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GILLETT & JOHNSTON CROYDON, Surrey. BELLS, CLOCKS, CARILLONS.



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

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.

BELL FRAMES AND TOWERS.

At length there is a promise of getting reliable information, based upon modern scientific research, brought to the notice of responsible authorities, upon the important, if somewhat abstruse, subject of the stresses and strains placed upon towers by bells in motion. A fortnight ago we published an article upon the practical engineering side of the question by Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, and last week Mr. E. H. Lewis added the results of his valuable and interesting investigations which, considering the complexity and highly technical nature of the subject, were remarkably lucid as well as concise. This week another member of the Special Committee appointed by the Central Council to go into the matter, contributes a view from the architects' standpoint. Mr. Young shows that tower troubles are not always the fault of the architect, and in this, of course, those who have given consideration to the subject, will agree.

The committee have two objects before them. One is to endeavour to convince the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, that rigid bell frames properly designed and constructed are no detriment to the stability of a tower. Cases have occurred where the interference of the society, prompted no doubt by the best of intentions, but nevertheless, as we believe, by mistaken notions, has led to serious obstacles being placed in the way of bell restoration upon lines which would render the bells practically useless for the purposes for which they should be hung. If with the investigations that have now been undertaken, and the experiments being made, they can be shown that their alarm for the safety of ancient fanes is based upon misconception a valuable work will have been done in the cause of ringing.

The second object of the committee and the one which is particularly a question for the architects, is the relative position of bells to the louvres, so that the sound-carrying power of the bells is not affected but the noise in the immediate vicinity of the tower is reduced to a minimum. We have not yet learned what action has been taken in this matter, but the well-established facts, so well-known to ringers of experience, will doubtless be brought to the notice of the Royal Institute of British Architects, when the other phase of the subject with regard to strains and stresses is also laid before them in conclusive form at the completion of the investigations that are being made. It is, moreover, exceedingly gratifying to learn that the whole question is to come before the Institute, for though the subject is one rather outside the realm of campanology, it nevertheless has an important bearing upon our enjoyment of our Art, and for that reason is one which ringers should, as far as possible, make themselves acquainted with.

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CHAS. EDMUNDS,

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TEN BELL PEALS.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.	
JOSEPH LORD Treble	HENRY LETTS 6
CHARLES DRAPER 2	JOHN FLOWER 7
GEORGE FREEBREY 3	JOSEPH DAVIES 8
JOHN W. GLEW 4	FREDK. HICKLING 9
WILLIAM POYSER 5	ARTHUR B. STONE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS, and
Conducted by FREDK. HICKLING.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday, February 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt.	
ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 6
ALBERT STOWELL 2	HENRY B. BURT 7
FRED G. MAY 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8
FREDERICK W. WADE 4	ISAAC LONG 9
HENRY HOWELL 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.
On Tuesday, February 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	*FRED PAGE 6
*JONATHAN BROADBENT 2	*JOHN HARRISON 7
THOMAS JAKEMAN 3	*ALBERT ADAMS 8
CHARLES BROADBENT 4	BENJAMIN GILL 9
JOSEPH MELLOR 5	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

HALIFAX, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.	
JAMES COTTERELL Treble	FRED ROBINSON 6
HARRY ROBINSON 2	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 7
WILLIAM CLARK 3	J. FRED CLAYTON 8
ALBERT NORTH 4	EDWARD CROWTHER 9
WADE RUSHWORTH 5	FRED THORPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED ROBINSON.

First peal of Royal by all except the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 7th.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.	
WALTER SEATON Treble	JOHN JENNINGS 6
WILLIAM G. ANKER 2	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
ALFRED JONES 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
FREDRICK J. COPE 4	JOHN CORRIGAN 9
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 5	JAMES H. GALLIMORE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by W. G. ELLIS.

This peal was arranged for F. J. Cope and J. H. Gallimore, of Lichfield; also rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND THE OLDHAM SOCIETY.*On Tuesday, January 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas, Moorside,***A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH OGDEN Treble	HARRY HAMPSON 5
FRANK WILD 2	CHARLES E. PLATT 6
SAMUEL STOTT 3	CHARLES H. MARSLAND ... 7
SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH 4	HERBERT BARLOW Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and
Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Monday, February 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul, Wood Green,***A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. W. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

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

Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Society by a local band. First peal in the method on the bells by a local band. Rung on the Festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, February 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of IMMANUEL,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	THOMAS HAWORTH 5
JAMES SHAW 2	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 6
WILLIAM WHEWELL 3	*ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE 4	JOHN BENTLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by JAMES HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Councillor Pilkington, a former ringer at this church.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, February 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WELHAM Treble	FREDERICK ALLARD 5
*SHELFORD SPARROW 2	†ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN ... 3	THOMAS A. TURNER 7
WILLIAM SOUTER 4	EDWARD E. DIAPER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by W. SOUTER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs., in F.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... Treble	HOBART E. SMITH 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 3	WILLIAM FLORY 7
*STANLEY BONNEY 4	CHARLES A. WARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS T. HAYWARD ... Treble	FREDERICK MARSH, JUNR. 5
HENRY JOHN TRIM 2	HARRY PARRISH 6
EDGAR G. LUSH 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
*WILLIAM BRASS 4	HERBERT G. FARLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. J. TRIM.

* First peal away from treble and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Farley, hon. secretary of the Glastonbury Deanery Branch.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt., in E.

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

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by R. ALDER GOFTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major as conductor.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.*On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*THOMAS COMPTON Treble	HAROLD HALFORD 5
JAMES MAJOR 2	JOSEPH J. CAUSON 6
CHARLES TOVEY 3	THOMAS PENDRY 7
†JOHN JAMES 4	JOHN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by T. PENDRY

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal by the local band.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, February 12, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs., in E.

†HENRY BEARDSLEY ... Treble	CECIL J. BAKER 5
HENRY HARRISON 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
ISAAC HUFTON 3	JAMES F. GEORGE 7
JOSEPH HALL 4	*FREDRICK W. SEAW ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal and was elected a member previous to starting for the peal. † First peal away from the tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. J. Turton who always took a great interest in the bells and ringing; also as a mark of respect to Joseph Iliffe, son of Mr. J. H. Iliffe (who is a member of the band) and Mrs. Iliffe.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, February 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR JORDAN Treble	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN 5
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 2	THOMAS JORDAN 6
GEORGE JORDAN 3	THOMAS J. WATTS 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Rung as a farewell peal to P.C. Wiffen, who is shortly leaving the district for Southend.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER CAUNCE Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD... .. 2	WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 6
WALTER HAIR 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 7
† JOHN HOUGH 4	* REUBEN STEVENSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. E. BEADSMOORE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES W. COOPER ... Treble	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 5
* WILLIAM HAND... .. 2	JOHN BASS... .. 6
WALTER J. BRETHERTON 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT 7
WILLIAM A. PUGH 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal of Major.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE... .. Treble	JOHN T. HOLMES 5
ARTHUR ANDREWS 2	WALTER WOOD... .. 6
HARRY THORPE 3	* SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
WILLIAM DICKINSON 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Major as conductor. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains 4, 5 and 6, their extent in 6th place.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE ... Treble	CHARLES GILES... .. 5
ALFRED H. POLLING 2	CHARLES HAZELDENE ... 6
* CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal of London. The peal was a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
* LEONARD A. PYE 2	ALFRED PYE 6
* ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	JOHN DALE... .. 7
WILLIAM BILLENNESS ... 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

* First peal in the method.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROLAND O. POLLARD... .. Treble	ERNEST STONE... .. 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 7
JAMES F. CLARKE, JUNR. ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor in the county and by the Guild. It is also the first exact 5000 by the Guild. The composition is a three-part containing the extent of 4, 5 and 6, in sixth's place, the second being there for one course only, and is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	CHARLES T. COLES... .. 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	WILLIAM GRIMES 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	CORNELIUS CHARGE... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LONG ASHTON, CLIFTON, BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble	ALBERT STOWELL 5
ALFRED PEARCE 2	HENRY B. BURT 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
GEORGE TOMKINS 4	URIAH BRAVEN... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT HARMAN... .. Treble	ARTHUR W. TULLETT ... 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUNR. 6
JOHN AKEHURST 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
WILLIAM STANFORD 4	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. T. Hoad.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DARLEY DALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

JOHN SIDDALL, JUNR. ... Treble	BENJAMIN GREATOREN ... 5
THOMAS WHITE 2	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 6
HENRY GREGORY... .. 3	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 7
WILLIAM TAYLOR 4	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES L. WRIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred A. Wright, of Burton-on-Trent, and Mr. Joseph Derbyshire.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN OVERTON Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 5
JOSEPH HANLEY 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
† JACK GARRETT 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 7
† ARTHUR GARRETT 4	* FRANK PARKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Also first peal of Stedman on the bells with a local conductor.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LOUIS PRICE Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Junr. 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr. 3	EDWARD J. BOOT 7
ARTHUR LOWE 4	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all except J. C. Dicken. First in the method rung in the county of Notts by a local band. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, M.A., formerly of Southwark Cathedral.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 5
JAMES HOUGHTON 2	ARTHUR SMEATHERS ... 6
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 4	HARRY PETTITT Tenor

Conducted by W. PERKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Houghton. After the peal the Vicar came in the belfry and congratulated the ringers, especially Miss Steel, for whom this peal was arranged.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

PERCY J. LANGSTON ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
WALTER SADLER 2	ERNEST NEWMAN 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all except the ringers of the 5th and tenor and first away from the treble by the conductor. It was rung at the third attempt after three previous practices.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. HAYDOCK ... Treble	STANLEY PICKOP 5
* FRANK ASHWORTH 2	JAMES H. BANKS 6
GEORGE BROWN 3	JAMES B. TAYLOR 7
ROBERT LEACH 4	JOHN W. ORMEROD Tenor

Conducted by J. W. BANKS.

* First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th belong to the local company, the treble and 4th to Ramsbottom, the 6th to Helmshore, the 7th to Waterfoot and the tenor to Newchurch.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble	WILLIAM BIEBY 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2	FRANK GLEAVE 6
ALBERT RYDER 3	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT ... 7
ARTHUR UNSWORTH 4	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS, and
Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

Rung for evensong, the bells having been dedicated after matins.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

* ALBERT E. HARRIS ... Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 5
WILLIAM TRIGG 2	† WILLIAM THORLEY 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	EDWARD READER 7
WILLIAM SMITH 4	ALFRED HARRAD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

* First peal in any method. † First peal on an inside bell.

WHITBY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE WELLBURN ... Treble	FRANK S. HODGSON ... 5
JOHN T. WATERS 2	* JOHN W. WILKINSON ... 6
WILLIAM R. KNAGGS 3	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 7
WILLIAM A. BRECKON 4	ALBERT COATES Tenor

Conducted by WM. A. BRECKON.

* First peal in the method on a dodging bell. F. S. Hodgson has now rung a peal of Grandsire on each of the bells.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHEVINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ROBERT QUANTRILL ... Treble	ROBERT MARFIT 3
EDWARD CLARKE 2	CHARLES QUANTRILL ... 4
ARTHUR W. ROLFE Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR W. ROLFE.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDK. W. STONE ... Treble	JOHN W. GLEW 4
* GEORGE FREEBRY 2	JOHN FLOWER 5
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal of Minor.

BECKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Single Court and Fulbeck Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Plain Bob, each called differently.

ALBERT PAYNE Treble	CHARLES W. ELSE 4
CHARLES W. BAINES 2	GEORGE SCOTT 5
RICHARD W. PORTER 3	CALEB L. SIMCOCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

First peal on the bells in five methods.

BARKING.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lbs.

ALBERT FLEMING Treble	GEORGE FLEMING 4
GEORGE BENNETT 2	EDWARD JENKYN 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE FARNISH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FARNISH.

This is the first peal on the bells and the first in seven different methods by all the band.

WOLVERLEY.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in G.

*FRANCIS E. S. SHAW ... Treble	*WILLIAM PORTER 4
*VICTOR JESTER 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 5
*THOMAS J. SALTER 3	ALFRED MORRIS Tenor

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. Twenty Six-Scores were conducted by the ringer of the 3rd, the rest by the ringer of the 5th.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

LENNARD H. STEVENS ... Treble	JAMES H. COX 4
FREDERICK J. MARTIN ... 2	*LUKE VERRALL 5
ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 3	JAMES MORLEY Tenor

Conducted by LUKE VERRALL.

* First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Burder, for 34 years churchwarden at the above church, who reached his 81st birthday on the 4th inst. It was also rung in honour of the birth of a daughter, on the 8th inst., to the ringer of the tenor, who is vice-captain of the Barcombe band.

MONKSILVER, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 12, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 20 Six-Scores of Grandsire, 16 of Plain Bob, and 6 of London.
Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY WATTS Treble	*ARTHUR SNELL 3
*WILLIAM CALLOWAY ... 2	*FRANK CALLOWAY 4
WILLIAM BENNETT Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM BENNETT.

* First peal in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Sweet (churchwarden).

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 12, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH BAILEY Treble	REV. C. J. STURTON 4
*FRANK PORTER 2	WILLIAM H. HILLIAM 5
†SAMUEL H. NORTH 3	JOHN B. HALLIFAX Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. J. Bailey and F. Porter were proposed members previous to starting.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

EDWIN J. GREGORY ... Treble	HARLEY SMITH 4
WILLIAM SHORT 2	WILLIAM POWELL 5
EDGAR PRICE 3	THOMAS POWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal by all except the conductor. It was rung at the fifth attempt after four ropes had broken.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*ALFRED BALLARD ... Treble	EDWARD GEARY 4
GEORGE H. GEARY 2	FRED STANFORTH 5
*ARTHUR J. BALLARD ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor also on these bells. The peal contained 232 singles and no bobs. Rung on St. Valentine's Day.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise and Double Oxford, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

JOHN BAILEY Treble	GEORGE FULLER 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	ALBERT HENLEY 5
ANDREW MARSHALL ... 3	HARRY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Marshall, one of the local band.

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

NOAH COATES Treble	GEORGE PACKER 4
GEORGE EDMONDS 2	ALBERT WRIGHT 5
HENRY NEWMAN 3	FRANK COLE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

The ringers of 1st and 2nd were from Avening, 3rd and 4th from Minchinhampton, and 5th and 6th from Painswick. The bells of Christ Church, Chalford, are steel bells.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob, called differently.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE E. NAUNTON ... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON ... 2	JOHN SPENDER ... 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	FRANCES W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

BERROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM COOMBS ... Treble	GEORGE GRIFFIN ... 4
JOHN HARRIS ... 2	WILLIAM H. THORNE ... 5
JOHN RAWLINGS ... 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. THORNE.

First peal by all the band except the ringer of the second and first peal on the bells and first peal as conductor.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lbs., in E.

ALBERT GILBERT ... Treble	ROBERT WILKERSON ... 4
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 2	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS ... 5
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3	ROBERT G. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KING.

This was the first peal on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. The ring has recently been rehung in new steel frames and a new treble added by Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich. The "go" and tone is splendid. Messrs. James and Wilkerson hail from Cambridge, the rest are members of the Royston Society. The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. M. de Courcy Ireland) for the use of the bells.

BRANT BROUGHTON.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one 720 Fulbeck Bob. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lbs.

ALBERT G. PAYNE ... Treble	CHARLES W. ELSE ... 4
CHARLES W. BAINES ... 2	GEORGE SCOTT ... 5
RICHARD W. PORTER ... 3	CALEB L. SIMCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 18, in G.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Residence of A. W. CLARK, 135, BRIGHTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

AMOS W. CLARK ... 1-2	WALTER S. WISE ... 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3-4	WALTER ROWE ... 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire: W. STATES.

A. W. Clark's first peal on 1-2, and W. Rowe's first "in hand."

HANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At "AUBURN," SHAKESPEARE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... 1-2	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3-4	WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 7-8

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

Umpire: ARTHUR H. HARBOUR.

POSTWICK, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At the Residence of A. ROUGHT, 15, NORFOLK COTTAGES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBERT G. WARNES ... 1-2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 5-6
ALBERT ROUGHT ... 3-4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and has the sixth 19 times wrong and the extent right. First peal rung in Postwick.

A RINGING DAY AT HOLBECK.

REHANGING OF CATHOLIC CHURCH BELLS HOPED FOR.

The St. Francis' Society, Holbeck, had a good response to their invitation when they opened the tower for ringers on Saturday week, on the occasion of the Yorkshire meeting at Leeds. The bells were first set agoing soon after noon, and were in use with very little interruption by mixed bands, including members of the local company, until 9.30 p.m. The methods rung were: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Bob Major. Other higher even-bell methods would no doubt have been rung but for the rather sluggish run of the big bells, which will soon, it is hoped, be rehung with iron headstocks. The tone and volume of sound of the peal is surprising for the weight of metal (11 cwt. tenor). Some good ringing was accomplished during the day by members and friends from Hull, Birstall, Guiseley, Bolton, Bradford, Keighley, Selby Abbey, Mirfield, Huddersfield, Hemmingbrough, Earlsheaton, Peterborough, and Mitcham, Surrey. Handbell ringing also was the order at "The Belmont Inn" during intervals in the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire Triples, Major and Caters being rung. One interesting item was a course of Grandsire Triples by two ringers from Derby, each ringing four handbells. The local men wish to thank all who favoured them with their attendance, and hope that the visitors may soon have the pleasure of ringing again upon the bells after complete restoration of the peal.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A meeting of the Sonning branch for combined practice was held on Saturday at St. Paul's, Wokingham. Fifteen members were present, representing Binfield, Sandhurst, Wokingham (All Saints' and St. Paul's), Wargrave, Easthampstead and Hurst. Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman and Plain Bob Minor and Major were rung.

SHIPLEY'S PERFORMANCES IN 1913.

During 1913 the Shipley (Sussex) band, with visits to West Grinstead, rang 105 720's in the following methods: Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Warnham Court, Double Oxford, Oxford, Kent, Violet, Woodbine, Ruser, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Treble Bob, Cambridge, Carlisle, Chester, London, and Beverley Surprise. The principal ringers were: W. Denman, junr., 103, T. Adams 100, G. Lucas 78, F. J. Bowell 77, R. Bowell 59, W. Denman, senr., 42, A. Cripps 34, H. Turrell 36, L. Turrell 28, Miss B. Mitchell 18, C. Killick 22, W. Peirce 3, and A. W. Groves (Worthing) 3.

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SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

To few men is it given to take an active part in ringing for more than sixty years, yet at the advanced age of 81, and with more than six decades of ringing in Kingston belfry behind him, Mr. John Wright is still able to take his place at the ropes. Mr. Wright was born at Kingston-on-Thames on January 29th, 1833, in what was called in those days the Horse Fair, now known as Wood Street, and when a boy he used to spend all his spare time, when ringing was going on, listening to Bob Singles and Doubles, which were called at that time. There was no Sunday ringing in those days, only chiming, but when Mr. Measer became Vicar the bells were rung for morning service. Mr. Wright first became a chimer and gradually learnt to ring a bell. In 1852 he took part in ringing with the bells muffled for the death of Mr. Gundy, the Vicar, and also for the Duke of Wellington's funeral.



MR. JOHN WRIGHT.

In 1853 he entered a situation as gardener at Kingston Hill, and lived there till 1879. He took part in his first peal of Grandsire Caters on Easter Monday, 1857, and rang the 8th. In 1868 he took part in a College Youths peal of Stedman Caters, ringing the 9th at St. Clement Danes. About the same time he took part in another peal of Grandsire Caters with the St. James' Society. In 1874 he rang another peal of Grandsire Caters at Kingston, with the Waterloo Society, and subsequently he took part in other peals at Kingston, Epsom, Carshalton, Battersca, Putney, Mortlake, Horley, Twickenham, Walton and Molesey, ringing about 30 peals in all, including the first peal rung for the Surrey Association.

On Sunday, June 4th, 1913, he took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters at Kingston, and rang the 4th, and on October 12th, 1913, he rang the 2nd to a touch of 1008 of Grandsire Triples, and conducted it. Mr. Wright

is as keen on ringing as ever, and there are very few Sunday mornings in the course of a year that do not see him in Kingston belfry to ring for service, while on Tuesday evenings he is regularly present at the practice. He is an excellent striker, and even now, at his advanced age, it is the rarest thing for him to make a bad blow. He is hale and hearty to-day, and always has a genial smile when one meets him. As already recorded, the recent peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Kingston was in honour of his 81st birthday, and it was also one of his compositions. May he long be spared to take his part in the Sunday service ringing, which is such an important part of the service of the church.

ODD CHANGES.

For the first time in history the Exercise can boast of having in its ranks a Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Cherry having been elevated to the position of Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. He has reached this exalted office after a distinguished career, both in law and politics, and the Exercise will join in congratulating him upon reaching one of the highest offices open to his profession.

The new Lord Chief Justice, whenever his duties have permitted, has taken his place in the service ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and has taken part in several peals. He has identified himself very intimately in the affairs of the Irish Association, at the head of whose executive he still remains.

The dedication of All Saints', Daresbury bells, Cheshire, took place on Sunday, and before evening service a peal was rung on the bells. The ring is a new octave, with tenor 16½ cwt., and they have been installed by Messrs. Warner and Sons, two of whose bell hangers took part in the opening peal.

Several interesting musical features are embodied in this work of restoration, and in view of the various opinions of well-known ringers with regard to the position of the main girders, it will be found that the main girders, as generally known in bell work, have been entirely eliminated. Messrs. Warner's new steel frame is only supported at the four corners of the tower by diagonal steel set-offs, thus taking the bearing at the strongest point of the tower, and also tying all four walls together.

The recent performance which we noted at Newcastle Cathedral, where a visitor from Gosforth raised the tenor (37½ cwt.) in 5 mins. 35 secs., recalls the occasion when Mr. James H. McCracken raised the tenor single-handed at Edinburgh Cathedral (42 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.) in exactly two minutes, timed by Messrs. W. R. Fyfe, J. R. Robertson and J. Whitson. This was on January 25th, 1911.

Is the ring at Brant Broughton the heaviest peal of six bells in Lincolnshire? For the information of the band who rang a peal of Minor there on Saturday perhaps some of our Lincolnshire readers can tell us.

To a correspondent. There is unquestionably an advantage in using a "box" when ringing a heavy bell.

BELFRIES AND TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to encroach on your valuable space to the extent of a few words upon the above subject. Doubtless your readers have read with interest your article and the letters which inspired it. Before saddling the architect with much responsibility, I would ask the writers to remember some of the following points.

In church building work it is seldom that there is enough money to do justice to any particular case in hand. In the great majority of works which the architect has to consider, there is no tower and bells called for; much as he would doubtless desire to crown his design by such a monumental feature. Sometimes, it is true, the lower storey on ample foundations is put in, and remains for years as a melancholy reproach and appeal standing there with its temporary roof. Then there is the case of the tower built perhaps to contain one bell and a clock and strong enough to resist wind pressure only, this is quite insufficient to withstand the additional stresses set up when, in after years, without the advice of an architect, an enterprising Vicar and bell founder, install a peal of bells.

Following on the above, however, I know that there are cases where, under the supervision of an architect, towers have been erected with an insufficient margin of the strength that is required where bells are installed. Whilst I admit that architects should lead the way, after all we must observe that it is a very complex problem, and one which appears to be understood very little by bell founders or campanologists so far themselves.

The "R.I.B.A." last year asked, through their journal, which has a very wide circulation, for any information which could be given on this subject to be kindly sent to the secretary. I am sorry to say that it only evoked some half-dozen replies, one of which, by-the-way, was from a campanologist.

Perhaps some of your readers would care to give any detailed information they may have to add, which would help to form the basis of a probably very useful report, one, as I understand, to be issued to the profession and the public generally in due course.—Yours faithfully,
E. ALEXANDER YOUNG, A.R.I.B.A.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH MEETING.

The first meeting of the Western Branch for the year was held at Areley Kings, on Saturday. The Rector conducted a service, and in the course of his address, said how pleased he was to welcome the members to his church, on that, the first visit of the Association. His remarks on the history of the bells, which date from 1621, were listened to with the greatest interest.—The organist and choirmen were in attendance, and materially assisted in making the service a very enjoyable one.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, kindly provided by friends, and very nicely arranged by the local ringers.—The business meeting was afterwards held, the Rector presiding, members attending from the Cathedral and St. John's, Worcester; Upton-on-Severn, Suckley, Martley, Hallow, Bowick, Ombersley, Shrawley, Malvern Link, Madresfield, and the local band, with Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster, and others.—The quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Areley Kings, with Mr. J. Reynolds as conductor.—Welland was the place selected for the next meeting, to be held on June 20th.—One life hon. member, two hon. members, one life performing member, and five performing members were elected.

The bells at the church were rung before and after the service, the touches including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Stedman, and Plain Bob Minor, and several six-scores of Doubles for the young ringers.

The handbells were used in the Parish Room for Caters and Triples, and were much appreciated. The members who visited Areley Kings were very pleased with the arrangements made for their comfort, which greatly helped to make a very successful meeting.

EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

This society held their annual general meeting in the library of the Cathedral on Wednesday of last week. Those present were the President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Edinburgh, in the chair, Messrs. Sampson, Fyfe, Robertson, Whitson, Joseph and Jack Stannard, Mowat, Russam, Wm. and John Gallie. The treasurer's financial report, which showed a balance of £5 13s. 6d. carried forward to the ensuing year was presented, and the secretary's report was afterwards submitted, showing that the Cathedral bells had been rung open for the year 84 times, and on seven special occasions, method ringing having been the rule on every occasion, and "Old Graveyard Bob" discarded, a great step in the right direction in the art of change ringing at the Cathedral, which we hope will never be retraced. Ringers had their annual outing in the summer to Inverness, the excursion being well attended.

The following were the office bearers elected for the ensuing year: President, the Very Rev. J. S. Wilson, Dean of Edinburgh; vice-president, the Rev. Anslem Ashley; conductor, Mr. W. B. Sampson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. R. Robertson, 221, Morningside Road, Edinburgh; committee, Messrs. Whitson and Russam.

The practice night is Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, and the Sunday ringing at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT KETTERING.

On the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Kettering District of the Central Northants Association at Kettering Church, a board was unveiled recording the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in the county in which a lady had taken part. Over 50 members were present from Northampton, Wellingborough, Raunds, Higham Ferrers, Kettering, Irthlingborough, Isham, Cransley, Cranford, Rothwell, Desborough, Burton Latimer, Finedon, Barton, Seagrave and Thrapston. The ringing during the day ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, and during an interval the Rector (the Rev. C. B. Lucas) visited the belfry and unveiled the board, which records the peal rung on August 5th last, in 3 hrs. 9 mins., by: Miss Evelyn Steel 1, A. E. Payne 2, Mathias Hobbs 3, A. Pettitt 4, C. W. Bird 5, F. W. Sawfoot 6, W. Perkins 7, Alfred Knight 8. Conducted by Walter Perkins.

Tea was partaken of at the Central Restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting. The Rector of Kettering occupied the chair, and there were also present the Rev. E. J. Atkins (Rector of Isham), Rev. R. Copeman (Rector of Stoke Albany), Miss Evelyn Steel (Bedford), Mr. F. Wilford (Northampton), general secretary of the Central Northants Association; Mr. W. Perkins (Irthlingborough), secretary for the Wellingborough district; Mr. P. Stubbs (secretary for the Raunds district), and Mr. J. C. Shafford (secretary of the Kettering district).

It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Cranford in August. Three new members were elected—two from Kettering and one from Rothwell.

The question of affiliation of the different county associations was discussed. It appeared that for some time the matter had been raised in various parts of the country, and the meeting was practically unanimously in favour of such an affiliation.

Mr. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for arranging the meeting. After the replies this part of the proceedings was brought to a termination.

THRAPSTON DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Thrapston District was held at Raunds, when, in addition to the local band, ringers were present from Thrapston, Woodford, Ringstead, Addington, Wellingborough and Bedford. Tea was served in the Church Institute, upwards of 30 sitting down, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Aldred), supported by Mr. Fred Wilford, Northampton (general secretary), and Mr. Fred Stubbs, Raunds (District Secretary). Three new members were elected—Mr. Fred Gilbert (Raunds, who received a hearty welcome after returning from abroad), and one each from Woodford and Ringstead.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Aldwinckle.—It was resolved that the Secretary send a letter of sympathy from that meeting to the Rev. Hugh Bryan, Rector of Stok. Doyle (who was the founder of the Association when Vicar of Raunds), on the death of his wife.—Mr. Wilford proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the ladies for waiting at the tea, and to the local band for their hearty welcome.—The Vicar's response brought the meeting to a close.—The ringers again visited the tower, when touches of Double Norwich, Superlative, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Triples were brought round.

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly business meeting of the Northampton District was held at Dallington on Saturday, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. L. C. Streetfield). Touches of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a very helpful and instructive address. The lesson was read by the Rev. J. O. Hichens (Rector of Guilsborough), the Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Wilford) presiding at the organ. The Rev. E. L. Tuson (Vicar of Kingsthorpe, hon. member) was among those present. Tea, kindly given by the Vicar, was served at the Wheat Sheaf Inn by Hostess Low. 45 members being present from Northampton St. Peter's, All Saints', St. Giles', St. Sepulchre's, and St. Edmund's; Weston Favel, Kingsthorpe, Boughton, Hardingstone, Cogenhoe, Cold Higham, Towcester, Greensnorton, and Guilsborough.

A short business meeting was afterwards held, presided over by the Vicar of Dallington, supported by the Rev. E. L. Tuson, the Rev. J. O. Hichens, and Mr. James Clarke (Towcester). An apology for non-attendance was received from the Rev. John Williams (Rector of Moulton). It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Guilsborough in July, and a special meeting at West Haddon in April. Messrs. Seale (Guilsborough), A. Millward (St. Giles', Northampton), William Marlow, Harry Marlow, and George Laundon (Hardingstone), William Atterbury (Cogenhoe), Wilfred Hickman, Thomas Loeder (Easton Maudit), John Shaw (Kingsthorpe), and R. Horasby (Greensnorton) were elected members.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Wilford) brought forward the two important questions of representation of lady ringers on the Central Council and the scheme of affiliation of ringing societies.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his excellent address, and for his kindness in providing tea and presiding at the meeting, which was received with acclamation.—The Vicar suitably replied, this bringing an enjoyable and profitable day's proceedings to a close.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, have in hand
the restoration of the following ring of 12 bells:

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

In celebration of their golden wedding Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christian entertained the Great Yarmouth ringers and a few friends to a dinner and musical evening at the Savoy Hotel. Mr. Denison Hayward, Master of the ringers, presided, and on behalf of those present offered to Mr. and Mrs. Christian their heartiest congratulations, and trusted they would be spared to see a diamond jubilee. He was pleased to see that Mr. Christian had recovered from his illness, which had prevented that gathering taking place earlier in the month. He had known him for 40 years, and he did not think that many "golden couples" could look back with happier recollections of their past 50 years of married life than their esteemed friend Robert Christian and his wife. Mr. Christian came to Yarmouth from Stamford, in Lincolnshire, in 1872, as a good ringer, and in December, 1874, was elected a member of St. Nicholas' Company. He rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples in Yarmouth, in November, 1881, and had 30 peals of various kinds to his credit. Two attempts for a peal at Yarmouth Parish Church were made to celebrate the golden wedding, but unfortunately came to grief, one such result after ringing 3½ hours with only five more minutes to finish was very disappointing to the company. A peal, however, was rung at Gorleston, and a quarter-peal at Belton, Rutland.

The health of Mr. and Mrs. Christian and family was toasted with musical honours.

Mr. Christian, who was received with loud applause, said how pleased he was to meet his fellow ringers and other personal friends. He said they were a united company of ringers, and they owed a great deal of good fellowship to their captain and conductor, Mr. Denison Hayward. He was sorry that a few who had been invited were prevented from being present with them.

Capital songs were rendered by Messrs. Pestell, Harding and Ingram, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Maximus on the handbells were given by the company, whilst others played whist and other games.

During the evening the Chairman said he had another very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to present Mr. Christian with a miniature gold bell from the ringers of Great Yarmouth, the inscription on same being: "To Mr. Robert Christian, on his golden wedding, from the Yarmouth Bell Ringers, 1914."

Mr. George Lupton also paid a tribute to the genial and upright character of Mr. Christian.

Mr. Christian, in thanking the ringers for the kind way in which they had shown their respect, said he was very pleased with the bell, and he would look upon it with happy recollections. He had no idea that he had so many friends, and he thanked everyone present for the kindly feeling towards himself and their good wishes to his wife and family.

"And Lang Syne" brought to a close another enjoyable gathering. In honour of the event, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1914 changes) was rung at the Parish Church, by: F. Pestell 1, W. Harwood 2, G. Clayton 3, O. Harding 4, H. Wright 5, D. Hayward 6, W. Lee 7, A. Ginn 8.

PARTING GIFT TO RINGING CLERGYMAN.

To the great regret of both the parishioners and ringers of Saltburn, the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver is leaving the town to take up an appointment at Doncaster Parish Church. Mr. Oliver is a keen and enthusiastic ringer, and largely through his efforts, coupled with those of the honorary instructor, Mr. J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, the ringing at Saltburn Church has been raised from the somewhat unsatisfactory condition in which it had fallen three or four years ago, to a high state of efficiency. The ringers, to mark their appreciation of the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver's services in the tower have presented him with a set of 10 handbells (supplied by Messrs. Warner and Sons). The little ceremony took place at the weekly practice, and was presided over by the Vicar (Archdeacon Lindsay). Mr. Peck made the presentation on behalf of the ringers, and Mr. Blakiston, Mr. Milburn (captain) and Mr. Barker spoke in terms of high praise of what Mr. Oliver had done in the cause of ringing at Saltburn. Mr. Oliver fittingly acknowledged the gift, and the proceedings terminated with a touch of Treble Bob Royal on the new handbells.

The testimonial to Mr. Oliver from the parishioners was a gift of £85.

PRESENTATION AT SKELTON.

An interesting presentation took place in the belfry of All Saints' Parish Church, Skelton, on Monday last, when Mr. W. T. Holmes received from the ringers a gift of a walking stick on his leaving Skelton to take up an important position under the education authority in Cumberland. Mr. Clarke (captain) made the presentation with a few well-chosen remarks, and voiced the regret of the ringers at losing so capable a conductor and enthusiastic a ringer, but wished him good luck and prosperity in his new position. — Mr. Holmes thanked the members for their kindness, and said he would always look back with pleasure on the happy hours spent in the belfry at Skelton.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 47 mins., as a birthday compliment to E. Cassell: W. Coombs 1, F. Skevington 2, H. Barrett 3, G. Isles 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt (conductor) 6, H. Stevens 7, E. Cassell 8.

A DEAN ON THE BELLS OF HEAVEN.

SERMON AT AN ESSEX MEETING.

The Dean of Bocking preached a telling sermon in the Parish Church on the occasion of the visit of the Essex Association for a district meeting on Saturday week. The ringers attended service, and the Dean, in the course of his sermon (based on the words: "The song of the Lord began with trumpets," from Chronicles ii), referred to the foundation of Bocking Church just over 900 years ago, and said that these bells had always marked the beginning of the services.

From year to year the bells had spoken the same clear and distinct note; the bells changed not, and the old truth which they proclaimed remained. The world was not made by chance, nor left to chance, but at the beginning it depended upon God. As the bells were rung in perfect harmony, so they illustrated the life of Christ from the Manger to the Cross—nothing out of tune or harmony. And so in the life of the Church—every doctrine and sacrament was in harmony, nothing was out of place or superfluous, and nothing could be dispensed with. They dare not blot out any doctrine or sacrament from the Church, because to do so would mean throwing the whole system out of joint; it would be just as wise to take one bell from the church tower and try to ring a peal. Church bells were a picture of the Church system, from which nothing could be taken without serious loss. The Dean added that he did not know whether there would be bells in heaven, as well as trumpets and harps and all that was good, but perhaps there would be bells. Whatever God's servants loved and appreciated on earth would be in heaven to meet them after passing through the valley of the shadow of death. All the trumpets would be sounding, and it might be the bells would be ringing when those who had been faithful in God's service were welcomed on the other side, where Jesus stood to bring all into perfect harmony.

After the service the ringers were entertained to tea by the Dean and Mrs. Brownrigg at the Deanery. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) presided at the business meeting, when twelve new members were elected. There were ringers present, in spite of the inclement weather, from Bocking, Braintree, Earls Colne, Colne Engaine, Sible Hedingham, Maldon, Rayne, Stebbing, and Stisted.—At the close the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Vicar of Great Totham, and hon. secretary to the Essex Association, proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Mrs. Brownrigg for their hospitality, and at the same time thanked the Dean for his excellent sermon. Mr. Eyre said he had heard a great many sermons preached on bells and ringing, but never had he heard before the text taken which the Dean of Bocking chose, and from that sermon ringers and other churchpeople could take many sacred and inspiring thoughts.—The Dean of Bocking said he had been delighted to welcome the ringers, and he hoped they would come again.

MEETING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

A meeting of the North Western Division was held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday week, but, owing to the bad weather, there was only a small attendance. The tea and business meeting were held at the Green Dragon Hotel, the Master (Mr. F. Pitstow) presiding, supported by the secretary (Mr. W. Waits), and Mr. W. A. Alps (Master of the Waltham Abbey Society). Mr. John Negus, of Elmdon, was elected a probationary member, and Mr. W. A. Alps a life member on his leaving the county.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Stansted.

Mr. G. Dent proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. D. Tarling, the steeplekeeper.—Mr. W. A. Alps replied, on behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens, and said they were always pleased to welcome the Association to Waltham Abbey. The following places were represented: London, Walthamstow, Cheshunt, Saffron Walden, Stansted, Harlow St. Mary's, Harlow Common, Broxbourne, and the local company. Various touches were rung on the Abbey bells, including Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The first quarterly meeting of the Winchester district this year was held at Alton on Saturday last. St. Lawrence's tower, with a ring of eight bells, the tenor about 21 cwt., was open, and during the afternoon and evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung. Having such excellent ringers among the company as Messrs. H. White (Basingstoke), G. Williams (N. Stoneham), J. J. Jones (Guildford), F. E. Dawe (Woking), and C. Edwards (Farnham), there was no lack of good conductors. The Ladies' Guild was also well represented by Miss Belcher (Bramley), Miss Alice White (Basingstoke), Miss M. Edwards (Farnham) and Mrs. Williams (N. Stoneham). Members were also present from N. Stoneham, Twyford, Owslebury, Selborne, Basingstoke, Farnham, Guildford, Bishopstoke, Alton, Bramley, Aldershot, Binsted and Winchester.—An excellent tea was provided by Mr. Kerridge, of High Street, Alton, in the Church Room (which had been kindly lent by the Vicar), to which 45 members sat down.—The Vicar of Alton (the Rev. C. R. S. Elvin) very cordially welcomed the visitors, and hoped they would pay him another visit, when he would be able to spend more time with them than he had been able to do that day.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Church Room.—At a subsequent meeting of the committee, at which the Rev. W. E. Colchester presided, several new members were admitted either as full members or probationers.

PRESENTATION TO A KENT SECRETARY.

MR. W. LATTER'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Tunbridge Wells. A bright service was conducted at St. Peter's Church by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral, and hon. secretary for the county. Over 70 members attended, the following towers being represented: Chiddingstone, Edenbridge, Cowden, Hadlow, East Peckham, Hoever, Horsmonden, Kilndown, Lamberhurst, Penshurst, Seal Chart, Shipbourne, Speldhurst, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and Westerham.

The business meeting followed an enjoyable meat tea at the Parish Room. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore presided, and among those present were Miss Leny, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne, Mr. W. Latter (hon. secretary for the district), etc.

An interesting presentation was made to the District Secretary at the conclusion of the meal, Miss Leny handing to Mr. Latter a handsome marble chiming clock in recognition of his valued services to the Association. The clock bore the following inscription on a brass plate: "Presented to W. Latter by the members of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers, in recognition of his 20 years' service as Hon. Secretary, Jan. 31st, 1914."

The Chairman eulogised Mr. Latter's services to the Association, extending over a period of 20 years. Few knew, he said, of the great amount of work which was involved in ensuring that the affairs of the Association went smoothly, and, therefore, it was fitting that the members should show in some practical form their appreciation of Mr. Latter's untiring energy. In conclusion, the speaker urged the members not to rest until the Kent Association took a foremost place in the country.

Mr. Latter suitably expressed his thanks, stating that the presentation came as a real surprise to him. The secretarial work had been a labour of love, and he was always pleased to do what he could for the Association. He was especially grateful to Miss Leny, and it was an additional pleasure to receive the clock from her. He assured the ringers that he would prize the gift all his life.

INCREASING PROSPERITY OF THE DISTRICT.

In his annual report, Mr. Latter congratulated the members upon the increased prosperity of the district. During the year 15 new members were elected, this being a smaller number than usual, and allowing for the members who left, there was a net increase of two. The district included 19 towers in union with 170 practising members and 19 hon. members. About 30 peals had been rung in which members of the district had taken part. The ringers at Lamberhurst and Horsmonden were to be complimented on their success in ringing peals in no less than 14 different methods (applause). He wished to express his sincere thanks to the clergy of the various churches visited, to the organists and choirs for their kind assistance at the services, and to the local Secretaries.—The balance sheet for the year showed receipts amounting to £21 16s., and expenditure totalling £7 7s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £14 8s. 6d.

Mr. Latter was unanimously re-elected Hon. Secretary for the district, and Mr. G. Edwards was appointed District Representative on the Central Committee.

It was decided to visit Hawkhurst or Staplehurst in the spring, Speldhurst in the summer, Shipbourne in the autumn, and Tonbridge next January for the annual meeting.

The Rev. F. L. Schreiber stated that he would be delighted to welcome the members to Shipbourne in October. Although there were only six bells at the church the ringers were very keen, and the visitors would be assured of a cordial reception (applause).

Mr. W. Latter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for conducting the service in the church and presiding at the meeting. He read a letter from the Rev. J. L. Cobham, Vicar of St. Peter's, expressing his regret at being unable to be present.

The proposition was heartily carried, and the Chairman having replied, a further hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of St. Peter's for kindly allowing the use of the church and Parish Room, to the churchwardens (Messrs. B. R. Collins and J. Barten), to Mr. James Clark, and to Mr. Archer (organist) and the choir for assisting at the service.

During the afternoon and evening ringing in various methods was enjoyed by mixed bands at the church.

Mr. Latter writes: "I should like to add my sincere thanks to all who subscribed to the fund for the very handsome present the members made to me at the meeting, and especially to those who organised the idea, to Miss Leny for coming down to make the presentation, and for her kind remarks, and to our esteemed hon. secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, for attending the meeting and conducting the service, and for his appreciation of my services. The presentation took me so much by surprise that I am afraid I did not express my thanks to all in the manner I should like to have done."

We are asked to say that whoever picked up a pair of lined gloves at the Parish Room at the meeting is requested to return the same to 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: P. J. Bailey, junr. (first attempt) 1, W. B. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, F. J. Bailey, senr., 4, G. Mortimer 5, T. Middleton 6.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.
PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT.**

The members of the Romney Marsh and District Guild held their annual meeting at Appledore. The attendance totalled about 25, and the towers represented were: Appledore, Ashford, New Romney, Rolvenden, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden and Woodchurch. The bells were available during the afternoon, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The ringers attended service, intoned by the President (the Rev. A. O. Scutt) in the grand old church, and afterwards sat down to a bountiful tea at the Swan Hotel. The Rev. A. O. Scutt presided.

STEADY PROGRESS.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs, of Rye) presented the balance sheet for 1913, the eleventh year of the Society. With regard to the finances, he said they wound up the year with an excellent balance in their favour, considerably higher than some preceding years. He then proceeded to give some details as to membership, showing the growth of the Society: 23 members in 1909, 25 in 1910, 37 in 1911, 41 in 1912, and 49 in 1913. They had had eleven meetings during the year, and the assemblies had been very successful. The attendance, too, had been very good, and the gatherings were held under favourable atmospheric conditions. Undoubtedly the Guild had had about the best year since its inauguration, and the most noteworthy improvement was in the matter of accomplishing peals. Eleven of these performances had taken place, three being rung at New Romney, two at Appledore, two at Rolvenden, and one each at Rye, Beckley, Iden, and Stone-in-Oxney. Novices in the art benefited in these achievements, many of them ringing their first peal. Mr. G. Billenness and Mr. C. W. Player conducted four peals each, Mr. H. S. Humphrey two, and Mr. K. Hart one. Thanks to the visit of the last-named experienced conductor, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the Guild for the first time, and was a conclusive proof that ringing was never so far advanced in the district as at the present day. Wherever the meetings had been held, the incumbents readily consented for the members to use their bells, and hearty thanks were due to those clergy.

The balance sheet was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. C. Tribe, the Rev. A. O. Scutt was unanimously re-elected President, and suitably expressed his thanks. He said he noticed in their report that they thanked the clergy of various churches for the use of their bells, and he would convey that vote of thanks to the next meeting of the clergy in the Deanery.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES WEDDING GIFT.

An interesting presentation was then made to the President, on the occasion of his approaching marriage.

The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) was to have handed the gift to the reverend gentleman, but at the last moment was unable to attend. He, however, sent a letter referring to the great interest the Rev. A. O. Scutt had taken in the Guild, and the Hon. Secretary paid a warm tribute to the reverend gentleman's services, after which Mr. G. Johnson, on behalf of the members, handed a handsome syphon holder and flower vase combined to the President, also a sugar castor for his bride.

The President was vociferously applauded on receiving the presents, and the gift to the reverend gentleman was beautifully engraved with the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. A. O. Scutt by the Romney Marsh and District Guild of Change Ringers on the occasion of his marriage, 7th February, 1914."

In the course of his reply, the Rev. A. O. Scutt said it came as a great surprise to him. He was sure his bride, in co-operation with him, would take great interest in the Guild to the best of her powers, and he hoped both of them would have the opportunity of meeting the members in the near future. He thought he had done so little for the Society, but he was always ready to do his utmost whenever they needed his assistance. He returned hearty thanks on behalf of Miss Palmer and himself for their valuable gifts.

Mr. G. Billenness was unanimously re-elected Master, and Mr. G. J. Youngs, hon. secretary. Six members were elected to serve on the committee, and Mr. E. B. Terry (chairman of Appledore) was admitted as an hon. member of the Guild. Messrs. E. Curd and W. Youngs, of Rye, were elected members, and it was decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Appledore on the president's wedding day. It was decided also, to hold the February meeting at Woodchurch. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman, Host Grant, and the hon. secretary.—The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner with Mr. O. Tribe in the chair, the time passing pleasantly with songs, recitations and handbell ringing.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Buxted on Saturday last. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and a short service was held in church, at which an interesting address was given by the Rector (the Rev. G. S. Powrall, M.A.). Subsequently, the members assembled at the White Hart for tea. The usual business meeting followed, the Rector presiding.—New members were elected from Buxted and Henfield, and it was left to the divisional secretary to arrange a quarterly peal at Buxted. The tower was then again visited, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung, the local ringers receiving a very useful practice.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 26th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.

—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Harlingden, on Saturday, Feb. 21st, 1913. Bells ready at 5.30 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. Subscriptions are also due. A good attendance requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.

—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, February 21st. Ringing from 3 to 5 o'clock. Short service 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Allen, B.D.). St. Saviour's bells, by kind permission of the Rev. H. U. Whelpton, M.A., Vicar, will be available from 7 to 8 o'clock. Will secretaries of bands please note that subscriptions for 1914 are now due. There are several outstanding subscriptions for 1913, which should be paid before this meeting.—Geo. H. Howse, Honorary Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.

—Next branch meeting at Wilmslow, Saturday, 21st inst. Denton tower not available. — A. T. Beeston, Honorary Branch Secretary, New Mills.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cropthorne on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—

The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.

—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Prestwich, on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting at 7. Service in church 7.15; bells after service 8 to 9.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.

—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bicker on Saturday, February 21st. Service, with address, at 3.30 p.m. Dinner will be at the White Swan Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each.—G. Ladd, Hon. Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—

The pre-Lent meeting of the above Association will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Bells available afternoon and evening by kind permission of the Vicar. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall.—R. Stephenson, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—York-

town District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, February 21st. Attractions:

ringing, service and address, tea and business meeting, social evening. Full particulars on application for same. Admission by ticket. Members 6d. Visitors 1s.—George B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Brighouse on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. The draw to take place at the "Ring of Bells" at 2.45 prompt.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Oxhey and Bushey on the 21st inst. The bells of the former church will be available at 3.30, and those at the latter after tea. Tea at the Institute, Bushey, at 5.30.—H. Eden, Hon. Secretary, 42, Heath Road, Oxhey, Watford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF

BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Olde Royal Hotel on Saturday, February 28th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Anston (Kiveton Park Station) on February 28th. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. per head to all who notify S. Smith, South Anston, Sheffield, not later than the 24th. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury Dis-

trict.—A meeting principally for Stedman Practice will be held at Chilham, on Saturday, February 28th, commencing at 4 p.m. All are welcome.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—

The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 4th. Business meeting afterwards. All subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake

District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above branch will be held at the Church of St. James, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 7th, 1914. By kind permission of the Vicar, the peal of eight bells will be available at noon. Meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea kindly provided by the local ringers after the meeting.—W. Robinson, Branch Secretary, Thorn Fold, Smithy Brow, Ambleside.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND

LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham, on Saturday, March 7th. Ringing from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEF-

FIELD.—The annual meeting of the above society to be

held at the Parish Church, Sheffield, is postponed from February 21st till March 14th. Bells (12) will be available for ringing from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at the Parish Church, SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Half railway fares allowed. Subscriptions are now due.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch will be held at Swanbourne. Service at 3 p.m.—Thos. Best, Secretary, Bletchley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The meeting for practice at Shoreditch is altered to the second Thursday in the month instead of second Wednesday.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Secretary.

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DEATH.

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