7, J. Wells 8. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars and steeplekeepers of both towers for the use of the bells.

IN PICTURESQUE SURREY.

The picturesque Surrey district of Guildford, Godalming, and Farnham, was selected by the Henfield (Sussex) ringers for their annual outing. The party, which numbered 16, reached Guildford at 8.45 a.m., and after a brief stay, resumed the journey to Godalming, where 504 Stedman Triples was successfully brought round at the Parish Church by: W. Markwell 1, W. Lish 2, L. Payne 3, C. Tyler 4, E. Lish 5, G. Gatland 6, G. Payne (conductor) 7, A. Hodges 8. Touches of Bob Major and Grandsire were also rung. Returning to Guildford, the interesting old town was inspected, and a visit paid to the Castle Grounds before partaking of dinner at the Star Hotel. In the afternoon, Farnham was the objective, and there another 504 Stedman Triples and touches of Bob Major were successfully rung. On returning to Guildford, tea was partaken of at Brett's Restaurant, by invitation of the Vicar of Henfield (the Rev. R. J. Lea), and a visit was afterwards paid to St. Nicolas' tower, where Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, together with 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by A. Hodges. Henfield was reached at 9.15 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The ringers desire to thank the Vicars of the churches visited for their kindness in granting permission for the use of the bells, and also to the steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness, and their ready help in making the arrangements.

A RAMBLE BY THE RIVER SEVERN.

On a very hot Sunday, recently, members of the Cheltenham and District Guild made a cycle trip to Tewkesbury. Recruits were picked up on the way, and the augmented party went first to Forthampton, where, after having crossed the Severn by that most primitive means, the ferry, they were met by Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Tewkesbury. The bells, a pretty ring of six, were raised and set going in Bob Minor, but a very little of this sufficed, as the "go" of the back bells was characterised as awful, and this with a shade temperature of 80 degrees! Stedman and Grandsire Doubles afterwards sufficed, Mr. C. W. Dyson's little son ringing the treble to a six-score. Tea on the lawn

of the Lower Hode Hotel followed, and after again crossing the Severn, the company went on to Tewkesbury Abbey with its splendid ring of eight. Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman was brought home in 45 mins.: J. T. Dyke (conductor) 1, F. S. Wilson 2, H. Holford 3, C. W. Dyson 4, W. Yeend 5, A. W. Humphris 6, A. S. Boar 7, John Wathen 8. All commented on the splendid "go" of the bells, which were rehung twelve months ago by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Incidentally, this was the first quarter of Stedman on the bells since the re-hanging.

On the return journey, Tredington, with its light ring of five in a quaint wooden campanile, was visited, and a six-score each of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung, after which a welcome adjournment was made to the Vicarage, where some excellent cider disappeared in double-quick time. Before the journey was resumed, one of the cycles, being unsound in wind and rim, required attention. After pumping away for some time at a tyre, the owner straightened his back with a sigh of relief. He was then gently led round the corner to his own bike, which was calmly resting on its rims. He had wasted his energy on the wrong machine! Yes! It was Gloucestershire cider. However, with no other stops, the happy little company safely reached the garden town.

ROUND ABOUT CHELMSFORD.

After a charming week-end experience, the members of the St. Matthew's Society, Upper Clapton, are perfectly agreed that a better place than Chelmsford could not have been found for their annual outing at Whitsun. Most of the society cycled down on the Friday, the others joining them on Saturday. After tea, a move was made to Galleywood, where, after exploring the church and learning one or two interesting details about it, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, and was successful, the welcome "this is all" being announced after 3 hrs. and 2 mins. ringing. The next morning turned out very fine, and it was decided to walk the three miles to St. Mary's, Great Baddow, where, long lengths not being permitted, a couple of touches were rung for morning service. In the evening the ringers found their way to the fine peal at All Saints', Writtle, and a quarter-peal was rung for evening service. A peal had been arranged at St. Mary's, Widford, on Whit-Monday, and a start was made at 7 a.m. Half-an-hour later it came to grief, but it was Bank Holiday, and as no one had any objection, a second attempt was made, but again it met with ill-luck, for, although 5040 changes were rung, the peal ended 12354678—4 and 5 having shifted in the last part. However, the party soon recovered the usual serenity of spirit, and after dinner cycled over to St. Mary's, Broomfield, where several touches of Doubles and Minor were rung. A visit was then made to SS. Mary and Lawrence, Great Waltham, where a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was successfully rung on this grand peal of bells. The society desire to thank Mr. Henry F. Cooper for so kindly arranging such an admirable ringing programme, and both he and Mr. Richell for assisting in the peal at Galleywood; Mr. George Lucas, senr., who accompanied them on their visits to various towers; the incumbents and steeplekeepers of all the churches visited, and last, but not least, Mr. Wm. Lincoln for standing in the quarter-peal at Great Waltham at short notice. The outing, whilst being modest in its ringing (Grandsire being rung nearly all through) was, nevertheless, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who took part in it.

[Reports of other outings are unavoidably held over.]

WESTHALL CHURCH BELLS, SUFFOLK.

The Parish Church of Westhall was built in the 12th century. It has some fine remains of Norman architecture, and was very probably built on the foundation of a Saxon Church. Various developments and extensions were made in the following centuries from the 13th to the 17th. In the latter century a peal of five bells was placed in the tower, and the tenor, weighing 13½ cwt., is dated 1626, and is a very fine-toned bell. Two others are dated 1616. There is no appearance of anything having been done to framework or to the bearings for many years, and about four years ago the ringers came to the conclusion that it was dangerous to ring the bells, and ceased to do so. Since then they have been very carefully examined by church bell founders and hangers, and an old-established firm in Suffolk very recently offered to take them down, repair and strengthen the framework, provide new stock, gudgeons and bearings, turn the bells, put in new clappers, new wheels, guides, floor, ropes, and all other work necessary to put the peal in good and sound ringing order for £63 2s. 6d. The Vestry meeting at Easter cordially approved of the proposal that this work should be done, and friends in the parish have raised £30 towards the cost. The Vicar (the Rev. S. Smith) and the churchwardens are now appealing to friends outside to help them raise the balance. Any contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Vicar.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, April 13th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, (1328 changes), in 48 mins., by the local band, as a farewell to F. J. Laker, who has recently left the town for Canada: J. Muggridge 1, H. Porter 2, G. Thompson 3, A. Verralls 4, W. Smith 5, S. J. Perkins, junr., 6, F. J. Laker 7, S. Perkins, senr. (conductor) 8.—On December 22nd, 1912, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1328 changes), was rung in 50 mins.: J. Muggridge 1, J. Perkins 2, G. Thompson 3, A. Verralls 4, W. Smith 5, W. Latter 6, J. Laker 7, S. Perkins (conductor) 8.

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The Exercise includes in its ranks many men who in other walks of life occupy high places. One such is Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of Hill Top, King's Norton, who for some years has been Presiding Master of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Mr. Pritchett has had a distinguished career both in his profession as a barrister, and in public life. An erudite scholar, he is a great linguist, while in public affairs he has given much valuable time to matters of local government. His interests are widely diffused, yet amid all, he finds time to pursue the art of ringing, in which he is keenly interested, and has reached no mean pinnacle of fame. With his three brothers he learned to ring at King's Norton as a boy, and followed up the Art at Oxford as a member of the University Guild. He joined the College Youths in 1875 and



MR. J. S. PRITCHETT.

has been a member of St. Martin's Guild since 1874, having occupied the position of Master for about seven years. He is a vice-president of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, a member of the Midland Counties and other Associations. He joined the Central Council many years ago as a representative of the Worcestershire Association, and has been an hon. member for the last ten years. Unfortunately Mr. Pritchett has not kept a record of his peals, but he has rung well over a hundred, including all the standard methods and also Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques, in all of which methods he has conducted peals. Mr. Pritchett's record in this direction is one of which he might well be proud, but he is prouder still of the fact that he has rung regularly for Sunday morning service for more than 40 years.

Educated at Birmingham and Oxford, Mr. Pritchett in 1869 was first in all England in the Oxford (Junior) Local

Examination. An exhibitioner to Balliol College in 1873, he took a first class in mathematics in 1877, and became M.A. in 1880, and B.C.L. in 1886. In 1881 he was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple. He was a member of the King's Norton School Board from 1895 to 1898, a county councillor for Worcestershire 1899-1911, and became an alderman of the Birmingham City Council in 1911. In connection with his linguistic attainments it is interesting to note that he took first prize for translation from Welsh into English at the Birmingham Eisteddfod, in 1909; and has made a critical study of Don Quixote in the Spanish of Cervantes, and the Kalevala in the original Finnish. Mr. Pritchett has many distinctions in Freemasonry, Royal Arch and Mark Masonry, while he is also a Provincial Grand Treasurer of Knights Templars, and in Rose Croix is a member of the Thirty-first Degree. He remains also a vice-president of the Birmingham Undeb y Brythoniaid (Union of Britons).

It is extremely pleasant to think that in a life of such great activity Mr. Pritchett is still able to take so important a place in our Exercise.

ODD CHANGES.

Referring to our article upon the Kent ringer and county cricketer, George Collins, a correspondent reminds us that the name of Cox, of Sussex, should be added as that of a ringer and first class cricketer. For some time he formed one of the Warnham band, and was a good striker, but on taking up cricket as a professional his interest in ringing somewhat waned. As is well known, he has been for many years one of the mainstays of the Sussex team, and many performances, both with bat and ball, stand to his credit, though it is more in the bowling department than with the willow that he has made his reputation.

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In reply to the correspondent who inquired if there are any bells hung with iron headstocks and with the cannons retained, we are informed that the front six of the peal of twelve at Christ Church, West Bromwich, were so hung by Messrs. Barwell and Co., some years ago.

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The first twelve-bell peal in Birmingham was rung 140 years ago last Tuesday. This was a peal of Grandsire Cinques, 5324 changes, at St. Martin's, on June 3rd, 1773, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. by: Robert Peck treble, Richard Newman 2, Daniel Veisey 3, Thos. Corbin 4, John Smith 5, Thos. Hadley 6, William Rendall 7, Phineas Smith 8, John Foster 9, Samuel Brooke 10, Thos. Medlam 11, Jame Nock and John Miles tenor. Composed and conducted by P. Smith. There have been a few peals rung at St. Martin's since then!

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Ringers visiting the Agricultural Show at Braintree on June 11th, will be welcomed at the Parish Church tower, which will be open for ringing all day.

HERTS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Hertfordshire Association (eastern district) was held at Bennington on Saturday afternoon. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman Triples and Superlative, were successfully brought round during the afternoon and evening. Fifteen towers were represented, among them being: Hatfield, Hitchin, Oxhey, Great and Little Munden, Wallington, Baldock, Hertford, Luton, Bennington, Barley, Great Wymondley and Ware. A substantial tea was kindly provided by Canon Mills in the Parish Room, following which the usual business meeting was held, Canon Mills being in the chair. At the close of the meeting, a cordial vote of thanks was given Canon Mills and Mr. W. H. Lawrence (secretary to the eastern district of the Herts Association).

HERE AND THERE.

The eight bells at St. Michael, at Coslany, Norwich, are now being rehung in a reconstructed frame by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye. They have been unpealable, and almost unringable for some years. The dedication will take place on June 22nd. The first peal of Double Norwich was supposed to have been rung on these bells.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Peter's, Northampton, last week, was rung, as will be seen by the footnote, by a band of entirely St. Peter's men. It was the first peal by all, and the first peal by St. Peter's Society since the bells were hung in the year 1734. It was accomplished at the fourth attempt. Some of those taking part have been ringers for many years, two of them for over 30 years. The company are very proud of the performance, and are certainly to be congratulated.

When the Alfreton District of the East Derbyshire Association was held at Crich, illness near the church prevented more than two short touches being rung. Members were present from Alfreton, Morton, South Normanton, Swanwich, North Wingfield, South Wingfield, and the local company. The Association was welcomed to Crich by Mr. George Brown, who presided at the meeting, and it was decided to continue the monthly district gatherings during the summer. The next will be held at Morton.

Mr. Ernest Powell, who for nearly three years has acted as bell warden at the Parish Church, Bradpole, Dorset, who is seeking his fortune in Canada, has been presented by the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers with a most useful solid leather travelling bag, with every wish for his future happiness and success. The presentation was made by the Rev. C. F. Langford. A touch of 518 Grandsire Triples was rung before the presentation, by: J. Lathey 1, T. Hervey Beams (conductor) 2, P. Hayden Beams 3, J. W. Zealley 4, H. Haines 5, E. A. Powell 6, T. Lathey 7, A. Hill 8.

At Warsop, Notts, four bells have just been installed, and a scheme is shortly to be started to raise funds for an additional treble and tenor. Of those at present in the tower the treble, second and tenor have been recast, and the third quarter turned. They are hung in a steel frame, supported on massive girders built into the walls, and the work carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co. has given the greatest satisfaction, the "go" of the bells leaving nothing to be desired. After the dedication service, the bells were rung in rounds.

It was stated in the annual report of the Sussex Association that the tenor at Henfield was being recast, and the other bells and the frame restored. We are informed that the whole octave is being recast, and are to be hung in a new steel frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The dedication will take place on St. Peter's Day, June 29th. The ringing on that occasion will be done entirely by the local ringers, and a special day subsequently will be arranged for other members of the Association. Notice as to date and time will be duly advertised in "The Ringing World."

Another member of the St. Mary's Guild, Acton, Mr. E. G. Mackman, has decided to try his fortune out West, and has gone to join Dr. Nicholl's band at Boston. A farewell ringing gathering was arranged at Christ Church, Ealing, the Acton tower being closed through illness. Touches of Grandsire and a plain course of Stedman were brought round, the ringers taking part being: Messrs. R. and H. Holloway, Phillips, Sims, Paine, Fruin, Cotton, Ridler, M. E. G. and J. R. Mackman. On dispersing, Mr. Mackman received the heartiest wishes of the company for his welfare in his new sphere of life. Mr. W. Holloway, who sailed for Montreal in February last, is reported to be doing well, and it is hoped that he will have had the opportunity of practising the art there.

The winners of the ringing contest between Heathfield and Warbleton, Sussex, for Mr. B. S. Hassell's cup, were the Heathfield Band. In the contest at Clifford, Hereford, open to teams of the Hereford Guild, for the trophy given by Capt. Kidston, the winners were St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth; the second team being St. Mary's, Bridgnorth. We hope to give a full report next week.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. James C. Comb, an old London ringer. He was a contemporary of Woods, Carter and Stockham, and rang what was, we believe, his only peal, with them 66 years ago.

The ring of eight bells of Henbury Church, Bristol (tenor 21 cwt.) are to be restored and rehung in a new steel frame. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry.

The new ring of eight bells, from Messrs. John Warner and Sons' foundry, which are being hung at Dalton-in-Furness, are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Carlisle, on June 20th. The frame has been arranged for a peal of ten, and the two trebles will be added as soon as funds are raised.

SURPRISE MINOR NAMES.

The naming of the Surprise Minor methods, published in the Central Council Collection has been completed, as follows:—

1 Munden	15 Wells	29 Norwich
2 Alnwick	16 Lincoln	30 Hexham
3 Canterbury	17 Cuneastre	31 Surfleet
4 Morpeth	18 Allendale	32 York
5 Newcastle	19 Bacup	33 Durham
6 Chester	20 Bamorough	34 Berwick
7 Whitley	21 Warkworth	35 Beverley
8 Northumberland	22 Lancashire	36 Norfolk
9 Carlisle	23 Lightfoot	37 Ipswich
10 Wooler	24 Stamford	38 Primrose
11 Sandiacro	25 Wearmouth	39 Cambridge
12 Coldstream	26 Westminster	40 Hull
13 Kelso	27 Annable's London	41 Bourn
14 London	28 Netherseale	42 Superlative

AN ENQUIRY.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston writes: "Has No. 10 Treble Bob in C.C. Collection of Minor Methods been already named? If not, I would name it 'Chadkirk.' The extent was rung at Norbury on May 29th.

SURFLEET BELLS.

THE OPENING.

The residents of Surfleet, Lincs, were charmed with a ceaseless peal of melody on Saturday, when the official opening of the new peal of ten took place. The bells, it will be remembered, were dedicated while in the church, and they have since been placed in position in the tower. The work has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the tone and "go" of the new bells being all that can be desired. In conjunction with the opening, a meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held, Ringers attended from Bicker, Donington, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Deeping St. Nicholas, Moulton, Fleet, Long Sutton, Sutton Bridge, Heckington, Great Hale, Derby and Peterborough. Ringing commenced in the morning about 11 o'clock, and was kept up till 9 p.m., touches being rung in Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Little Boy Royal. Dinner was held at the Crown Inn, where Host Battram provided an excellent spread, to which ample justice was done.—The Rev. F. F. Wayet (President of the branch) presided, supported by the Revs. H. Law James (Vicar and Master of Lincoln Guild), C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), B. H. T. Drake and Wm. Blandford, and Messrs. J. Richardson, W. E. Burrell (churchwardens), G. W. Hensman and J. W. Taylor.

After dinner the Chairman gave the toast of "Church and King," after which the business meeting was proceeded with.—Mr. W. E. Burrell was elected an hon. member, and Mr. J. W. Lakin a ringing member. Donington was selected as the place at which to hold the next meeting in October.—A short service was held in the church at 3 o'clock, when an excellent address was given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who took for his text, Rev. xxi, 16, a collection being taken for the restoration of the Ringers' Chapel in the Cathedral at Lincoln. Tea was provided in the Fraser School, the tables being presided over by Mrs. R. Richardson, Mrs. J. Richardson, Mrs. J. Tomlinson and the Misses Richardson.

PEAL OF EIGHT FOR STANDISH, LANCS.

By the addition of a new treble and tenor, the peal at St. Wilfred's Church, Standish, Lancs, has been increased to eight. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have also recast two of the old bells and retuned the rest, and hung the whole in a new iron frame. The augmentation of the bells has been rendered possible by the generosity of the Eckersley and Pendlebury families, who have given the new bells as a memorial to their deceased parents, while the parishioners have provided the new frame by public subscription.

For the opening of the bells, ringers attended from the adjacent parishes of Chorley, Coppall, Penwortham, Whittle-le-Woods and Wigan, the dedication being performed by the Bishop of Whalley, assisted by the Rev. C. W. N. Hutton (Rector), and the local clergy. Afterwards, the bells rang out merrily to the delight of the ringers and the inhabitants. The opening touch, 504 Grandsire Triples, was rung by the Chorley ringers: J. Marsden 1, T. Lofthouse 2, R. Clayton 3, W. Hunter 4, T. Lucas 5, R. Taylor 6, F. Rigby 7, J. H. Gartside 8. Touches by mixed bands followed.

At a tea for the ringers, kindly provided by the Rector in the School, Mr. Walker, in moving a vote of thanks, congratulated all concerned upon the fine peal of bells they had got in their tower. They had a peal of bells to be proud of, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank deserved great praise for carrying out the work so successfully. Great credit was also due to Messrs. Lawrence and Oliver, who had carried out the work of erection for the firm. He expressed the hope that the Standish ringers would receive the assistance of the Chorley and Wigan men. Mr. Mason seconded the vote, and Mr. Marsden (Chorley) supported it in a few well-chosen remarks.



YORK MINSTER.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
Spitalfields Foundry, London, have been entrusted
 with the following rings of 12 bells :

YORK MINSTER (Tenor $50\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.)

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH (Tenor $28\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.)

CHELMSFORD PRO CATHEDRAL (Tenor 32 cwt.)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SPECIALLY REPORTED BY "THE RINGING WORLD" REPRESENTATIVE.

PEAL RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

In continuing the discussion introduced by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Mr. A. T. King remarked that he was very much in sympathy with a great deal that had been said, but there were always two sides to every question. Mr. Elsee talked about the peals they rang and the noise they made, and all the rest of it, but ringers did that years ago. They had only to look through the churchwardens' accounts, and they would find that the bells were rung on any and every occasion. The people in those days did not complain, and why should they do it now? When he (the speaker) saw this resolution he thought to himself, "This is meeting trouble half way, it is rather asking for trouble." What were the clergy about, if ringing was an annoyance to the parishioners? They had the safeguards in their own hands. If the ringers did their duty on Sunday they had a right to have their own pleasure on week-days, if they could get the bells without making themselves obnoxious to anybody. There was no harm in that. They had only to ask permission, and if it was not right that they should have permission, he, as an old secretary, knew that they would not get it. He thought the objection to bells emanated from cranks, who, he believed, mostly lived in garden cities, and who contracted themselves out of everything which gave any pleasure at all to their neighbours. Continuing, Mr. King said when the Council met at Exeter they had the skeleton of this present discussion. The subject was, "Is too much stress laid upon peal ringing?" A number of people spoke upon it from different standpoints, and as a full-dress academic debate, it was exceedingly illuminating. Some looked at it from the point of view of the resident, others from the point of view of the ringer. But it seemed to him now that they had changed, and that they were now going to look at it altogether from the point of view of the resident. Let them take it once more from the point of view of the ringer. They all of them had their work to do on Sunday.

Mr. Burton: Some have and some have not.

THE VALUE OF PEAL RINGING.

Mr. King said perhaps Mr. Burton would give them the names of some of those who had not. He had never been brought in contact with those who had not their Sunday duty to perform, but Mr. Burton's experience may have been different to his. They had a duty to perform, and everybody would say it was their duty to perform it with all the skill of eye and of hand that they could put into it (hear, hear). How were they to get that skill? Were they to get it always on practice night? Some of them possibly might, but they knew the importance attached to bells. They were told that the bells had a message. It was the poet Longfellow who said:—

The bells themselves are the best of preachers,
Their brazen lips are learned teachers;
From their pulpit of stone in the upper air,
Sending aloft without crack or flaw,
Shriller than trumpets under the law,
Now a sermon and now a prayer.

(applause). Very well, if they were to interpret, as it were, their art upon the bells they were bound to get practice of all kinds and experience of all kinds in order that they might become proficient. They could not get that proficiency unless they were allowed to ring peals. That they were obliged to ring, in order that they might get merit, peals of 5,000 changes was due entirely to the Council, who fixed it at that. They were perfectly well aware that there were cases where, if a man had no chance for an occasional peal outside his own tower, he might have to wait half a lifetime before he would have a chance of ringing a peal. There were those who would ring anything in time, given the chance, there were others who were on a dead level of mediocrity and would never rise. Was a man to be blamed because he tried to improve himself and become more proficient by going amongst others who knew more than he? Mr. King pointed out that the great increase in the number of peals of bells was owing to the jubilee of their late beloved Queen, and the accession of the late King Edward and the accession of King George. As an illustration of how the number of peals had increased, he quoted the case where an uncle of his was rector, and in whose time there were only five bells at his church. The ringers rang "stony," and they didn't trouble, and did not want to ring peals. Now there were eight bells in the tower, and the present rector was an able conductor, and they rang a peal a month. That was twelve in a year where there were none before, and that was going on all over the country, and it was not that people were being put to additional annoyance by the ringing of additional peals on the same bells. In the village of which he had spoken the people were proud of their bells, and he believed if every district were polled they would find that there would be a large majority of people in favour of the bells—Nonconformists, as well as people who attended the church (applause). His experience was that as many Nonconformists had contributed to the Christmas fund for the ringers, for whom he had sent round the hat, as people who attended Church, and these people were able to appreciate the fact that the bells had a message, and that the people who had been sending out that message should be encouraged as far as possible. But let them turn to the other side. There were some who had an

almost fanatical objection to bells whenever they were rung and wherever they were rung. They were, happily, not numerous, but they made row enough for a thousand. He contended that they were not the persons they had got to consider. They were the sort of people to be called to worship by a muffin bell, rung by the local muffin boy, for to call them on tower bells probably reminded them of a forgotten duty (applause).

A MATTER FOR THE CLERGY.

Mr. G. P. Burton said the suggestion he made earlier in the meeting, for an alteration in the value of peals, really came into his mind when turning over the proposition before the Council, in order that they might devise something to alter in some way the excessive peal ringing and to temper it down more in conformity with church ideas. Mr. Elsee had given them the point of view of the public, and Mr. King the point of view of the ringers. But surely there was another point of view, that of the church and of themselves as Churchmen. He could not conceive that it was sufficient that ringers should go about ringing peals for practice without special occasion, and it was an excellent suggestion that bands on tour should ring touches instead. As ringing master at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, he had had some experience of the difficulties and troubles that arose. They had had to deal with one obnoxious person, and in the main what Mr. King had said about them was right. Most people liked the bells, but he thought that in the end they were bound to study the obnoxious people, because they would have their way. Although he sympathised with what Mr. Elsee had said, he could not conceive that this peal question was a general question. Surely it lay entirely with the clergy and wardens. These people knew the local conditions, which varied so tremendously, and could regulate the ringing accordingly. He thought the Council had no business to trespass on their province. He still felt that if they only had the tariff he suggested and protection for proper peal ringing, it would do something to lessen the cause for public complaint. Mr. King that morning seemed to make the suggestion that he (Mr. Burton) was getting at somebody. He was doing nothing of the kind. He was only thinking of his own conscience, which sometimes told him if he inquired too closely into his own peal ringing that he could not always find that the occasion was proper.

Mr. King said he accepted what Mr. Burton had said, but in the course of a long life so many people had tried to "get at" him that he got a little restless (laughter).

LAWFUL OCCASIONS FOR PEALS.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said he did not in the least bit agree that they were going too far in meeting matters half-way. It was the wisest thing they could do. They lived in an age when they never knew when someone would spring a Bill upon Parliament to say that no bell was to be sounded in the country until further orders. In Scotland they had that state of things already, and the local authority had power to say to a church when a bell should be rung and for how long. There were always, of course, a number of cranks; let them alone. It depended very much more on the parson of the parish than on anyone else, but the great essential point was that they should be standing on sure ground. The public, as had been already said, were getting much more sensitive, simply because of the perpetual strain and noise of the present age, and, therefore, the ringing of a peal was much more likely to affect them than it was a century ago. There could be no doubt that the irritation caused would be far greater if the public heard peals rung for no conceivable reason than if they heard them ringing for a definite purpose. It was most essential that peal ringing should be done on lawful occasions, the speaker added, and proceeded to enumerate the days in May and June when peals might well be rung to celebrate ecclesiastical and royal occasions. If the peals were rung for these purposes the public would understand the reason, and there would be no irritation because they were rung for a reason which was not in the least apparent to the public, except that the ringers wanted to enjoy themselves.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said he was perfectly persuaded that the unfavourable day had already come. In his early days, when they finished a peal, part of the people were waiting to congratulate them and to offer them suitable refreshment. Now, if they were waiting for them at the conclusion of a peal it was for a very different purpose (laughter). He was one of those persons who had a peal of bells that people liked to ring upon, and when he gave leave, it was not because there was no opposition. He knew perfectly well that every time he gave permission he was exposing himself to unpleasant remarks from people who were fond of bells and liked to hear them in reason, but who lived near the church, and found three hours straight off rather more than they cared about. He would ask the Council to believe that there was a strong feeling among those who were not hostile to bells, that a peal of three or three and a half hours constituted an intolerable strain, and he hoped what Mr. Elsee had said would be carefully considered.

INJUNCTIONS THAT WERE THREATENED.

The Rev. H. Law James and Mr. J. R. Newman gave instances of where the noise from the bells had been effectively deadened by judicious blocking up of the windows. Mr. Newman suggested that the Council should issue a pamphlet to church authorities, recommending the boarding up of the louvre holes.

The Rev. H. Law James: Pamphlets are no use, go and do it yourselves all over the country.

The Hon. Secretary quoted an instance in which a parishioner contemplated bringing an action at law against the authorities at a certain church on account of the ringing at practice and on Sundays. The matter was brought to his (the hon. secretary's) notice by the Rural Dean, and he replied that if the gentleman did bring his action he would not get very much by it. He referred the legal question to Mr. Pritchett, who wrote a most illuminating letter on the subject. Sometimes, the hon. secretary added, the public were most unreasonable.

Mr. Griffin said at Burton-on-Trent, although the ringing was restricted to perfectly reasonable limits—there had been only two peals rung since the bells were recast last October—some person had written to the Press offering to start a subscription to obtain an injunction restraining the bells from being rung, and saying that they had no business to be rung except for a wedding (laughter).

Mr. Groombridge said a similar suggestion was made at Bromley Common, when first the bells were put up, but the louvres had been bricked up, and no complaint was made now. With regard to the suggestion by Mr. Edwards that they might ring peals on Sundays, as feast days, he thought this would bring the nation down on their heads, as the greatest objection he had found was to peal ringing on Sundays.

FACING THE FACTS.

The President said he did not think it was necessary to move any resolution on the subject. The matter was first brought prominently to his notice by Mr. F. E. Dawe. Mr. Dawe was a man who had travelled about a good deal, and he told him at the Johnson dinner at Birmingham that he felt certain that the opposition to bell ringing was growing, and not only growing, but becoming more organised. In that organisation lay their danger. They had just heard Mr. Griffin say that someone at Burton had offered to get up a subscription for opposing ringing. That was the beginning of it. He was afraid he could not take the view that Mr. King took, that they should snap their fingers in the face of this growing feeling of opposition. The nerves of the country were becoming much more sensitive, and he thought it would be unwise to go on without recognising the feeling that was growing up. It had been pointed out to them that an Act of Parliament might be passed to stop ringing, and in these days, when any Bill could be got through Parliament if it was only bad enough, there was no reason why a Bill should not pass, even though a very small proportion of the country was really in favour of it. They had an instance in the Welsh Church Bill. It was perfectly certain if that Bill were put before the country as a whole that it would be rejected as an absolutely unfair measure. But they had a certain number of people in Parliament whose position depended on taking a particular line in regard to that Bill, and in consequence of that action the Bill, so far as the Commons was concerned, was an Act. And so they might have a Bill brought in in regard to ringing. It was not at all a fanciful idea. In any case it would be well for them to recognise that things were not as they were; that the country was going through a period of change. There were more brain workers and fewer hand workers, and they were gradually increasing the majority against them. They would find that in the country places the people loved their bells; they found that in the towns the people who objected to bells were the people who worked with their heads, and the people who worked with their heads had "the gift of the gab," which was more effective in getting anything done, especially when they regarded it as a nuisance. It was by no means impossible for a thoroughly organised crusade against ringing to be successful. He earnestly beseeched them to bear this in mind, and see whether, in their arrangements, without making any great change straight off, they could not gradually, in various ways, reduce what so many people considered a very great nuisance.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MINIMISING OPPOSITION.

First of all it had been pointed out how they could check the sound of bells very much, and as a rule they would improve their sound by blocking up the greater part of the tower windows, particularly when the windows were opposite the bells. It was a ridiculous idea to suppose that the noise of the bells, if it were boxed in, could injure the tower. It was just conceivable that the vibration might bring out little loose bits of mortar from the joints in the tower, but it was utterly absurd to suppose it could have any effect on the fabric. They could do a great deal by seeing, when they rang peals that they got a decent band. Mr. Jasper Snowden pointed out that very few people cared what was rung in a tower, but what they did care about and what every person could appreciate was the difference between good striking and bad striking (applause). When peals were rung by a young band—all honour to them—they could not expect anything very first rate in the way of striking, and these peals were exceptional. But in a large number of instances he could name excellent conductors who had dragged incompetent bands through a peal. There could be no possible satisfaction in that, and peals like that should be discountenanced altogether. They had no business to go into a tower and pretend to ring if they could not do so. Practice was a different thing. Excellent suggestions had been made that day as to the occasions on which peals might properly be rung. They would retain, or gain, a very considerable amount of sympathy from the general public if they could give a good reason for ringing. Altogether there were many

ways in which this so-called nuisance could be mitigated, and he would like to point out that it was extremely important that the delegates who came there from the various associations should recognise that it was of very little purpose for them to take part in or listen to a discussion of that kind which might have no inconsiderable value, if they did not go back and make known to their associations what they had heard; at all events in so far as it met with their approval. That was the way in which the Council should do its work, but he was sadly afraid that members were often willing to come and receive information at those meetings, but when they went back, did not impart it to those for whose benefit it was really intended. He hoped in this case they would bring the matter before their associations, because he was certain a case had been made out for their careful consideration (applause).

The matter was then allowed to drop.

SUPERLATIVE ROYAL.

The Rev. H. Law James moved: "That the Council is of opinion that Superlative Surprise Royal, as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major." He said something like a hundred years ago, William Shipway produced Superlative Surprise Royal, and nobody had touched it since 1823. At that time a band in Wakefield rang what was called a peal of it. But Shipway's peal was false, and it was quite likely that the peal at Wakefield was this composition. As, however, they had not got the figures of the Wakefield peal, he was not prepared to say whether there had been a peal of it rung or not. The system by which he should prove the method was Superlative could be applied to every double method. The speaker then went into a technical and abstruse analysis of the method of Superlative on eight and ten bells, based upon the relative position of the places, and said that the only method that satisfied his proof for Superlative Royal was the method which Shipway published.—The Hon. Secretary seconded the resolution for the purpose of discussion.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said the method might be a legitimate extension of Superlative Surprise Major, but he did not think it was. There were two or three problems which people had spent a vast amount of time over, but had never solved, one was the squaring of a circle, and another was the trisection of an angle. The extension of Surprise methods were, in his opinion, problems of a similar character. They could arbitrarily take a method which had some superficial resemblance to the Major, and they might call it, if they liked, the same method in the Royal or Maximus, but it was only so because they called it so. It was not because there was any legitimate way of extending these methods to larger number of bells. No good was to be gained by passing a resolution on the subject.

MORE TIME WANTED.

Mr. J. W. Parker said he followed Mr. James' arguments very closely, and he would not like to say whether he was right or wrong. He did not think they had had time to reason out his arguments, and he thought it would be unwise for Mr. James to press the question that day. The Council had not recognised any law governing the extension of a method, and it was, therefore, not in a position to say whether the method was Superlative Royal or not. He thought Mr. James might let the matter rest for a time, so that they might have more opportunity to study it.

The Rev. H. L. James was willing to let the matter stand over, but if in the meantime he rang a peal of it, he should publish it as Superlative Surprise Royal. The system of working it out had produced Bristol Royal and Cambridge Royal and Maximus, but it would not produce London Royal, which showed that London did not exist.

The President said the Council would hardly be prepared to endorse Mr. James' views that day. He thought there was really a great deal more sympathy between the various exponents of that rather abstruse question than appeared on the surface. He entirely agreed with Mr. Pritchett in regard to the fact that these double methods on an extended number of bells not being the same method. They could extend a single method as a rule, but they could not extend a double method. There was no doubt that Plain Bob and Treble Bob were exactly the same methods on 10 and 12 bells as on eight, but Double Norwich Royal was not a bit like Double Norwich Major. Sir Arthur added that he thought any method in which they had more than five-pull dodging coming frequently, would never be rung to the extent of more than an odd peal. He could not describe to them the monotony of longer dodges. He thought it would be the wisest course to let the question stand over for a year.

This was agreed to.

(To be Continued).

LEEDS SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society, held at Shipley, was well attended, being represented by members from the following towers: Queensbury, Holbeck, Headingley St. Michael's, Bolton, Long Mirfield, Hunslet, Calverley, Guiseley, Halifax, and the local company. Some good practice was had in the afternoon, and at the subsequent business meeting, at the Sun Hotel, the President was in the chair.—Two new members were elected (Mr. H. Stott, of Guiseley, and Mr. G. Robinson, of Headingley), and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements. Ringing was afterwards again indulged in.

NOTICES.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Downe on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Service (association form) and address by the Rev. A. A. Gibson (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea 9d. each, to follow at the Queen's Head Hotel. It is hoped that as many as possible can will attend this meeting. Shoreditch motor buses to Farnborough, and thence $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles through Lord Avebury's park.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A bye meeting will be held at Bentley, South Weald, on Saturday, June 7th.—Henry F. Cooper, County Offices, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th, next. Service at 3 p.m.—Thos. Best, junr., Secretary.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the northern branch will be held at Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea (free to ladies) at Parish Church at 5 o'clock; gentlemen 9d. per head.—Lillian A. Willson, District Honorary Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 7th, 1913. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by the business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding, 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Saturday, June 7th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH.—A meeting for united practice will be held at the above church on Saturday, June 7th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Abbott, 2, Curzon Street, Loughborough.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, June 7th. Tea and business meeting at the Lytton Arms.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, Hitchin.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 10th and 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on June 10th; Southwark Cathedral on June 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 19th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on June 24th; 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 2. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Shreshill (6) on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—Rev. E. V. Cox, 39, Westbourne Road, Walsall.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, June 14th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea in school room at 5.30. All ringing friends will be welcome.—P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Northwich Branches.—A united branch meeting will be held at Lower Peover on Saturday, June 14th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston and H. Parker, Honorary Secretaries.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Childwall on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 4.30.—Walter Hughes.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, June 14th. The bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45 p.m. Tea, 8d. each, will be provided in the schools at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will those wishing to take tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 11th. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at Christ Church, Blackfriars. Tower open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15. All ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—A combined meeting of the Eastern Division of the former and the Ashford District of the latter will be held at Rye on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available (Rye 6 and Iden 6) from 2 till 9. Special service at St. Mary's, Rye, at 5 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes, M.A.), who has also kindly invited all the members attending to the Monastery immediately after the service as his guests to tea. A short business meeting will follow. The usual travelling allowances will be made to the Sussex members attending on application to their secretary as below. It is particularly requested that all members intending to be present will advise their secretaries on or before Tuesday, June 17th, as, a large attendance being anticipated, the arrangements for tea will involve a considerable amount of time and work.—Secretary Eastern Division, Sussex, G. H. Howse, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne; Secretary Ashford District, Kent, Charles Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden, Kent.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Stafford, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3. Service at 5.30, with address by the Rector. Tea at 6 o'clock in St. Mary's Church Institute, Mount Street. Please send word by Tuesday, 17th inst. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersley on Saturday, June 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at a quarter to five, in the Church Room. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. E. Higgs, King's Road, Oakham, not later than Thursday, June 19th, so that proper arrangements may be made.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting and 8 bell contest will take place at Ripponden Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Tenor 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Waterloo Inn. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by June 16th. All subscriptions are now due.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Winchester on Monday, June 23rd. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Services in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. A. D. Hill, the original founder and first secretary of the Guild. Tea at 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.—George Williams, Honorary Secretary, West End, Near Southampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — The adjourned monthly meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Denton (6 bells). Bells will be available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. A hearty welcome to all ringers. —W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

ADDRESS.—Mr. I. Emery's address is 49, Wellington Road, Bromley, not 29, as stated in the Kent County Report.

A peal board commemorating the "John" peal of Stedman Cinques is to be unveiled at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Saturday, June 14th, at 4 p.m. Ringers, and particularly members of the Waterloo Society, are invited to be present. The bells will be available until 6 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at The Crown, Crown Court, Fleet Street, at 6.30 p.m., can be arranged for those who send in their names to Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, Southfields, S.W., by Wednesday, June 11th. Handbells, etc., afterwards.

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