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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,  
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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.

## MODERN WORK.

### DIOCESAN DIVISIONS.

A good deal is being done in ecclesiastical spheres at the present time to reduce the very unwieldy size of several of our dioceses, and in its last session Parliament passed an Act cutting off the county of Essex from the diocese of St. Albans and constituting it a separate See. Similar steps are to be taken in regard to York, out of which is to be carved the new diocese of Sheffield, and Norwich, from which Suffolk is to be severed. The diocese of Oxford, which now includes three counties (Oxford, Berk and Bucks), will probably be divided in the near future, and it is not unlikely that it will not be long before a similar step may be taken in regard to Winchester, which covers Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, a large portion of Surrey and the Channel Islands.

With the reasons which have led the Church to reduce the size of some of its ancient Sees we, as ringers, have little to do, but the results—the constitution of dioceses with smaller areas—may have effects upon some of our ringing organisations, especially where the societies are now diocesan in character. Those associations and guilds which are likely to be affected will do well to take the matter into serious consideration, because under the altered regime there are certain to be those who will want to go with their new diocese and establish themselves as separate and distinct entities. Naturally it will be in the interests of the established societies to retain their present membership unimpaired, although it is possible to mention districts in connection with more than one ringing organisation where the members seem so far away from the centre that they are not in effective touch with their association, which, to them, exists in little more than name only. These are the quarters from which an effort to break away from the parent society is most likely to come with the ecclesiastical division of a diocese.

To preserve the unity of existing districts it will be well, therefore, for the associations concerned to spare no effort to retain the interest of ringers in every corner of their respective spheres of action. This advice may, perhaps, be considered superfluous, but in view of the present tendency to decentralise and of the desire for still more effective "home rule" which generally follows, it does not require a big stretch of the imagination to see that in districts remote from the centre of administrative activity there may spring up a desire to establish new organisations to meet what would, perhaps, be described as the altered needs of the times. To allay the chance of any break away of this kind, therefore, it cannot be altogether superfluous to focus attention upon the subject, which may, in more than one instance, call for careful handling in the near future.

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## TEN BELL PEAL.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;  
Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM H. DORAN ... .. Treble	JAMES SCHOLDS ... .. 6
WILLIAM TRUSS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 7
HENRY TORBLE ... .. 3	JOHN MOULE ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	ERNEST PYE ... .. 9
*AUGUSTUS G. SCAMBLER ... .. 5	GEORGE POTTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH ... .. Treble	HARRY SHUKER ... .. 5
EDWARD WREAKS ... .. 2	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 6
ROBERT DAVIES ... .. 3	THOMAS BOTTRILL ... .. 7
GEORGE E. TURNER ... .. 4	*HERBERT BERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BOTTRILL.

\* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY JENNINGS ... .. Treble	*ERNEST A. REEVE ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 6
RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... .. 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 7
JOHN W. CORNFORD ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method. Mr. Jennings hails from Ryde, I.O.W.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN POTTER ... .. Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 5
FRED ABBOTT ... .. 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 6
THOMAS WORSLEY ... .. 3	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7
JOHN WELSBY ... .. 4	THOMAS BRATBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, August 19, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs.

GEORGE DEBENHAM ... .. Treble	WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 6
FREDRICK G. DEWELL ... .. 3	HARRY A. TURNER ... .. 7
WALTER RADLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT, and  
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	JOHN H. BENSTEAD ... 5
THOMAS DICKEN ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6
JOSEPH BRITTAN ... .. 3	LEONARD BULLOCK ... .. 7
HARRY KENDRICK ... .. 4	LESLIE C. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*THOMAS M. SHRIVE ... .. Treble	PHILLIP W. MANNING ... 5
JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 2	THOMAS ABBOTT ... .. 6
GEORGE BASSFORD ... .. 3	ARTHUR SMEATHERS ... 7
*HARRY THOMPSON ... .. 4	FREDERICK WARREN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. SMEATHERS.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells by a local band and the first on the bells, which were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, in memory of Ellen Mackworth Dolben, who was ever ready to help the church and the poor and needy in the parish of Finedon.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt., in E flat.

ROBERT W. FALCONER ... Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON ... 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 2	ALFRED H. HILLIER ... 6
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 7
CHARLES W. WHEELER ... 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and

Conducted by R. W. FALCONER.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. John F. Bird, secretary of the Gosforth Guild, to Miss K. Sanderson, of Gosforth, to whom the ringers tender their best wishes for happiness and prosperity. The occasion was also the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Richardson, master of the Gosforth company.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

ARTHUR COLEMAN ... .. Treble	*CHARLES NEWLAND ... 5
GEORGE S. SOAME ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
*CECIL R. CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	ERNEST SUFFLING ... .. 7
ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 4	JOHN MOY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal of Major.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs., in F.

ROBERT E. PELLATT ... Treble	†HENRY J. CANTOR ... 5
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... .. 2	HENRY J. KING ... .. 6
*HENRY J. SUDELL ... .. 3	STANLEY H. R. COOPER ... 7
CHARLES A. GRAY ... .. 4	*LEONARD G. HICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. KEMP.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal rung on the bells by an entirely local band.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Treble	*FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5
EDGAR T. SMITH ... .. 2	ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. 6
GEORGE HUGHES ... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

\* First peal. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... Treble	JOSEPH HALL ... .. 5
JOSEPH WOOLLEY ... .. 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 6
SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. 3	JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 7
FRANK JOHNSON ... .. 4	THOMAS HORTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON.

The conductor's 50th peal.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROOT ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 2	WALTER BURST ... .. 6
HORACE H. COOPER ... .. 3	JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 7
LEWIS WISEMAN ... .. 4	*JOHN ROOT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

\* First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
*WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 2	HERBERT COX ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
JOSEPH J. PARKER ... .. 4	GEORGE ALLDER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble. First Surprise peal on the bells. The band represented eight different towers.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK DAY ... .. Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 6
*WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 7
ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
† WILLIAM MEAD ... ..	Treble	THOMAS BEST ... ..	5
JOHN MEAD ... ..	2	EPHRAIM MARKS ... ..	6
CECIL A. VALENTINE ... ..	3	HARRY SEARS ... ..	7
REV. W. P. WRIGHT ... ..	4	* JAMES TOMKINS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by H. SEAR.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First 5000 in any method. This peal was arranged for the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Hemingbrough, Yorkshire.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 22½ cwt., in E.	
* ARTHUR CHAPMAN ... ..	Treble
* EDWARD CHAPMAN ... ..	2
JAMES HOUGHTON ... ..	3
ANDERSON YORK TYLER ... ..	4
* CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... ..	5
* HERBERT SHARP ... ..	6
* WILLIAM STAPLETON ... ..	7
WALTER PERKINS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and  
Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in Bedfordshire by the Association. Rung on the 16th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Edward Chapman.

PUDSEY, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.	
ALFRED NAYLOR ... ..	Treble
WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... ..	2
JOHN B. JACKSON ... ..	3
WILLIAM B. SMITH ... ..	4
WILLIAM E. ASH ... ..	5
FREDERICK W. DIXON ... ..	6
FRANCIS WOODHEAD ... ..	7
FRANCIS BARKER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BARNSELY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.	
GEORGE S. TYAS ... ..	Treble
WILFRID RICHARDSON ... ..	2
JAMES MOORHOUSE ... ..	3
† CHARLES D. POTTER ... ..	4
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... ..	5
ELLIS CREDLAND ... ..	6
THOMAS R. HENSHER ... ..	7
* JAMES S. HOLMES ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE, and

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. After the peal the band were entertained by Mr. C. D. Potter to a sumptuous tea at the Royal Hotel. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Potter for his hospitality; also to the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness.

WOOLWICH, S.E.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.	
EDWARD T. WIGG ... ..	Treble
* ARTHUR J. NEALE ... ..	2
FRANK BENNETT ... ..	3
ISAAC G. SHADE ... ..	4
CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... ..	6
WILLIAM PYE ... ..	7
† ALFRED W. GRIMES ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the eve of St. Bartholomew's Day.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

* R. GREENACRE ... ..	Treble	T. GREENACRE ... ..	4
W. MITCHELL ... ..	2	B. M. TARGETT ... ..	5
* H. PORTER ... ..	3	GEORGE HAWES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HAWES.

\* First peal.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

* ALGERNON P. STONE ... ..	Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN ... ..	4
WM. W. WORTHINGTON ... ..	2	LEONARD BULLOCK ... ..	5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... ..	3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

\* First peal of Minor. This is L. Bullock's rooth peal.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ANDREW MARSHALL ... ..	Treble	ALBERT RELFE ... ..	4
HARRY PRICE ... ..	2	WALTER MARSHALL ... ..	5
GEORGE FULLER ... ..	3	EDWIN LAMBERT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW MARSHALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SKENFRITH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY WEALE ... ..	Treble	JOHN CLARK ... ..	4
ALLEN GWYNNE ... ..	2	CAMPBELL KINGS ... ..	5
JOHN GWYNNE ... ..	3	WILLIAM POSTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells, which are an old ring by Rudhall, recently rehung by Messrs. Day.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, College Single Reverse, Single Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY THORPE ... ..	Treble	REGINALD SCOTT ... ..	4
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... ..	2	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... ..	5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... ..	3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. C. Hunt, of Aldershot, and Miss C. Rawson, of Elston.



GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

MISS MARY CHILLINGWORTH <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR E. BAILEY ... 4
*JOHN BOWER... .. 2	JAMES ABERY ... .. 5
SAMUEL PAICE ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

\* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd and 4th.

CHARLTON MACKEREL, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. MADDOCK... .. <i>Treble</i>	T. DOBLE ... .. 4
W. DOBLE ... .. 2	E. E. BURGESS... .. 5
W. EVANS ... .. 3	W. TARR ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been hung by Messrs. Doble & Son, the "go" being very satisfactory. The band wish to thank the Venerable Archdeacon Brymer for so kindly providing tea after the peal, and also for the use of the bells.

The following peals were rung during a week's holiday spent in Suffolk by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,  
AT ST. MICHAEL'S ROOMS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 19, in F.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5-6
HOBART E. SMITH... .. 3-4	*WILLIAM FLORY ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. SMITH and MRS. PULLING.

\* First peal of Triples in hand.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs., in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING... .. <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 6
JAMES MOTTS ... .. 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	THOMAS A. TURNER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CROWN AND ANCHOR,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Size 17, in A.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5-6
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM FLORY ... .. 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. HAWES.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,  
AT ST. MICHAEL'S ROOMS,

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

Size 14, in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5-6
HOBART E. SMITH... .. 3-4	WILLIAM FLORY ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and  
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

This was G. E. Symonds' 100th peal.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs., in F.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 5
*EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. SMITH, WILLOW COTTAGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Size 17, in A.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5-6
HOBART E. SMITH... .. 3-4	WILLIAM FLORY ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and  
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. J. SMITH, MRS. W. SMITH, MRS. PULLING and W. SMITH.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;**

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr., in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 8
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE... 3	WILLIAM MOTTS ... .. 9
*ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
EDGAR PEMBERTON ... .. 5	EDWARD EVANS ... .. 11
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY, and  
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\* First peal of Cinques on tower bells.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. E. SYMONDS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 17, in A.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5-6
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM FLORY ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. G. E. SYMONDS.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Stedman Triples at Poole, on August 2nd, was Harold Baverstock, not Harold James, as stated.

## LEICESTER.

(Continued).

### THE STORY OF A HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

#### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT EARLY FOUNDERS.

How was it done? Well, not by aeroplane. An introduction to Mr. Sheddson, a well-known racehorse trainer of Leicester, resulted in that gentleman offering me a seat in his 38 h.p. Minerva motor-car for the remainder of his spin round Shepshed, Branstone and Anstey, back to Leicester. Thus, I was in Leicester long before the others, having thoroughly enjoyed one of the prettiest drives in the county, and had a peep at two places of interest—Old John, a ruined castle of historical association, and the place of execution of the unfortunate Lady Jane Grey.

Eleven o'clock came all too soon at Mrs. Willson's, where, after an excellent supper, we had a talk, to use one of Mr. W. W. Gifford's sayings, "about what we have done." An old manuscript book signed "John Martin His Booke 1777," was very engrossing, not only on account of its writings of early ringing in Leicester, but of a newspaper cutting from the "Leicester Journal" of that year, by which we learn that the first peal on handbells in England was rung at Abingdon, Berks, in 3 hrs. 10 mins., by five persons, consisting of 5040 Treble Ten-in and "Thought to exceed the course of Treble 12-in, rung on 12 handbells by the Cumberlands in 1777."

To Mr. Willson's personal research we are indebted for a true list of all peals rung by the Leicester ringers in the town or in the county since 1773. One of the worthies of the past, Wm. Bull, was a pioneer of change ringing. Most of the first performances were achieved at St. Margaret's Parish Church, and conducted by him, e.g., 3rd May, 1773, 5040 Grandsire Triples on the opening of the bells; 12th August, 1776, 6012 Grandsire Caters. The prosperity of method ringing and the influential character of its advocates about this time, just when the art of bell founding in Leicester had died out, were second to none in England since John Martin gives the names of all the subscribers to a ringers' fund, in 1777, when £37 was collected in the town. The St. Margaret's Society had rung a 10,080, which so delighted the townspeople that the performers, on leaving the belfry, were cheered through the streets, the Mayor and aldermen, professional men and tradespeople, all showing appreciation of this wonderful performance. Strange, too, this peal was one of three each of 10,000 changes scored on the same day at separate towers.

#### SOME EARLY FOUNDERS.

The rapid growth of Leicester had necessitated the erection of a number of modern churches with new rings of bells, but when the late Thomas North published the "Church Bells of Leicestershire" in 1876, there were only the following peals: St. Margaret's, 10; St. Martin's, 10; St. Mary's, 8—in 1830; St. Mark's, 8—in 1872; St. George's, 6—in 1856; All Saints', 5; St. Nicholas' Church possessed three bells, and the rest one each, viz.: Christ Church, Holy Trinity, St. John, St. Andrew, St. Luke, St. Paul, and St. Peter.

The proximity of the Loughborough bell foundry, one of the most up-to-date establishments of its kind in the world, and the personality of the late Mr. John W. Taylor accounts for so many of these bells bearing the well-known name upon them. There is, however, one important exception, that of the fine octave in St. Mary's Church east by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, at Whitechapel. In 1876 the total number of church bells in the county was 998, of which some 147 were considered to have been made prior to the year 1600—thirty-two of these bearing an inscription relating or dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and only 18 dated—the earliest dated one being the third at Old Dalby—1584.

For centuries Leicester was famed for its bell founders, beginning with John of Stafford about 1350, who was Mayor in the years 1366 and 1370. We find Wm. Millers the next bell founder, who died in 1506, being described as "Bell Heytan" or "Yeytaur," that is, Bellzetter, according to his will dated 29th November, 1506. He left three children, none of whom appear to have been associated with their mother Margery in carrying on the business. This Margery Millers deserves a special note since the lady was married a second and a third time—to Thomas Newcombe, who died in 1520, leaving two sons and three daughters, and to Thos. Bett, Mayor of Leicester, 1529, and he survived her.

Robert Newcombe, eldest son of the second marriage, eventually married Katherine, a daughter of Betts, and inherited nearly all his property. Succeeding to the foundry he became a prosperous man and father of three sons, who continued the craft. The eldest Thomas Newcombe, who died 1580, purchased the bells of St. Peter's, one of Leicester's early churches pulled down in 1563-4.

#### BELL FOUNDER RECEIVES KING.

The youngest Edward was Mayor in 1598, thus becoming the fourth Leicester bell founder who had been chief magistrate of the borough. He died about 1611. About this time, Hugh Watts (born 1582), son of Francis Watts, bell founder, began to acquire a great reputation (the last dated bells of the Newcombes are 1612), his bells being numerous in the county, and noted for their fulness and beauty of tone. In 1876 there were nearly 200 of them still in existence. It was during the Mayoralty of Hugh Watts, that King Charles I paid his first visit to Leicester on the 9th May, 1634, and was received by Hugh Watts and his brethren at the North Bridge, where an address was delivered, and a handsome present of plate made to their Majesties. His Majesty

attended St. Martin's Church on the Sunday, the Mayor and Corporation attending in their robes, the churchwardens' accounts having the following item: "Paid the ringers, being 8, for the tyme that his Majestie stayed in Leicester, 15s. 0d." Hugh died in 1643, and very little bell founding was done in the town afterwards. Three other names occur in connection with the founders' art. George Curtis, reputed to have been a foreman under Hugh Watts, admitted to the Freedom of the Borough in 1627, who died in 1650, when the foundry was probably closed, as the entry in the chamberlains' accounts for 1655-6 tend to show: "Item payd for castinge the Cryer's Bell and for the carriage thereof to Nottingham and backe againe, 00. 07. 04." Portions of the founding gear passed into the hands of the Nottingham founders.

After Curtis, is mentioned Thomas Clay, who appears to have been the reviver of the craft about 1711, so that a half-century had elapsed before his advent, and that was not a very successful one, followed by another interval. Edward Arnold was the next and the last man to open a foundry in Leicester (he having worked with and succeeded to the business of Joseph Bayre, of St. Neots). His foundry was said to exist in Haugman's Lane, and the first ring he cast was for Rothley, in 1784, the name appearing in local accounts down to the year 1798-9.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The August monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Hatton last Saturday, and, although the attendance was small, a very pleasant afternoon was spent and, as an opportunity for good practice, left nothing to be desired. The church stands well away from the village on the side of the main road which runs between Warwick and Birmingham. It has been very well restored in recent years, and the ring of six in the tower are of pleasant tone, with a tenor of 13½ cwt. They have recently been provided with new ropes and, apart from the feel of the rollers on the back bells, go well. The belfry is on the ground floor, and might be improved by having a curtain which could be drawn across while ringing is in progress. Members put in an appearance from Allesley, Warwick, Rugby and Stratford-on-Avon—the ringing master (Mr. James George) and the hon. secretary (the Rev. C. C. Cox) being present; and, in addition, two visitors—the Messrs. Stone, from Burton-on-Trent, who were staying in the district. Word came along the next day that the Rev. E. V. Cox had appeared at the church at 5.55 p.m., and had proceeded to Warwick for tea on finding the belfry deserted. As it happened, members had only adjourned fifteen minutes before for tea at the Falcon wayside inn, and ringing was in full swing again at 7.0 p.m. Two of the local band rang well in some six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, but it is a pity that, with the Doubles band they used to have here, the bells are so often silent on Sundays now. The other methods rung were: Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. The ringers present desire to express their thanks to the Rev. R. J. Hopkins for his kind permission to ring, and also to the sexton for having the tower ready for the meeting.

## RINGERS ENTERTAINED BY BISHOP.

A most enjoyable time was spent by some members of the Winchester district of the Winchester Guild last Saturday, the Bishop of Southampton having kindly invited all members who could, to meet him at his residence, South Hill, Bassett. On arrival, the ringers were very heartily welcomed by his lordship and his friends, and found tea already prepared in the lovely garden.—In replying to a vote of thanks which had been proposed to him by the district secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins), the Bishop said it was a real pleasure to him to have another opportunity of meeting the ringers, and to be able to express to them his high appreciation of their work as church officials. He was also very gratified to know that several of them combined the two offices of choirmen and ringers. His lordship said he always felt sorry when he heard, as he did sometimes, of a good ring of bells in a tower wanting ringers, and of some good ringers eager to exercise their art, and who would become good church workers, but who had no bells in the neighbourhood in which their occupations had placed them.

After a delightful stroll through the spacious grounds, members made their way to St. Michael's Church, where the Vicar had very kindly placed the bells at their disposal for the rest of the evening. Some of the members visited North Stoneham on the way down, and rang touches on the bells there. Mr. George Williams, the general secretary of the Guild, and Mr. Wilfred Andrews, captain of the Cathedral band, and representatives from Barton Stacey, Bishopstoke, Twyford, Bassett, North Stoneham, Dibden, Bishop Sutton, Kingsworthy, Hursley, Southampton and Winchester, were present. Very sincere sympathy was felt for the chairman of the district, the Rev. Canon Braithwaite, who could not be present owing to ill-health.

## PRESENTATION AT MANCHESTER.

A presentation was made at the Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday last to Sergt. Cartwright, conductor of the Manchester Town Hall ringers, on his retirement, after 34 years' ringing.

The present consisted of a silver-plated flower stand, and the inscription read: "Presented to Sergt. W. Cartwright by the Manchester Town Hall ringers on his retirement, after 34 years' ringing, 1879 to 1913."

Mr. J. Sherwin was in the chair, and speeches were made by several of the ringers, wishing Sergt. Cartwright long life and success.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**

On Saturday last the first official meeting of the Guild to be held at the tower, was held at Yardley, in beautiful weather. The church is situated in a very pretty spot, some five miles from the centre of Birmingham, which, although now within the city boundary, still retains a very rural aspect. It is a rather small, but very ancient building, and has a fine tower containing a ring of six bells, with a tenor about 13 cwt. The tower carries an exceedingly well proportioned and lofty spire, which is a prominent landmark for many miles around.

The bells were set going early in the afternoon, some very good touches in various methods being accomplished before the members adjourned to the Talbot Hotel for tea. After tea, members to the number of eight or nine indulged in the royal and ancient game of bowls, being watched and alternately applauded or laughed at by the other members sitting round.

The subsequent business meeting was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. W. H. Godden). After the routine business had been disposed of, Mr. Painter thanked the members for their practical sympathy with him in his recent long illness, and said that he hoped soon to be coming amongst them again as of old.—Three new members were elected, and Handsworth was decided upon as the place of the next meeting.—The tower was again visited, and touches in the standard methods, Cambridge and Double Court were successfully brought round.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held at Balcombe, on Saturday, and was very well attended, between thirty and forty being present, including Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and a short service, led by the choir, was held in the church, a helpful address being given by the Rector. Tea followed in the Assembly Room, and the business meeting was afterwards held, the Rector (the Rev. D. L. Secretan) presiding.—Several new members were elected, including the Rector as an hon. member of the Association.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his kindness in welcoming the Association to Balcombe, and providing such an excellent tea for them. In reply, the Rector said he was very pleased to do what he had done on behalf of the Association, and hoped they would come again in the near future.—The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till close on nine o'clock.

**WOLVERHAMPTON RINGERS' HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES.**

Our American friends occasionally send us a few of Artimus Ward's exaggerations. After relating a fishing experience of mine, my bell ringing colleagues will think that I have been spending my holidays there, but nothing of the kind. I have seen and heard some very remarkable things while staying at the Isle of Man—piscatorial bell ringing, the curvature of the earth, and some good sermons. While on Douglas Head one evening watching "patience on one end and a worm on the other," I ventured a conversation with an old angler who had just told me of some remarkable happenings, and the size of herring sharks they catch when deep sea fishing, when I was startled by the ringing of a bell. The angler had a "bite," which so awakened my curiosity that I was led to examine the "belfry." This was a short rod, with a bell so attached at the end that when a fish got hold of the bait the bell would ring. It was not bell ringing to call worshippers to evensong, but a piscatorial bell accepting the challenge of an offer. It was not the divine invitation, "Come to Me all ye who are heavy laden," but take me if you are not heavy laden. I questioned this old angler on judging the distance of a ship, the masts of which could be just seen on the horizon which was one of the proofs that this earth is a globe. My angling acquaintance was content that he was standing on the flat part, and satisfied that the waters are horizontal and his bell a good fisherman's float. Anyone going to Douglas in the season should not fail to attend open-air service at Kirk Braddon on a Sunday morning to hear the Bishop of Sodor and Man preach to some 20 to 30 thousand people. He has a magic charm of voice, his delivery is distinct and impressive, he captivates his hearers, and appeals to their conscience. He needs no bell to call his flock together. They flock to him. "His looks adorned the venerable place; truth from his lips prevails with double sway, and fools who came to scoff remained to pray." D.J.

**THE OXFORD GUILD.**

Combined practices were held at Stoke Poges on August 16th, and at Chalfont St. Peter, on August 20th, when the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Double Oxford.

**L. BULLOCK'S 100 PEALS.**

Minor in one method, 4 (conducted 4); in two methods, 1 (1); in three methods, 1 (1); in seven methods, 2; Grandsire Triples, 28 (13); on handbells, 4; Stedman Triples, 31 (1); Bob Major, 3 (2); Duffield Major, 2; Double Norwich, 7 (1); Superlative Surprise, 7; Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; London Surprise, 3; Grandsire Caters, 4; Stedman Caters, 1; total, 100 (conducted 23).

**BRISTOL RINGERS VISIT CHANNEL ISLANDS****THE FIRST 720 OF MINOR IN GUERNSEY.**

The St. Nicholas Guild, Bristol, are nothing if not original in the way they spend their annual holiday. This year it was arranged to visit the Channel Islands, the journey from Southampton being accompanied on the South-western steamer "Lydia," Guernsey being reached on Saturday morning about 8 o'clock, after a fairly good passage with about 1½ hours of boisterous weather thrown in, making many of the passengers, who were not good sailors, begin to "feed the fishes." Fortunately the Bristol party proved to be made of the right material for boat trips, as not one felt any ill-effects from the rolling of the boat, and every man reached Guernsey and his lodgings fit to eat his hat if need be. It may be well to mention that it does not require sea trips to sharpen the appetites of Bristol ringers, and the writer will not soon forget what vanished from sight when a crab supper was put on the table. Does the cap fit?

One of the pleasures anticipated during the outing (permission having been granted) was to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples at the town church (St. Peter Port), the bells of which had quite recently been re-dedicated, after being recast by a French firm. The bell hanger, however, had but a scanty idea of hanging bells for change ringing, as it was soon found that to attempt a peal was out of the question, for the bells were rehung with the old stocks, etc., the chief aim being to favour the best way to fix the chiming apparatus for chiming. This meant that "sliders" and other important accessories were ignored. This soon became apparent when the bells were being raised, and it was with great difficulty they were rung round. This damped the spirits of those whose thoughts were of attempting to ring a peal in Guernsey. An inspection of the frame, etc., soon convinced the visitors that it would be a difficult matter to ring decently, and it was then the handy men of the party, whose eagle eyes discovered that the grease pot, some string, and some labour and patience, would improve matters a little. It was, however, decided to start for a quarter-peal of Stedman, but this came to grief after ringing nine courses, the tenor man not being able to keep the bell up. The inside men were also gradually wasting from the honest sweat which dropped from their manly brows, and had had quite enough for one day. However, not to be denied the pleasure of being able to record the first quarter-peal on the bells, it was arranged to meet to ring for the evening service on the Sunday with two men on the tenor, but again failure has to be told, for, once more, when nine courses had been rung a general collapse occurred. A course of Major and some Grandsire Triples were brought round after some difficulty. An English bell hanger would do much good in the tower.

There is a very nice ring of six bells at the Vale Church, some two to three miles out, which were rehung by Warner and Sons some few years ago, and a 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung on them before morning service, to the consternation of the local ringers. These men had stands in the centre of the belfry with cards showing, in figures, the bells to take, and they could not understand how it was done without anything to guide the ringers. The 720 was rung by: G. Wiltshire 1, F. G. May (conductor) 2, F. K. Howell 3, F. W. Wade 4, H. T. Howell 5, I. Long 6. This was the first 720 ever rung in Guernsey.

On the Monday a visit was paid to Sark—very interesting to archaeologists, but not to bellringers, and some of the stalwarts were leg weary and tired, by scaling the heights and having to tramp practically all over the island, before returning to Guernsey. Nevertheless, the day was an enjoyable one. Tuesday saw the first break up of the party, three having to return to their duties in Bristol. Others went on to sample sunny Jersey, and spend several enjoyable days visiting notable places of interest, etc., the last of the company returning to Bristol late on the Saturday. The following members made the visit: H. T. Howell, F. K. Howell, J. Richmond, I. Long, W. Bevan, F. W. Wade, G. Wiltshire, C. Scull and F. G. May. Regret was expressed that all the members of the Guild could not avail themselves of so unique an outing which has been acclaimed as being absolutely the best ever arranged by and for the Guild, although a few years ago Paris was visited, but it did not meet with the same amount of approval. There is a hint dropped that a trip to Canada would make a decent outing for 1914. Will all interested kindly note and send names early to avoid disappointment?

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday last the members of the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association met at Worsley. Manchester, Pendleton, Walkden, Hyde, New Mills, Newchurch, Bolton, Oldham, etc., were represented. Mr. Joseph Ridyard presided at the meeting, and gave a hearty welcome on behalf of the ringers of Worsley. He expressed regret at the inability of the Vicar to be present, owing to a serious illness.—A further discussion on the suggested holding of monthly practices in Manchester, which is the centre of the branch, took place, and it was decided to bring the matter up for decision at the annual branch meeting to be held at the Cathedral.

Mr. Jas. Barratt, of Eccles, was nominated for vice-president of the Association; Mr. J. H. Banks (Helmshore) as ringing secretary; Mr. S. Greenhaleh (Pendleton) and Mr. J. Potter (Walkden), as auditors.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, wardens and ringers, for having everything in readiness.—Touches of Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and Double Norwich were rung during the day.



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## BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— DURHAM.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The early history of the bells of Durham Cathedral, from an old history of the Cathedral, is as follows: "In the west end of the church, and of the north alley over the Galilee door, is a belfry called the Galilee steeple, wherein did hang four great bells, which were never rang but at principal feasts, or at such times as the bishop came to town. Every Sunday in the year a sermon was preached in the Galilee from one in the afternoon to three, previous to which at twelve the great bell of the Galilee tolled three quarters of an hour, and rung the fourth quarter till one of the clock, that the people of the town might have warning to come and hear the word of God preached.

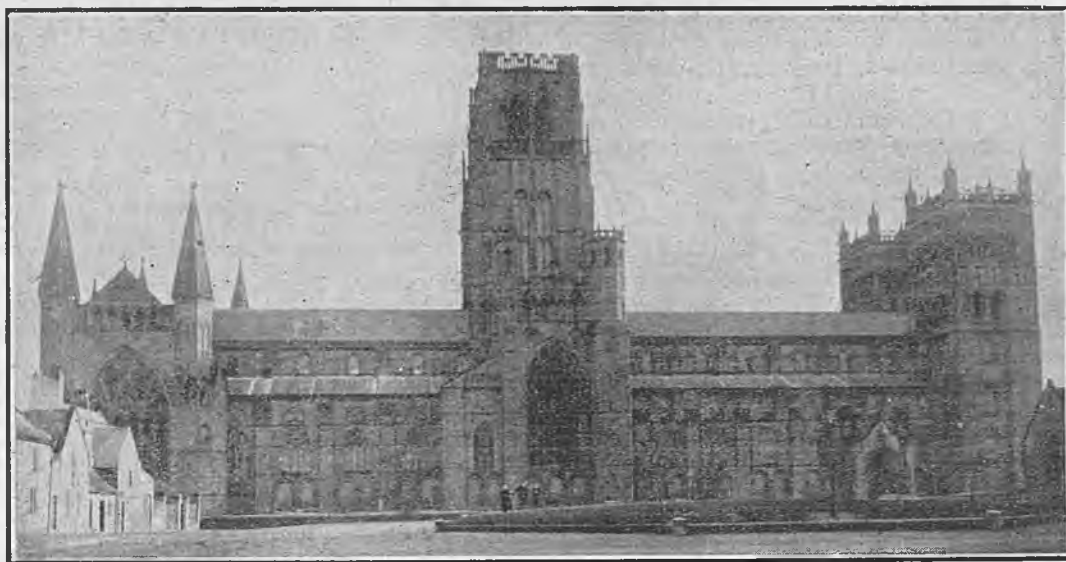
"There were certain officers of the said house who were

The bell that remained in the Galilee tower was used as a sanctuary bell. Its use is thus described in a old account: "In the old time before the house was suppresst, the Abbey Church, the church-yard, and all the circuit thereof, was a sanctuary for all manner of men that committed any great offence, as killing a man in his own defence. Certain men did lye in two chambers, over the north door, for the purpose that when any such offender, did come and knock they were instantly let in at any hour of the night, and did run quickly to the Galilee bell and toll'd it, that whosoever heard it might know that some had taken sanctuary."

In 1693 the bells were cast into a peal of eight by Christopher Hodson, a London bell-founder. Three of them have since been recast, and the peal now bears the following inscriptions:

### *Treble.*

WM. DIGBY, L.L.D. DEAN OF DURHAM 1780  
(cherub's head) PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON  
FECERUNT.



DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

always charged, whenever the said bells were tolled, to be in readiness to ring them: viz., two men of the kitchen were charged with ringing one bell; and four men of the church, who did lye always in the church, were charged with the third bell; and *five* others were to ring the great bell, viz., *two* of the bakehouse; *two* of the brewhouse; and *two* of the kiln. [Query: how do three two's make five?] In the latter days of King Henry VIII the house was suppressed; and after that time the bells were never rung.

"In Queen Elizabeth's reign, Dean Whittingham perceiving them not to be occupied nor rung a great while before his time, was purposed to have them taken down and broken them for other uses. When Thomas Spark, the bishop's suffragan, residing at Durham, and keeping home at the same time, did send into Yorkshire for a workman, and caused three of the said bells to be taken down, hung up in the new work called the Lanthorne, and made a goodly chime be set on the saide bells, which cost him in charges thirty or forty pound, which chime endureth to this day; otherwise the said bells had been spoiled and defaced."

### *Second.*

OLIM · CAMPANA · S · MARGARETAE 000 DEC ·  
ET · CAP · DVNELM · REFEC · A · D · MDCXCIII ∇

### *Third.*

CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1781.  
WM. DIGBY, L.L.D. DEAN OF DURHAM.

### *Fourth.*

SIT · NOMEN · DOMINI · BENEDICTUM · ME ·  
OLIM · CAMPANA · S · BENEDICTI 000 (1693)  
REFECERUNT · D · ET · C · DUNELM · A · D ·  
MDCCCXCVI 000 [Recast by Mears & Stainbank].

### *Fifth.*

OLIM 0 CAMPANA 0 S 000 MICHAELIS 000  
DECANVS 0 ET 0 CAP 0 REFECERVNT 0 A 0 D  
0 MDCXCIII ∇

### *Sixth.*

OLIM 0 CAMPANA 0 BONI 0 BEDAE 0 CHRIS-  
TOPHER 0 HODSON 000 I 0 H 00 DEC 0 ET 0  
CAP 0 DVNELM 0 REFEC 0 A · D · MDCXCIII 000 ∇

*Seventh.*

OLIM · CAMP · S · OSWALDI · QVAM · FIERI ·  
 FECIT · R · DE · DVNELM · DEC · ET · CAP ·  
 DVNELM · REFECERVNT · A · D · MDCXCIII ·  
 CHR · HODSON · ARTIFICE ∪

*Tenor.*

CAMP · S · CVTHBERTI · OLIM · GALALEA · DEC ·  
 ET · CAP · DVNELM · REFECERVNT · A · D ·  
 MDCXCIII o o o T · COMBER · S · T · P · DEC · S ·  
 EYRE · S · T · P · THESAUR · CHR · HODSON ·  
 ARTIFICE o o o ∪

The arms on the second, fifth, sixth, seventh and tenor are those of the See of Durham, a cross bottone between four lions rampant.

I am much indebted to Canon Fowler for having obtained the inscriptions corrected up to date, and also for casts of the arms, and the ornament on the treble bell.

**ODD CHANGES.**

The parish church of Sheffield, which, as most ringers know, contains a fine peal of twelve bells, is to be the cathedral of the new diocese, which is to be carved out of the See of York. St. James's, Bury St. Edmunds, has been decided upon as the cathedral for the new diocese to cover the county of Suffolk, and relieve the burden now attaching to the vast See of Norwich. At St. James's Church there is a peal of ten, and, as at Sheffield, there is a very active band of ringers.

Sheffield and Chelmsford will share with five other cathedrals the honour of possessing the highest number of bells, the other cathedral peals of twelve being St. Paul's and Southwark in the metropolis, York, Worcester and Christ Church, Oxford. The last-named, it is worth noting, has its bells in an unconsecrated tower.

The records of ringers' outings this year have been numerous in our columns, but it looks as if trips "over-seas" are now to be included among these enjoyable summer annuals. Last week we gave the story of the Newcastle Guild's journey to Ireland; this week we have the narrative of a Bristol outing to the Channel Islands. It would not surprise us if, some of these days, a tour to the United States was announced.

Mr. John F. Bird, hon. secretary of the All Saints', Gosforth, company, in honour of whose wedding a peal was rung on Wednesday week, has been a member of the Gosforth company since its formation in 1901, and the representative peal band and the willingness of so many ringers to take part in short touches immediately after the wedding ceremony, bears testimony to the high esteem in which he is held.

The Cambridge University Guild meet for their annual week of ringing on September 1st. They will make Pulford (on the border of Cheshire and North Wales) their headquarters; and they hope to ring at towers in Chester, Llangollen, Wrexham, Beltrington, Bachford, Eccleston, Frodsham, Gresford and Pulford.

We record this week the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in Bedfordshire, and by the Beds Association. Congratulations to the band. We hear that the peal was splendidly struck from start to finish.

**WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE PRINCIPLE.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With your kind permission, I should like to have a word concerning the above. I had the pleasure of hearing a well-struck touch of the method at the Oxford Guild meeting at Wokingham, rung by the band (I believe) who rang the peal at Caversham, and I was much struck with the music the method produced. I must say I was surprised when I read the crushing verdict of the Legitimate Methods Committee. I certainly do not agree with them in that verdict. The fact that there is a want of symmetry in the method, is not sufficient (to my mind) to condemn it as illegitimate, neither does it prove that it is not a principle. I greatly respect the opinion of these gentlemen; at the same time I regret that I cannot agree with them in condemning a method with such splendid musical qualities. Yours, etc.,  
 Farnham Royal. J. J. PARKER.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Washbrook is wrong in suggesting that the laws of method construction are a new fangled notion. They are as old as change ringing itself, and history proves that only those that are perfectly legitimate will survive. I am quite willing to admit that "not one ringer in a thousand will ever understand or care about" such things, but the question is one of facts, not of opinions; and sometimes, when I feel unduly conceited, I think that we, who for nearly twenty years have been closely studying this matter, know almost as much about it as the people who never give it a thought. Only the latter don't think so.—Yours truly,  
 J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

**THE SUGGESTED APPEAL TO MR. CARNEGIE.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—I am afraid I cannot agree with Mr. Murray's letter on this subject. It would seem that he looks upon it purely as a matter of "cadging," more or less because Mr. Carnegie is rich, and that others (who ought) do not want to do anything. But this is not so. Mr. Carnegie has invested a vast sum of money, the interest of which (speaking from memory, I believe is about £150,000 a year) is to be given to libraries, church organs and other objects that his trustees deem or think necessary. The point, therefore, is, would he, or his trustees, be likely to consider bells if an appeal was made. We know that he usually likes to give (and very willingly, too) to things that are either musical or educational. Cannot we in a sense claim both? Then, why not try?

Mr. Murray's reference to a church and its congregation as an instance of Irish grit is very interesting. Exactly the same sort of thing is happening at the present time in our own parish, but in our case, for new schools. The present schools having been condemned, the church is having to raise a sum well over four figures to save the schools from being closed, and this idea of help is being carried out. Our church is continually having to raise money for one thing or another. It never seems to have a rest. At the same time we should so like to see our ring of bells increased from 6 to 8, but how can we expect it when things of vital importance must come beforehand? How many years should we have to wait before appealing to outsiders? I am afraid a lifetime.

There is another point in Mr. Murray's letter I would like to refer to. I don't think Mr. Carnegie ever gives the full amount required, at any rate with regard to organs, but he offers, perhaps, half, and the parish must raise the other half. And quite right, too. The same kind of thing might happen with bells. If you could but get a promise of part, there is the great encouragement at once to make a special effort to raise the balance. We cannot afford to be too independent. However, an appeal for bells might have no effect whatever. It is a suggestion that might be discussed with interest, and may possibly lead to some interesting results.—Yours faithfully,  
 Desborough. FREDK. KILBORN.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I should think a good plan would be for the Central Council to issue to secretaries of the various societies a formal appeal for the signatures of as many ringers as possible, then send the whole to Mr. Carnegie. I do not wish to throw cold water on the idea, but I have written to Mr. Carnegie myself for a contribution to the "Shoreditch Bells Fund" no less than four times, and got no reply for my pains. Mr. Carnegie, of course, is very musical, and will give to organs and libraries, but personally I do not think he is in sympathy with bells. Again, I believe he is a Nonconformist.—Yours faithfully,  
 H. J. BRADLEY.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Should we appeal to Mr. Carnegie? I say "No." Might I suggest an appeal should be made to all ringers throughout the country to give what they can afford once a quarter, and so build up a fund, the interest only to be withdrawn. As years go on so the fund would increase. You must still appeal for help to restore any bells that may require it.—Yours truly,  
 Greenwich, S.E. W. FOREMAN.



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 50½ cwt.)**

**ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH (Tenor 28½ cwt.)**

**CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL (Tenor 32 cwt.)**



## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

### A GLOUCESTERSHIRE TRIP.

Delightful weather favoured the St. Stephen's, Bristol, Guild for their annual outing on Bank Holiday, when they visited Cheltenham, where they were met by Mr. W. T. Pates, who conducted them to the Parish Church. Touches of Stedman Cinques were rung, and then the party went on by motor char-a-banc to Painswick and Stroud, through the beautiful Cranham Woods, a drive which was enjoyed by all. At Painswick the only disappointment of the day awaited the ringers, for a messenger was waiting at the church to say that owing to illness near by it was impossible to ring. This was a great disappointment, as several of the party had never heard this famous ring of twelve, and the prospect of a touch of Cinques or Maximus had been looked forward to as the tit-bit of the outing. However, this was not allowed to interfere with the enjoyment of a substantial dinner provided by Host Goddard, of the Falcon, and, after this, games of bowls were indulged in, with touches on the handbells in between. The journey was resumed to Stroud, where Cambridge Royal was rung on this justly praised peal of ten. A return was then made to Cheltenham, where the party was joined by the Gloucester ringers, who were returning from Evesham, and through the kindness of Mr. Pates, a second visit was made to the church, and touches of Stedman Cinques were rung. Bristol was eventually reached, after one of the most enjoyable days it is possible to imagine. The thanks of all are due to Mr. Pates for his kindness in obtaining the Cheltenham bells, for giving up the day's holiday for the benefit of the Guild, and for the pleasure of his genial company. Thanks are also due to the Vicars of Cheltenham and Stroud for the use of their bells.

### A SUSSEX TRIP.

On Wednesday, August 13th, the Ditchling branch of the Sussex Association visited Hastings, at the invitation of their Vicar (Rev. F. C. Norton) for their annual outing, and the band greatly appreciated his kindness. Hastings was reached about 10.30 a.m., and after a look round, the party went to Christ Church, Blacklands, where they were met and welcomed by the leader, and the bells, a splendid peal of eight, set going to touches of Triples, Minor and Doubles. After a pleasant hour's ringing the party ascended to the top of the tower, whence a lovely view of Hastings was much enjoyed. After an excellent dinner, St. Clement's Church was visited. The leader of the band heartily welcomed the party. Several touches of Bob Minor and Doubles were brought round, all the band having their first pull on the well known steel bells, which were subsequently inspected with interest. The view from the top of this tower was spoilt by rain. The old town, with its narrow streets and passages and antique houses, was inspected, and All Saints', with its nice peal of six, was then reached. This item was not on the programme, but finding the captain, who took them round to the rectory, the party were readily granted permission by the Rector to ring the bells. Several good touches of Bob Minor, Oxford, Single Bob and Grandsire Doubles were brought round, and this concluded the ringing for the day. After tea, the pier, with its many attractions, was visited, and the time whiled away until "home" was called, after a successful day. Hassocks was reached about 10 o'clock, the outing having been thoroughly enjoyed. The band extend their hearty thanks to all for the welcome received at every tower, and take this opportunity of thanking the clergy for giving permission for the use of the bells.

### NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

The members of St. Nicholas' Society, North Stoneham, Hants, held their outing on Bank Holiday, and visited Bournemouth and Swanage. At Bournemouth, the party were met by Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, who were spending the week-end with Mr. Goodenough, who was guide for the day. Swanage was reached by boat, and after dinner the party dispersed, some to the caves and others to enjoy a ramble round the town, returning to Bournemouth by sea. Tea was then served, after which tracks were made to St. Peter's Church, where two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung, the Rector ringing the 6th; and 250 Stedman. A course each of Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major was tapped off, Mr. A. R. Macdonald taking a rope in Stedman and Double Norwich. The best thanks of the party are due to the Vicar of St. Peter's, and Mr. C. Goodenough for their kindness, and others who welcomed the visitors in the tower.

### A BLACKPOOL EXCURSION.

The annual outing of the Emmanuel Guild, Clifton, Bristol, was spent at Blackpool. The party, numbering nine, left Bristol on Friday night at 10.30, and arrived at their destination on Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. Breakfast was heartily appreciated, and a quiet game of billiards was enjoyed, some marvellous breaks (by amateurs only) being recorded. The tower was next visited, and some of the members reached the top, and obtained a splendid view of the surrounding district. The party then took a tram ride to the south shore, where all the attractions were greatly enjoyed. Subsequently they made their way to St. John's Church, where they were met by Mr. Crookall, a local member. Two short touches of Grandsire were brought round by: S. Popham, T. Crookall, C. Rawlings, G. Tudball, T. Holman, E. Guise, W. Rawlings, H. Parkins, D. Gillard, and H. Powell. This was the only ringing for the day. The winter gardens were visited

in the evening, the ballroom especially appealing to some of the members, where delightful music and dancing were enjoyed till 9 p.m., the train being due to depart at 9.30. It was, however, not until 12.30 that it finally departed, and the excursionists arrived in Bristol at 10.30 on Sunday morning, having sat in the train for 13 hours!

The Guild wishes to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Crookall for making arrangements, Canon Jeffrey for use of bells, and Canon Hemmings and his churchwardens for again giving the members the opportunity of spending a glorious day by the seaside.

### HODDESDON SOCIETY.

Southend was again chosen for the annual outing of the Hoddesdon Society on Saturday last, the ringers and their friends numbering 19. Dinner was partaken of at the Granville Hotel, and in the afternoon a visit was paid to Leigh Church, which contains a handy peal of six (tenor 12 cwt.). Touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung, conducted by J. Cavill and C. Puplett. Subsequently the ringers dispersed to enjoy themselves according to their own inclination. The thanks of the society are due to Mr. Knight for making all arrangements, and to the Vicar of Leigh for his kind permission to ring.

### MAIDSTONE RINGERS AT STAPLEHURST.

The members of All Saints', Maidstone, company, paid a visit to Staplehurst for their sixth annual outing, the journey being through the beautiful Medway Valley. Watlington, Brambridges, Paddock Wood and Marden were visited on the way out, Staplehurst being reached about 6 p.m.—After tea, at the Bell Hotel, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and the churchwardens for providing the outing, and to Mr. A. E. Gasson, for so ably carrying out the arrangements. A visit was paid to Staplehurst belfry, where touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung. The homeward journey was started upon at nine o'clock, Maidstone being reached about 10.30. The outing will undoubtedly rank among the most delightful ever held by the members, one and all thoroughly enjoying themselves.

## WHAT IS "SOUTING?"

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been asked to explain a use of church bells called "Souting," of which I never heard. My correspondent understands that it was "the tolling of the bells on All Saints' (or All Souls') Day by or on behalf of poor people asking for cakes." If any member of the Exercise has heard of or knows any instance of this custom being observed, or when it was discontinued, I should be glad to receive information.

T. L. PAPILLON.

Acrise, Hall Place Gardens,  
St. Albans.

### FALSE TOUCH.

SHIPWAY ERROR DISCOVERED AFTER NEARLY 100 YEARS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you allow me to call attention to a false touch in Snowdon's "Grandsire," namely, Shipway's 1064 of Triples, on page 57. This runs true only as far as the half-way single. It is the old, old class of error only to be avoided by comparing both the hand and back stroke lead of the single with the previous handstrokes. Shipway published this touch in his book in 1816, and this is, I believe, the first time its falseness has been pointed out. My thanks are due to Mr. G. H. Cooke, of Metheringham, Lincs, for drawing attention to the matter.—Yours, etc.,

WM. SNOWDON.

### GEORGE E. SYMONDS' 100 PEALS.

Method.	Rung.		Conducted.	
	Tower.	H. B. Tower.	H. B. Tower.	H. B.
Superlative Surprise Major .....	4			
Double Norwich Court Bob Major .....	9		4	
Kent Treble Bob Royal .....	3		1	
Kent Treble Bob Major .....	8		5	
Oxford Treble Bob Major .....	9		6	
Bob Royal .....	1		1	
Bob Major .....	10	5	9	3
Stedman Caters .....	5		1	
Stedman Triples .....	8		2	
Grandsire Caters .....	2	1	2	1
Grandsire Triples .....	19	4	15*	2
Six Minor Methods .....	1		1	
Five Minor Methods .....	2			
Four Minor Methods .....	3		1	
Three Minor Methods .....	3		2	
Two Minor Methods .....	1		1	
One Minor Method .....	2		2	
	90	10	53	6

\*One Silent rung in 38 Towers.

G. E. Symonds conducted his first tower and handbell peals of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters: his first of Double Norwich on tower bells and his second peals of Bob Royal and Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

## NOTICES.

The charge for notices under this heading is at the rate of 2d. per line (average nine words), with a minimum of 1s. Three insertions at double the charge for single insertion (minimum 2s.).

**THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Womborne, Staffordshire, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. E. P. Nicholas (Vicar). Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday, August 30th, 1913. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Parish Institute at 5 p.m.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, August 30th. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall after service. The bells (10) will be available.—N.B.—All members are requested to try and attend service.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, August 30th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cloy on Saturday, August 30th, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. King, Hon. Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—A meeting will be held at Neatherseale, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells ready at 3.30.—Harry Wakley, 160, Horninglow Road N., Burton-on-Trent.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 2nd, 16th and 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th and 25th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 2nd and 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus, 7.30; the others, 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury, on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. P. C. West).—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, September 6th, 1913. Ringing at St. Mary's at 3 p.m.; also at St. Michael's and, if possible, at St. Chad's, St. Julian's and St. Alkmund's during the afternoon. Service at St. Chad's Church 5 p.m.; preacher, Rev. E. V. Cox. Tea at St. Chad's Room 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Members will oblige by notifying me by Wednesday, September 3rd, their intention of attending the meeting. Several 1913 subscriptions have not yet been received, and members will oblige by sending same to H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will take place at Portmadoc, on September 6th. Meeting in the Church Room at 3.15 p.m. Tea after meeting. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. McMillan, 15, High Street, Portmadoc, not later than September 1st.—H. Moore, Junr., Wrexham, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of this society will be held at Worksop on Saturday, September 6th. Priory Church of St. Cuthbert (8 bells, tenor 12 cwt.) available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The Priory handbells, 60 in number, will also be at the disposal of members.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, September 6th, 1913. Bells (8) available all day. Meeting at 4 p.m.—Wm. Robinson, Branch Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 3; business meeting at 6.30. Election of Branch President and Secretary will take place at this meeting. All nominations for same to be sent in as early as possible to the Secretary, Joseph Ogden.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, to be followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year. The tea will be provided by the Association (free) to all those who signify to me their intention of being present not later than Tuesday, September 9th.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eling on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Edgware, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3.30. Further particulars next week. Several subscriptions for 1913 are not yet to hand, and I should be glad to receive same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Olney, on Saturday, September 13th next. Service at 3 p.m.—Thos. Best, Bletchley.

**PORTISHEAD.**—The practice night at Portishead is changed from Wednesday to Tuesday.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. William J. Kemp has removed to 46, Narford Road, Upper Clapton, N.E.

**PEAL BOOKS.**—Price 3s. 6d., post free, 300 pages. The first peal written in (with weather-proof ink) free of charge, if particulars of same are enclosed with order.—J. Beams, Fir Tree Road, Banstead, Epsom, Surrey.

#### HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

**VISITORS TO BLACKPOOL** will find every convenience at Mrs. E. Howarth's, 14, May Bell Avenue, Springfield Road, Blackpool, N.S.

**BLACKPOOL.**—Ringers visiting this seaside resort will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. J. Smith's, 41, Hornby Road, Blackpool. Near sea and Central Station. Send stamp for reply.

**VISITORS TO BRISTOL** will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mr. Ponton's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

#### SITUATION WANTED.

**SITUATION WANTED.**—As Gardener, handyman; understands cows and poultry; married, age 40; one boy aged 14; 8½ years' good character; Churchman; change ringer on 6 and 8 bells; please state wages and if cottage provided.—Apply E. Tigwell, Church School House, Bid-dulph, near Congleton, Staffs.

#### TWO NEW PEALS OF BRISTOL.

BY HENRY DAINS.  
5088

23456	M	B	H
54326	1	—	2
34256	1	—	1
45236	1	—	—
32546	1	—	2
52436	1	—	1
23564	—	—	—

Twice repeated.

This composition contains 4th, 5th and 6th bells, the full extent in 5-6, and exclusively in 6th's place at course ends, the 2nd and 3rd being never there. Alternate calling can be used in the second course of either one, of any two, or of all three parts, when the changes will be augmented to 5120, 5152 or 5184 respectively, as required by conductor. This is thought to be the first peal with its qualities.

5056

23456	M	B	W	H
32654	2	—	—	2
56234	—	—	2	2
64235	2	—	1	2
24365	—	—	2	1
46325	1	—	—	—
23645	1	—	—	2
*63425	1	—	—	1
32465	1	—	—	—

Repeated.

This composition contains the 4th, 5th and 6th bells, the full extent in 5-6, and exclusively in 6th's place at course ends, 2 and 3 being never there. Alternate calling can be used at \* course in either one or both parts, and several other variations are obtainable in this peal. It is the first in the method published in two equal parts with these qualities.

**MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.**—On May 13th, a date touch of Bob Minor (1913 changes), 1hr. 13 mins.: H. Whymark 1, H. Cornell 2, W. Stiff 3, W. Head 4, A. Keeble (conductor) 5, L. Head 6.

**WILLENHALL.**—St. Giles' Church, on May 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. E. Wathen 1, H. Ward 2, F. Ward 3, D. Appleby 4, J. A. Brown (conductor) 5, J. Adams 6, E. Horten 7, A. E. Reed 8.

#### LORD GRIMTHORPE'S FRAMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If any of your readers know of any bell frames designed by the late Lord Grimthorpe, I should be very glad to receive particulars of such frames, with a rough diagram showing the arrangement of the bell pits and the side on which the ropes fall. Lord Grimthorpe wrote in his treatise on clocks, watches and bells (5th edition, 1868, p. 413): "I say the bells ought all to swing one way, because then they may really counteract each other's force. The bell founders' men inveterately believe that forces at right angles counteract each other; and nothing but positive orders will induce them to make a parallel bell frame." It is quite true they may counteract each other's force in a parallel frame. But it is much more likely that the forces will be added together unless the wheels are all roped on the same side. In any case the resultant of two forces acting at right angles equals the square root of the sum of the squares of the forces, which is considerably less than the sum of the forces.—Yours, etc.,  
Simonsdelf, Frodsham.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

#### LATE PEALS.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HENRY STALHAM...	... Treble	EDMUND LINDUP	... 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE	... 2	LIONEL E. SEARS	... 6
RICHARD STREDWICK	... 3	KEITH HART	... 7
ALFRED GROVES	... 4	BERT CHALLEN	... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES,

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

JOHN T. RICKMAN	... Treble	EDWARD BRAY	... 6
WILLIAM C. HART	... 2	WILLIAM STEED	... 7
GEORGE H. HOWSE	... 3	ALFRED J. TURNER	... 8
HENRY STALHAM	... 4	KEITH HART	... 9
ERNEST GOWER	... 5	ALBERT EDWARDS	... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSTONE, and  
Conducted by KEITH HART.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM STEED	... Treble	ALBERT HARMAN	... 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN	... 2	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	... 6
ARTHUR WHITE	... 3	JOHN CAPP	... 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS	... 4	KEITH HART	... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and  
Conducted by KEITH HART.

After a lapse of many years, the bells of St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle, were rung open for the practice of change ringing last week. Although the "open" ringing was of very short duration, the fact that a practice took place is a most gratifying result of the indefatigable efforts of Professor Potter to promote change ringing in this tower, where hitherto "stoney" has obtained. We are pleased he has convinced the authorities of the claims of change ringing, and wish St. George's ringers every success.

**GRIMSBY.**—At St. James' Church, on June 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Snell 1, A. B. Shepherd 2, \*F. Kennington 3, P. Long 4, W. H. Heyhoe 5, O. Kennington (first as conductor) 6, J. Kennington 7, \*O. East 8 (first quarter).



**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 8th, for Evening Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 45 mins.: W. Manning 1, J. Watts 2, E. Parker 3, J. Sully 4, W. Bennett (conductor) 5, J. Farmer 6.

**BRECON.**—On June 15th, for Evening Service, 630 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Jones 1, W. Hargest 2, C. Beech 3, S. Watkins 4, G. Giblin 5, W. Evans 6, G. Hardwick 7, J. P. Hyett 8.

**LLANDEFILOG-FACH.**—On June 15th, on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Francis to the living, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Evans 1, C. Powell 2, E. R. Jones (conductor) 3, J. P. Hyett 4, W. Fletcher 5, C. Beech 6.

**IKLEY.**—At the Parish Church on June 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1386 changes) in 50 minutes as a farewell to the Vicar, who was leaving the parish to take up duties under the Archbishop of York as diocesan chaplain; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor: R. R. Richmond 1, A. E. South 2, H. Verity 3, C. Stephenson 4, J. W. Birkin 5, J. R. Feather 6, T. W. Crawshaw (conductor) 7, C. E. Spencer 8.

**CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.**—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) in 42 mins.: C. Remnant 1, W. G. Brockhurst 2, G. Luff 3, T. W. Burdock 4, T. Atwell 5, J. Alford 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, W. Simmonds 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Alford, who was leaving for Lincolnshire, much to the regret of the local ringers, by whom he was deservedly held in high esteem.

**ROYSTON.**—On June 20th, at the Parish Church, 720 London Surprise: W. B. Manning 1, E. Bonnett 2, L. G. Mallion 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6. L. G. Mallion hails from Fen Ditton, Cambs, and this was his first 720 of London Surprise.

**SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR.**—At St. Edmund's Church, on June 22nd, for Evening Service, 720 Bob Minor, as a farewell to E. E. Randall, who was sailing to join Dr. Nicholl's party at Boston, U.S.A.: A. Faulkner 1, C. Bird 2, E. E. Randall 3, F. Bird 4, E. J. Cook 5, W. Large (conductor) 6.

**ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: T. Wells 1, A. York 2, F. Kilborn 3, T. York 4, B. York 5, A. York 6, H. Peet (conductor) 7, H. W. Sharman 8. Rung on the anniversary of the Church Schools and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

**LONG EATON.**—On June 22nd, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: \*T. Hutchinson 1, J. Andrews 2, F. Price (conductor) 3, A. Hickton 4, N. Widdowson 5, \*H. Green 6, J. Bailey 7, \*A. Chamberlin 8. \*First quarter.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On June 22nd, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) in 47 mins.: A. Boxall, junr., 1, A. J. Perkins 2, A. Boxall, senr., 3, J. Trappitt 4, B. Morris 5, A. J. Clayton (conductor) 6, C. Gordon 7, A. J. Plowman 8, T. King 9, N. Brassett 10.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—Recently, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Clarke 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, S. R. Roper 5—6, W. Rowe 7—8.

**SOUTHGATE.**—At Christ Church, on June 22nd, for Evening Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: J. E. Miller 1, J. Attwater 2, E. Attwater 3, W. C. Lee 4, I. J. Attwater 5, A. J. Trappitt 6, J. Armstrong 7, J. Lee 8.

**FINCHLEY.**—On June 22nd, 720 Plain Bob Minor: B. Tubb 1, W. Tubb 2, G. Webb 3, W. Webb 4, W. Childs 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

**METHERINGHAM.**—On June 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Skins (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Green 2, G. H. Cooke 3, F. Dawson (first on an inside bell) 4, H. Green 5, F. W. Stokes (conductor) 6, J. Dawson 7, J. Foster 8.

**TIPTON, STAFFS.**—On June 29th, at the Parish Church, for Morning Service, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: J. W. Jones 1, W. R. Small 2, S. Baker 3, A. Rowley 4, J. Smith 5, A. Greenfield 6, W. Fisher (conductor) 7, H. S. Smith 8.

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES.**—On June 29th, for Evening Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: R. Hide 1, E. J. Pannett 2, C. Stephenson 3, F. S. Sturt 4, T. Gasson 5, G. H. Sturt 6, A. J. Turner (conductor) 7, G. Richardson 8.

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