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Belton,	Rutland.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

With the approach of Whitsuntide those who have an interest in the politics of change ringing turn their thoughts to the meeting of the Central Council. The annual assembly takes place on Whit-Tuesday, and the meeting will be held this year at Leicester. These gatherings, which bring together much of the best talent in the ringing world, are regarded with varying opinions by the rank and file, many of whom seem to look upon them as pleasant outings for a favoured few. No one we think will deny that the meetings have their pleasurable side—it is always a source of happiness to meet old friends—but, with all the criticism which has been levelled at it from time to time, the Central Council is the keystone in the ringing organisation. Without it the various associations would be so many disjointed units, and in bringing them together in affiliation with one central body the "Ringers' Parliament," as it may be not inaptly termed, has done far more service to the Exercise than a great many ringers realise. It has raised the standard of the Art, and brought the associations in touch with one another in a way that would not otherwise have been possible. There are ways, perhaps, by which the Council might do something still further in the way of practical legislation, but with one short meeting a year the Council cannot be expected to move very fast.

On another page will be found the business which is to come before the meeting at Leicester, and it will be noticed that the Council are to be asked to consider a motion giving *The Ringing World* official recognition. At present, of course, we have no official status with this central body, but, by the courtesy of the honorary secretary, we have been favoured with the official information published for the benefit of the members. As *The Ringing World* has come to stay, and is already being officially recognised by practically all the individual associations throughout the country as a medium for the publication of notices, we feel there is not much likelihood of the Central Council declining to accept the motion which is to be brought forward. We do not view this matter in a personal light, but from that of our thousands of readers. The Council, we are sure, will recognise, as their honorary secretary has already done, that that large body of ringers who prefer to support *The Ringing World* are just as interested in, and, being, through their associations, affiliated to the Council, just as much entitled to information of the doings and rulings of the central body, as other members of the Exercise. This fact alone, we think, is sufficient to ensure the passing of the resolution.

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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer
of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmor-
den, and one who has taken a great
interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which
you recently hung in the Church
Tower, I am pleased to be able to
tell you that the bells are giving
the utmost satisfaction, in fact I
hear nothing but the highest praise
and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the
work, a peal of 5040 changes was
rung on the bells. This of course
was a creditable performance on
the part of the Ringers, but it also
proves how well balanced and how
accurately the bells must be. I am
sure the tone and the workmanship
leave nothing to be desired. All
our people and neighbouring ringers
too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over
here when the bells are consecrated
and you will have the satisfaction
of hearing this letter verified.—
Yours faithfully,

(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, May 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES ;

HERBERT STANSFIELD ... Treble	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 2	BENJAMIN GILL ... 8
CHAS. BOWER ... 3	SAMUEL BOOTH ... 9
WILLIAM JAKEMAN ... 4	ALBERT ADAMS ... 10
JAMES WOOD ... 5	BENJAMIN THORP ... 11
JOSEPH MELLOR ... 6	HARRY CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Wm. Jakeman, who has been on a visit from America, and returned on Tuesday.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES ;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES ... Treble	EDWARD FRANCIS ... 6
FREDERICK PESTELL ... 2	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ... 7
DENISON HAYWARD ... 3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 8
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 4	FREDERICK KNIGHTS ... 9
CHARLES E. BORRETT ... 5	GEORGE H. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

Messrs. Pestell, Hayward, and Hammond are local men, the rest hail from Norwich.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES ;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER CLAYDON ... Treble	ARTHUR HOLMAN ... 6
HENRY REEVES ... 2	HENRY EWINS ... 7
HENRY BENNETT ... 3	HENRY A. HOAD ... 8
GEORGE F. HOAD ... 4	GEORGE CROUCHER ... 9
ALBERT HARMAN ... 5	HENRY EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

DUDLEY.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES ;

RALPH MEEK ... Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN ... 6
THOMAS WATTON ... 2	SAMUEL SPITTLE ... 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 3	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ... 8
WILLIAM R. SMALL ... 4	HARRY GOODMAN ... 9
WILLIAM MILLS ... 5	CHARLES FAULKS ... Tenor

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Dudley (the Rev. A. Gray Maitland) and Mrs. Maitland, on the anniversary of their wedding day.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES ;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM PALMER ... 6
ALBERT D. STONE ... 2	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 7
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 8
ERNEST GOWER ... 4	KEITH HART ... 9
CHARLES PALMER ... 5	RICHARD STREDWICK ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt., in F.

HARRY BARTON ... Treble	FENTON THOMPSON ... 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 2	JAMES HOWARD ... 6
FREDK. C. LAMBERT ... 3	JOHN LARTER ... 7
ERNEST LINCOLN ... 4	THOMAS KING ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM SHILVOCK ... Treble	JOHN BASS ... 5
*HORACE F. STREET ... 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... 6
WILLIAM SHORT ... 3	JAMES DOWLER ... 7
*CHARLES DICKENS ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method ; also first peal in the method on the bells.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*PHILIP CHAPMAN ... Treble	JAMES MAYNARD ... 5
JAMES BAKER ... 2	WILLIAM LATTER ... 6
*ARTHUR MAYNARD ... 3	CHARLES CHAPMAN ... 7
*GEORGE FUGGLE ... 4	GEORGE TURLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

Rung as a compliment to James Baker on his 68th birthday, and to celebrate his having been a ringer at the above church for 53 years.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

G. W. MARTIN ... Treble	H. M. SMITH ... 5
H. R. BUTCHER ... 2	C. BRASIER ... 6
F. HAMMOND ... 3	A. MARTIN ... 7
E. BISHOP ... 4	E. BISHOP, Senr. ... Tenor

Conducted by H. R. BUTCHER.

First peal of Grandsire by the band.

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

On Tuesday, May 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES HICKLIN Treble	WILLIAM J. SMITH 5
HARRY KENDRICK 2	CECIL A. BEELS 6
*JOSEPH BRITTIAN 3	LEONARD BULLOCK 7
THOMAS DICKEN 4	FRANK SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

* First peal. † First peal on inside bell. W. J. Smith's 100th peal.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN A. CALLAND Treble	FREDERICK J. HANCOCK... 5
RICHARD DAGNALL 2	GEORGE CLEWS 6
ROBERT LEATHER 3	GEORGE SANT 7
HERBERT ASHTON 4	ALBERT HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by F. J. HANCOCK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for the late Mrs. Morton.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 18, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
GEORGE S. SOAMES 2	EDWARD H. KING 6
*WILLIAM A. HEMPEL 3	ERNEST G. SUFFLING ... 7
GEORGE MOY 4	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PALMER Treble	*GEORGE F. SWANN 5
CHARLES DICKENS 2	†SAMUEL GROVE 6
GEORGE PIGOTT 3	JAMES DOWLER 7
*ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4	*JOHN WITHERS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor in the method.
First peal in the method on the bells. James Dowler's 150th peal.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*ALFRED T. REEVES... .. Treble	JOHN SWAIN 5
HENRY TUCKER... .. 2	CHARLES GILES 6
WALTER A. WEBB 3	ALBERT E. REEVES... .. 7
CHARLES COX 4	WILLIAM H. BUCKLAND... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. REEVES.

* First peal.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qrs. 4 lbs., in F.

FREDK. R. BORRETT Treble	ERNEST LINCOLN 5
CLAYTON PARNELL 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 6
CHARLES BAKER... .. 3	JOHN LARTER 7
GEORGE BAXTER 4	THOMAS KING Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and

Conducted by FREDK. R. BORRETT.

This peal was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Packer. It was also E. Lincoln's ninth peal on these bells, all of which he has now rung to a peal.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Five Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 9056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs., in F.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM Treble	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 5
SAMUEL WOOD 2	SAMUEL BOOTH... .. 6
JOSEPH GODDARD 3	CHARLES H. MARSLAND... 7
SAMUEL STOTT 4	BENJAMIN THORPE Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and

Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

This peal is a part of the 17,120.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT... .. 5
GEORGE RADLEY 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES GEORGE... .. 7
*PERCY R. HISLOP 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 47.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5
HARRY DICKENS 2	JAMES DOWLER 6
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
CHARLES DICKENS 4	OLIVER JAMES Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;Tenor 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

ERNEST A. REEVE Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5
WILLIAM J. DEAN 2	HAROLD BURTON 6
*ARTHUR N. HARDY 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
HENRY S. ELLIS 4	HARRY MANCE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 6th, 7th and tenor.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCIVAL I. STOKES Treble	JOHN W. WOOD 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	JAMES OSBORN 6
ARTHUR MACKEARS 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES 7
ARCHIE C. STOKES 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The first Surprise peal on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM ALDIS Treble	RICHARD BALDREY 5
JOHN F. WILSON 2	JOHN ALDIS, JUNR. 6
ALFRED FUNNELL 3	GEORGE POYNITZ 7
FREDK. WHITHAM 4	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

*C. C. HUGHES D'AETH ... Treble	Rev. LL. EDWARDS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER 6
*W. W. HUGHES D'AETH ... 3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
JESSE B. TYLER 4	†WALTER SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal on the bells. † First peal. * First peal of Triples. The ringers of the treble and 5th were proposed members before starting.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;Tenor 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
NORMAN R. BAILEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
*FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	GEORGE HARDY Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARROW-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;being seven different 720's. Tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Treble	*ARTHUR HOODLESS 4
JOSEPH BARRICK 2	HARRY ASHTON 5
HARRY EBBATSON 3	JOHN W. CROWDER Tenor

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal on the bells, and the conductor's 200th peal.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BY THE LOCAL BAND.)

On Thursday, May 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;Being ten 6-scores of Grandsire and thirty-two 6-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

RUFUS T. LADE Treble	*JOHN THURLOW 4
WILLIAM G. PAINE 2	ARTHUR R. MILES 5
WILLIAM BAGLEY 3	ARTHUR GROOMBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the return of the Vicar (the Rev. John H. R. Kirby, M.A.) from a convalescent rest at Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

HORSELL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(YORKTOWN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*WILLIAM A. WOODROW ... Treble	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 4
†JAMES BRACKLEY 2	ERNEST J. HAMBLIN 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3	WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SENR. ... 3-4	FRANK BLONDELL 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LATE PEALS.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM BURGESS ...	Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	5
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ...	2	JAMES G. RUMSEY ...	6
WILLIAM J. GROOM ...	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ...	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	4	PETER LAFLIN ...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ..	Treble	*WALTER WHITING ...	5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ...	2	WILLIAM LAST ...	6
ERNEST E. LANHAM ...	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ...	7
GEORGE WHITING ...	4	†JOHN C. CREASEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LATE NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Hanbury-on-the-Hill on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available at 3.30. By the kindness of the Vicar a tea will be provided free to all ringers attending, who send their names to H. Wakley, 160, Horninglow Road N., Burton-on-Trent, not later than June 8th.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley, Bucks, on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3.30.—F. W. Booth, Hon. Secretary.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, May 14th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: A. W. Davis 1, J. Hazell 2, G. Davis 3, W. Wigmore 4, G. Wigmore 5, S. Waters (conductor) 6.

GRANTHAM.—The Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch).—At the Church of St. Wulfram's, for evening service, on Sunday, May 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 51 mins.: E. Nidd 1, H. Thorpe (first quarter-peal) 2, D. Oveston 3, T. J. Whetstone 4, A. C. Darnell (composer and conductor) 5, W. G. Thorpe 6, S. Proctor 7, S. Hall 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Illtyd's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, May 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Paul 1, A. J. Stanley 2, F. J. Evans 3, J. Evans 4, R. Evans 5, R. James 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, D. Powell 8.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.—The Lancashire Association.—On Tuesday, May 16th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, 720 Bob Minor: J. Gratrix 1, *H. Eckersall 2, H. Chapman 3, *F. Rogers 4, *W. Ford (conductor) 5, *R. H. Bent 6. *First 720.

GREAT FINSBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Wednesday, May 17th, 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Copeland 1, A. Grimwood 2, E. Welham 3, S. Scarffe 4, W. Fishbourne 5, E. Diaper (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 rung with five of the local company together, as they only started ringing when the bells were hung on February 3rd, 1910. The bells are a very musical peal of six, by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye. They go splendidly, and are much admired all round the district for their musical qualities.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Thursday, May 18th, for practice, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. W. Jones 1, F. Morgan 2, J. Bullen 3, F. Atwell 4, J. Butler 5, J. Pippin 6, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 7, G. Goddard 8.

MIDDLEHAM CHURCH TOWER.

During the alterations which are going on in the tower of the parish church at Middleham, Yorks, pending the erection of the new peal of bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co, one or two things of interest have come to light. The old bell frame on removal was in places found to be very decayed and the joints on the weather side of the tower quite perished. The floor beneath was fairly good, but when this was removed a very unsafe state of things was revealed, and, to say the least of it, the ringers are lucky to have got off without a serious accident happening to them.

The two huge base beams were found to have been in position when the old six bells were hung in 1824, and at that time must have been decayed at their ends, because they were spliced and heavily bolted so as to make them capable of carrying the increased weight. The three older bells of the seventeenth century would have been supported on these beams also, which now were in imminent danger of giving way. The masonry of the tower is as good and hard as the neighbouring castle of the king maker.

Another point of interest is the discovery of a chimney in the thickness of the wall running up on the east side of the north window from the chamber below, where the trace of the fireplace yet remains. The exit of the chimney has been obliterated in the rebuilding of the parapet years ago. There are only two other church towers in the neighbourhood which have this relic of their use as places of refuge, that is, the churches of Bedale and Thornton-Watlass.

The dedication of the new peal will take place about June 15th by, it is hoped, the Bishop of Ripon.

Mr. W. J. SMITH'S 100 PEALS.

The "century" was reached by Mr. W. J. Smith at St. Modwen's Church, Burton-on-Trent. His peals are as follow:—Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 2; London Surprise Major, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 7; Duffield Major, 4; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Plain Bob Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 33; Grandsire Triples, 28, on handbells, 4; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 1; Minor in three methods, 1; Bob Minor, 2; total, 100.

Mr. J. DOWLER'S 150 PEALS.

The peal of Bristol at King's Norton was Mr. James Dowler's 150th peal. His total is made up as follows:—Grandsire Doubles, 1; Grandsire Triples, 12, conducted, 2; Grandsire Caters, 3; Stedman Triples, 42; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 19, conducted, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Forward Major, 1; Forward Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 15; Double Oxford Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Bob Major, 6; Superlative Surprise Major, 16; Cambridge Surprise Major, 7; Bristol Surprise Major, 4; London Surprise Major, 15; total, 150; conducted, 5.

HULL.—Yorkshire Association. — At All Saints' Church, on May 19th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1911 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins.: T. Harrison 1, M. Hedges 2, A. Naylor 3, T. Whitfield 4, C. Jackson (composer and conductor) 5, A. B. Cook 6, H. Jenkins 7, G. Hedges 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Maude Gaunt, hon. member, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.

FESTIVAL AT HELMDON.

Helmdon was the scene of the eighteenth annual festival of the Towcester and District Association, which was held on Thursday of last week. Ringers, to the number of about 150, assembled from Lois Weedon, Courtceenham, Milton, Helmdon, Gayton, Blisworth, Easton Neston, Bradden, Paulerspury, Towcester, Preston Capes, Leckhampstead, Middleton Cheney, Wicken, Passenham, Greensnorton, Pattishall, Eydon and Blakesley.

The day's proceedings commenced with Divine service in the beautiful old church, which was well filled. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. N. Eales (Rector), the lessons being read by the Rev. H. Gore-Browne (Leckhampstead), and the Rev. W. H. Barry (President of the Association), Blisworth; the sermon being preached by the Rev. J. H. Speck (Vicar of St. Martin's, Bedford), who took for his text, "Ye should earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints."

The business meeting was afterwards held in the Reading Room, at which the following officers were unanimously re-elected: President, the Rev. W. H. Barry; vice-presidents, the Rev. A. Wake and the Rev. R. M. Gore-Browne; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Causebrook.

Subsequently the party adjourned to a large marquee erected in a field near the Rectory, where an excellent cold luncheon was served by Mr. and Mrs. Leadbeater, of Weston. The President gave "The King," which was loyally received, and Mr. G. E. Groom then proposed "The health of the Preacher." The toast was cordially received, and the Rev. J. H. Speck replied.

The Rev. R. M. Gore-Browne proposed the toast of "The Towcester and District Bellringers' Association," and remarked that the Association was in a very healthy condition. The ringers themselves took a very great interest in their work, and the bellfries showed many improvements, and he hoped this satisfactory state of affairs would long continue.

THE ASSOCIATION'S PROGRESS.

Mr. J. Slarke (Towcester), who was the founder of the Association, in responding, said when he looked at that gathering he could hardly believe that the Association had grown to such dimensions in so short a time. He pleaded for a better attendance and for more interest to be shown in the quarterly meetings, and for more practice and attention to method which was so essential to good ringing. There had, he said, been a good increase in the number of peals rung by the Association during the past year, and he noticed that during the last three years there had been an increase in the number of ringers throughout the country by some 30,000.

Mr. J. Read (Wicken) also responded, saying that the bells of the Churches were deserving of much more care than was bestowed upon them by church people generally, seeing that they were the most public symbols for the worship of God.

Mr. Frost (Paulerspury), in eulogistic terms, proposed "The President" and "Secretary," paying tribute to the good work done by both these gentlemen on behalf of the Association.

The Rev. W. H. Barry said it was a very great pleasure to him to do what he could for the Association. He referred to the loss they had sustained since their last festival in the removal by death of the late Rev. J. B. Harrison and in Canon Hulbert, who had gone to another sphere of work. He asked the members to deal more kindly with the Secretary in the matter of replying more promptly to his communications, and backed up Mr. Slarke's appeal for more interest in the quarterly meetings, which, he said, were excellent schools for educating the members in matters connected with ringing. The Association, he said, was doing a great deal of good work in connection with the bellfries, but there was yet much more to be done.

Mr. Causebrook also replied, thanking the members for the confidence bestowed in him, and said he should always do the best he could for them. He, too, pleaded for more help from the members, and paid tribute to the excellent work done by them in the services of the Church.

GIFT OF BELLS.

The Rev. A. Wake proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. N. Eales for having the Association at Helmdon, and Mr. Eales suitably replied, at the same time inviting the visitors to tea, which was served during the afternoon in the marquee. He also remarked that the Vicarage lawn and gardens were at their disposal.

During the speeches, Mr. Storer (Easton Neston) announced that Mr. Slarke had very kindly given two new bells to Easton Neston belfry—one in memory of his brother, the late Mr. Eli Slarke, and the other to commemorate his own long connection with the bells there.

It was decided that the Festival next year should be held at Passenham, and the following year, if possible, at Greensnorton. During the past year peals had been rung at Easton, Leckhampstead, Blakesley, Whittlebury, and Wicken.

The bells of Helmdon Church were kept merrily going during the day, the various companies taking turns at the ropes.

SIX-BELL RINGERS AT DENTON.

A party of six-bell ringers from the Leeds district spent a very enjoyable time at Denton, near Manchester, on Saturday week, when they visited the town at the kind invitation of Mr. J. Heckingbottom, who is the postmaster. The visitors were met by their genial host, at whose residence they received a further cordial welcome from Mrs. Heckingbottom and family, and were entertained to tea, many pleasant reminiscences being indulged in during the progress of the meal, Mr. Heckingbottom having previously resided at Armley, and been attached to the Christ Church, Upper Armley, company. After tea, a visit was paid to St. Anne's Church, where there is a peal of six bells in excellent ringing order, and with a tenor of 15 cwt. Touches of Tulip, Primrose, College Trebles, College Exercise, London Scholars, City Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Woodbine and Oxford, were rung, the visitors being joined by members of the local band in some of the methods. Ringing had to terminate at 7.30, owing to service, and the time passed all too quickly. The return journey was commenced at nine o'clock, and Leeds was reached an hour and a half afterwards, after a most enjoyable outing. The thanks of the visitors were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Heckingbottom for their generous hospitality, to the local ringers for their hearty welcome, and to the Vicar of St. Anne's for the use of the bells.

MEETING AT HEYWOOD.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday. Between 50 and 60 ringers attended from Rochdale, Todmorden, Walsden, Milnrow, Moorside, Newhey, Middleton, Oldham, Pendleton, Reddish, Bolton, Worsley, and Shore, in addition to the local ringers. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and was kept going till 8.30 p.m., Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major being rung. The bells have been re-cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and are giving the utmost satisfaction, all the ringers present speaking well of the manner in which they "go." The business meeting was presided over by the President of the Association, the Rev. H. J. Elsee.

A FAREWELL DINNER.

The members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society and friends, met on Friday evening at their headquarters, the Old Church Inn, where a farewell dinner was given to Mr. Wm. Jakeman, one of the St. Michael's company, who, after nine years' absence in America, has been on a visit to his native land, and returned to America on Tuesday.

On Thursday week, as recorded elsewhere, Mr. Jakeman took part in a peal of Maximus, at the Parish Church, Ashton, the tower in which he has shown his skill as a ringer and conductor. The dinner on the following evening was presided over by Mr. Daniel Heap, who, after an excellent repast, proposed the loyal toasts. The company then gave an overture on the handbells, and a course of Grandsire Cinques, after which the toast of the evening was honoured, "Mr. Wm. Jakeman, and our absent friends, Mr. Thomas Moss, Mr. Fred Jakeman in America, and Mr. James Adams in Australia." In the course of the evening songs were given by Messrs Sam Wood, James Wood and Alfred Wood; a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on the handbells, and Mr. Sam Wood rendered a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major on the piano.—A vote of thanks was given to the host and hostess for the splendid dinner prepared for the occasion.

MEETING AT WESTERLEIGH.

The Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a meeting at Westerleigh on Saturday week, about 24 members attending. After ringing in the afternoon, there was service in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Stevens), who is an hon. member of the Association, while Miss H. Bessley (also an hon. member) presided at the organ, and at the close played Batiste's "Andante," which was very much enjoyed. The ringers were invited to the Vicarage for tea, and greatly appreciated the Rev. R. Stevens' hospitality. At the meeting, which followed, four new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Henbury on June 10th.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed by Mr. B. J. Wilkins, and afterwards a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells on the lawn. Subsequently in the tower Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung.

A RINGERS' OUTING.

The Bolney, Sussex, ringers had a most pleasurable outing on Saturday at Eastbourne. They made the Victoria Hotel their headquarters for the day, and enjoyed the beauties of the sea front and a drive to Beachy Head. The bells of St. Saviour's Church were placed at their disposal for an hour in the afternoon, and the visitors were welcomed by Mr. W. Ware, the captain, Mr. L. Faulkner, Mr. T. Willoughby, and other Eastbourne ringers. Touches of Grandsire were brought round, and the fine tone of this grand peal was much admired. Mr. Faulkner joined the party at tea, and Mr. G. Walder, jun., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Saviour's for the use of the bells, and to the Eastbourne ringers for the cordial welcome extended to them.—Mr. Faulkner briefly replied, and the attractions of the Electric Theatre then filled up the rest of the spare time before the return journey was commenced.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Master of the North Wales Association.

Although among the youngest of the ringing organisations, the North Wales Association can point to a record of good work, in a district where there are many difficulties. The success which has attended the operations of the association can be traced to the splendid individual efforts of several of the members, among whom, most conspicuously, stands Mr. William T. Pegler, who has filled the office of Master since the foundation of the association, and has, by his energy and perseverance, fully justified the action of the members in placing him in the position of honour.

Born at Hempstead, Gloucestershire, in 1868, Mr. Pegler learned to ring in 1886 when the bells of his parish church were restored and increased to a peal of six by the addition of a new treble. Mr. W. T. Pegler, and his brother Arthur, were among the first to join the new band,



MR. W. T. PEGLER.

and the following year the first peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung, conducted by W. T. Several 720's of Minor came soon after, but in 1888 Mr. Pegler left his native parish for Miverville, on the Cotswold Hills, with the result that he did practically no ringing until 1894, when he returned to Hempstead. In 1895 he joined the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, and soon made rapid strides, taking part in nearly all the peals rung by the society about that time. In 1900 and 1901 he held the office of Master. Among the peals in which he took part were Cambridge Surprise Royal at Cheltenham, the first peals of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Maximus by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at Cirencester; the first peal of Gloucester Surprise Major, at St. Michael's, Gloucester; and the first peal on the bells—Treble Ten—at Hereford Cathedral.

In 1902 Mr. Pegler went to Bangor, North Wales, and was appointed conductor of St. David's, Glanadda, where

the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, now the president of the North Wales Association, is Vicar. At this church they have a band for standard methods, and have also rung peals of Double Norwich and Superlative, the first by a local band in North Wales, and they now are ringing Cambridge. When, on February 14th, 1903, at a meeting at Rhyl, the North Wales Association was formed by representatives of towers in six counties, Mr. Pegler was elected Master, a position to which he has been re-elected annually ever since. He has never missed a meeting of the association, and is always ready to give assistance to any band. His ambition is to see the North Wales Association holding its own with the other societies in the country, and so far as individual effort can do so Mr. Pegler is making practical endeavour to see the realisation of that ambition. Although only eight years old the association had rung 62 peals up to the end of last year. Mr. Pegler has visited most of the churches with bells in North Wales, and rung 41 peals (conducting 24) for the association. He is a member of the North Wales, the Gloucester and Bristol, the Oxford, the Chester Associations, the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and the Oxford Society and Cheltenham and District Guild. His 191 peals have been rung in 46 different towers in 12 counties, and are made up as follows:—

Doubles	...	...	4	Conducted	4
Minor	...	...	5	Conducted	4
Grandsire Triples	...	...	24	Conducted	16
Grandsire Caters	...	...	11		
Grandsire Cinques	...	...	3		
Stedman Triples	...	...	19	Conducted	8
Stedman Caters	...	...	14	Conducted	1
Stedman Cinques	...	...	1		
Bob Major	...	...	18	Conducted	10
Bob Triples	...	...	1		
Bob Royal	...	...	8	Conducted	4
Bob Maximus	...	...	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	14	Conducted	10
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	10	Conducted	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	...	...	1		
Darlaston Bob Triples	...	...	1		
Canterbury Pleasure Triples	...	...	1		
Canterbury Pleasure Major	...	...	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob					
Major	...	...	24	Conducted	3
Gloucester Surprise Major	...	...	3		
Supertative Surprise Major	...	...	10		
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	14		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	...	...	2		

Total ... 191 Conducted 61

DEATH OF MR. A. J. SAXBY.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Arthur J. Saxby, of Wortley, near Sheffield, who died on May 14th, of consumption, at the age of 33 years.

Deceased was one of the original band of ringers formed on the dedication of the Wortley bells in 1893, and learned his first lessons in the Art, under the tuition of the late Mr. Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association, and was secretary for his band. In the report he is credited with 24 peals, in various methods. He was also a member of the choir; a good cricketer and footballer; and was greatly beloved and respected by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn their loss. May he rest in peace.

The funeral was attended by his brother ringers, and afterwards a muffled touch of 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung: J. Dyson 1, J. Dronfield 2, A. Brearley 3, D. Brearley (conductor) 4, J. Parkin 5, J. R. Brearley 6, C. Dronfield 7, W. Harrison 8.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Owing to pressure on our space this week, "The Beginners' Corner" is unavoidably held over.

The one-armed ringer of Barnsley is not unique. We hardly expected he would be, for the publication of matters of this kind generally brings to light other cases equally striking. Information now comes to hand of Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, Staffs. He is another one-armed ringer, and has rung about 70 peals for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. He is a splendid striker, and an able ringer of Surprise methods. Altogether Mr. Hughes has rung 91 peals. Another one-armed ringer is Mr. Samuel Jones, of Eccleston, Cheshire, who has also rung peals of Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob.

Our reference to the bells of Burslem, which have been hung nearly a century before the first peal has been rung upon them, brings a letter from a correspondent informing us that his experience of Devon and a part of Dorset leads him to believe that there are several rings of six which have been in existence a very great number of years, some over a century, and upon which no attempt for a 5000 has ever been made. He adds that he hopes to make an attempt for a peal of Minor at one of these churches next month in Devon, where the six date from 1780, and have never had a 720 rung on them.

An anonymous donor has promised a peal of bells, costing £1,600, to the church of St. Mary's, Nelson, which town is at present without a peal.

Mr. G. B. Edser, the popular hon. sec. of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild, has been presented by the members with a handsome marble clock on the occasion of his marriage. The presentation took place at the district meeting at Farnborough on Saturday week, and was made by the Rev. F. Smith, the gift being suitably acknowledged by the recipient.

Let us bestow our praise with an even hand. We have congratulated the Guildford band upon their handbell successes. There are other members of the Winchester Guild who have come to the front, notably the brothers William and Arthur Shepherd. The three first handbell peals recorded last week were Stedman Cinques, Stedman Caters and Bob Major, rung in a period of four days, and in different places. The brothers Shepherd were in all these peals, and the Cinques contained three "first peals on twelve bells," besides being the conductor's first on twelve bells as conductor. Such performances excite the admiration of all ringers.

Mr. E. W. Menday writes to say that he has found, much to his regret, that the peal of Double Norwich rung at Buckingham, on Easter Monday, was a false composition.

In the peal of Bob Minor, at Horsell, on Saturday, the ringer of the treble, W. A. Woodrow, scored his first peal on tower bells. But what of his previous record! He has rung the following on handbells: Grandsire Triples 3,

Grandsire Caters 3, Bob Major 2, Stedman Caters 1, Stedman Cinques 2.

Coming events cast their shadows before. Six thousand of Treble Bob Maximus presaged the record length at Ashton-under-Lyne. Last Saturday at Mottram-in-Longdendale, where 28 years ago the record of 16,608 of Kent Treble Bob was put up, there was a peal of 9056 of Treble Bob rung, also by the members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, and a footnote to the peal in another column adds: "This peal is a part of the 17,120." Are the glories of Mottram, as a tower with a "record" to be revived?

The peal at West Coker, Somerset, on Saturday, was the first on the bells, which have just been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, who have also re-cast the tenor and re-hung the bells on a new iron frame. The bells are a very pretty peal of eight and "go" grandly.

A CORONATION MEMORIAL.

At Chediston, Suffolk, a new treble has just been added to complete the peal to six, as a Coronation memorial to King George V. The work has been most efficiently carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, bell founder, of Ipswich, and the bells now make a very musical peal, with tenor 14½ cwt. in F. On Monday evening, the 15th inst., the first 720 of Bob Minor was rung on the bells by L. Hammond 1, Fd. Lambert (aged 14) 2, F. O. Lambert (conductor) 3, H. Pratt 4, T. Crane 5, A. Lee 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles by L. Kemp (aged 13) 1, F. Peck 2, E. Cook (conductor) 3, H. Pratt 4, T. Crane 5, L. Hammond 6. The Lord Bishop of Norwich has promised to conduct the dedication service during the month of July, the date of which will be announced later. The cost of the new bell has been met by subscriptions from parishioners, friends, and the ringers of the neighbourhood.

MEMORIAL PEAL TABLET UNVEILED.

The belfry of Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, was well filled with ringers and friends on Saturday afternoon, when, on the anniversary of the funeral of the late King Edward, a peal tablet, recording a muffled peal rung for his death, was unveiled. After a short touch on the bells, the proceedings were formally opened with suitable prayers offered by the Vicar (the Rev. James G. Williams, V.D.). Mr. Sam Thomas, the conductor of the peal, then briefly explained the object of the gathering, and spoke of the close connection between the bells and national feeling, whether of joy or sorrow, as, for instance, on the occasion of the King's death. That the King was mourned by the ringers of the whole country was proved by the fact that the unprecedented number of 181 muffled peals were rung to his memory.

Mr. John Mawhood, the people's churchwarden, unveiled the tablet, which is of solid mahogany, grounded black with gold leaf lettering, and of simple and neat design, headed "the Yorkshire Association and Sheffield District Society of Change Ringers," and recording that, "At the close of a solemn memorial service, held in this church at the same hour that the funeral of his late Majesty King Edward VII. was being solemnised at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, there was rung on these bells a full muffled peal, consisting of 5024 changes of Bob Major, in three hours and fifteen minutes." Then follow the ringers' names, and those of the Vicar and churchwardens.

The Vicar mentioned a very interesting discovery, made during the excavations some few years ago of the lost city of Nineveh, of bells, the composition of which was practically identical with ours of the present day. He traced the history of the use of bells in religious worship from Biblical times to the present day, and added that the old clerical "saw" about ringers not attending church was, he thought, no longer justified. His ringers were generally found on Sunday evenings in their customary places in church.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Mawhood was accorded, on the motion of Mr. G. Addy, seconded by Mr. J. E. L. Cockey.—A similar compliment to the Vicar was passed.—The proceedings were then brought to a close with the Benediction, and it was felt that such gatherings as this go a long way in bringing about that real brotherly feeling of which so much is heard, but so little seen.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Arrangements for Annual Meeting, etc.

THE DAY'S BUSINESS.

The third session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, in the "Old Guildhall," of the Old Town Hall, at Leicester, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA, 1911.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Statement of accounts and of sale of publications.
3. Election of honorary members.
4. Introduction of new members to the President.
5. To receive and discuss the reports of the following Committees:—
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Church Press.
 - (c) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d) Peal Values.
 - (e) Peals' Analysis.
- To discuss the following:—
 6. That nothing shall be recognised as a Peal of Minor, unless it consists of at least seven true and complete seven hundred and twenties; but that the 5040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes, with or without extra 720's.
 7. That for the purpose of representation on the Central Council only such members of any Territorial Association as are resident within the area covered by that Association shall be considered in fixing the number of representatives which such Association is entitled to elect.
 8. That the Central Council give to the "Ringing World" recognition equal to that accorded to the "Bell News" for the publication of official reports and communications, and that any peals published exclusively in the "Ringing World" shall be counted in the Central Council's analysis.
 9. Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

There will be a social gathering of members and ringing friends in the evening, the place of which will be notified in the next issue.

HISTORIC LEICESTER.

The Old Town Hall in which the Council meeting takes place is one of the most interesting and historic buildings, among many other such, in the ancient and famous town of Leicester, and is situate within twenty yards of St. Martin's Church, with its ring of ten bells. Besides the Guildhall, the Council's meeting room, which has witnessed many a stirring scene, and in which Shakespeare himself is said to have acted, the building contains the "Mayor's parlour," a lovely old oak panelled room, with a glorious mantelpiece, and is the room in which Prince Rupert held a Council of War. The whole building occupies the site held by the ancient religious fraternity known as the "Guild of Corpus Christi," and is replete with archaeological interest. For those who have time to spare there are innumerable antique buildings of all sorts to be seen; the grand church of St. Mary, originally two churches side by side, next door to the castle; the Saxon Church of St. Nicholas, and the splendid bit of Roman masonry called "Old Jewry Wall," and sometimes "Old Bones," just outside the churchyard, and a splendid piece of Roman pavement under a shop on the opposite side of the road. We can only just mention one or two other buildings and sites, such as Holy Cross Priory, Old Trinity Hospital, St. Margaret's Church, the Chantry House of the Guild of St. George, and the "Newarke"

(New Work), a district contiguous to the castle, constructed by John of Gaunt during his tenure of the lordship of Leicester. Unless our friends have plenty of time, and to spare, there is just one place to which we would advise them *not* to go, viz., to the remains of the abbey, where Wolsey died. It is a long way out of the town, with practically nothing left to see when one gets there.

HOW TO GET TO THE TOWN HALL.

The custodian of the Old Town Hall has kindly furnished the following directions for reaching the building from the various railway stations:—

Great Central.—Three minutes' walk. Turn to the right on leaving the station, then second on the left, St. Nicholas Street, first on the right, High Cross Street, and first on the left, Town Hall Lane.

M.R. and L. and N.W.R.—Cross the road and take Marlborough Road car, rd., and alight at High Cross Street. Turn to the left, and first on left again.

Great Northern.—Take car marked "East Park Road," rd., and alight at the Clock Tower. Thence walk up Silver Street, the continuation of which is Town Hall Lane, the building being towards the further end, on the left hand side, immediately past St. Martin's Church.

Peals Analysis Committee.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

The following report of the Peals Analysis Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1910, is to be presented:

We, the undersigned, being members of the Peals Analysis Committee appointed in 1908, desire to present to the Council the result of our labours for 1910.

We desire at the outset once more to call attention to the want of care on the part of senders of peals for publication. No fewer than eight peals have been repeated in the columns of the *Bell News* in 1910, as compared with two in 1909. One of these, at least, is a corrected peal, and ought not, in our opinion, to have been sent without a reference to the previous publication.

We have also noticed several peals in Minor methods which are really peals of Treble Bob Minor, and yet are not so stated. We have given the enhanced value of these in our analysis on the present occasion; but, in future, after having called attention to the matter, we shall make no endeavour to rectify the omissions of those who are responsible for sending their peals for publication. We take this opportunity of asking that any peals rung with "Broken Leads" may be earmarked by those who communicate them, as your committee are bound to confess that they are not sufficiently familiar with such methods to be able to appraise them at their proper value.

We note that, in two cases, six methods only are enumerated out of seven methods rung, and we have looked in vain for the omissions to be rectified. We have ourselves investigated several cases of incomplete entries, and in some of them we are informed that the fault does not rest with the senders of the peals.

It may not be uninteresting to give a sample of the difficulties with which we have to contend. On page 173 (Vol. xxix.) the Rev. T. Buswell is stated to have rung his first peal on the treble, and to be 15 years of age! Again, on page 620, a peal at Lymminster, Sussex, is said to have been conducted by C. Golding; while the ringer

of the 5th is said to be C. Goldsing, and we shrewdly suspect that the name, after all, should be Goldring. Once more, as an example of a slovenly report, on page 441, there is a note "First peal as conductor," in spite of the same person having conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in the same tower on the 20th June. See page 295. It is clear that the words "in the method" have been omitted. A great deal more might be said about similar inaccuracies, but the above sample will suffice to serve our purpose in calling attention to them, which is to inform people who are at fault to be a little more careful.

We pass on to a few matters of interest, which have been revealed by a somewhat closer scrutiny of the pages of *Bell News* then we have usually given. The number of first peals total to 629, of which 121 were on a covering bell. The first peals away from the tenor are 17 in number. These figures are only approximate, as some peals are published with a "star" or "dagger" against a footnote without any corresponding mark against any of the ringers. A case in point is that of Hornchurch on page 596.

Those who rang their first peals as conductors in 1910 were 80 in number; in other words, the old conductors on the active list for 1910 were recruited to the extent of some 16 per cent. by new comers.

The first peal on the bells (new or added) was rung in 71 cases; on restored bells, in 11 cases, and by an entirely local band, in 22 cases. These figures are not, however, readily ascertained; because in some cases the words "first on the bells" are clearly taken to mean "the first in the method on the bells."

The number of birthday peals rung was 134; of wedding peals 50 (including one "diamond" and five "golden" weddings); of muffled peals 55. These last include three for the old year, but exclude those rung on the death of his late Majesty, King Edward VII., and on the death of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, which are enumerated in our general scheme of analysis. The peals of "welcome" and "farewell" are 24 in number; peals rung on public occasions 59; and "quarterly peals" five.

The ages of ringers are not uninteresting. On the younger side we find two of 12, five of 13, two of 14, two of 15, and a young lady of 16. At the older end we find persons aged 70, 71, 74, 75 and 83 still on the active list, and ringing peals.

GEO. P. BURTON,
E. W. CARPENTER,
JOSEPH GRIFFIN,
ARTHUR T. KING.

Peal Values' Committee.

PROPOSED REVISED SCALE OF POINTS.

The Peal Values' Committee report states: Your committee, having been instructed, at the meeting at Manchester last year, to take the question of a general scheme for allotting points to peals into their further consideration, beg leave to report as follows:—They have given very careful attention to the whole subject, and have endeavoured to embody in the schedule, which they now propose for your adoption, the chief features that were recommended in the discussion that was held at the meeting, principal among them being the allotment of comparatively more points to peals on the higher numbers of bells. The chief difficulty that has confronted them has been that of securing this feature without the employ-

ment of any complicated formulæ in the calculation of the points, their only regret being that the formula which they have felt compelled to adopt—the simplest that would meet the case—is more complicated than they really like.

SCHEDULES.

A.—For peals on seven bells and upwards:—

CLASS	VALUE	TRIPLES	MAJOR	CATERS	ROYAL	CINQUES	MAXIMUS
I.	8	6	8	10	12	15	18
II.	10	8	10	13	16	19	22
III.	11	—	11	—	17	—	25
IV.	14	11	14	18	22	26	31
V.	20	—	20	—	31	—	45
VI.	24	18	24	30	38	45	54
VII.	32	—	32	—	50	—	72
VIII.	40	—	40	—	62	—	90
IX.	50	—	50	—	78	—	112

The foregoing schedule is calculated by the formula $\frac{VN^2}{64}$, i.e., multiply the number found in the column headed "Value" by the number of bells, and the product by the number of bells once more, and divide the last product by 64.

B.—For peals on six bells:—

NUMBER OF METHODS RUNG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Plain methods	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Treble Bob methods	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Methods with "broken leads" ...	5	8	11	14	17	20	23
Surprise methods	6	10	14	18	22	26	30

Thus a peal consisting of two 720's in Treble Bob Methods, two in "broken lead" methods, and three in Surprise Methods would count $6 + 8 + 14 = 28$.

For 42 six scores of Doubles your committee recommend three points.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER,
JOHN CARTER,
HENRY DAINS,
CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Notice has been received to the effect that the following schedule will be proposed as an amendment to schedule A given above:—

TABLE CONSTRUCTED FROM THE FORMULA $\frac{VN^2}{8 \cdot 3 \cdot 2}$

DESCRIPTION	TRIPLES	MAJOR	CATERS	ROYAL	CINQUES	MAXIMUS
Plain methods	7	8	10	11	13	15
Alliance, etc.	8	10	12	14	16	18
Treble Bob, etc.	—	11	—	15	—	20
Erin, Forward, etc.	12	14	17	20	23	26
Double Norwich, etc.	—	20	*24	28	—	37
Stedman, Duffield, etc.	20	24	29	34	39	45
Superlative, etc.	—	32	—	45	—	60
Cambridge, etc.	—	40	—	56	—	75
London, etc.	—	50	—	70	—	95

* Double Norwich Caters.

To delegates: Will all those who are going to Leicester before Whit-Tuesday notify me by postcard? as, if the numbers justify, some provision of entertainment for the Monday night can be made. Also any strangers who require accommodation can rely on our services to provide it for them, if they will enclose a reply card with their address.—Will Willson, 4, Keythorpe Street, Leicester.

TIMELY TOPICS.

By Will Willson.

The ringing of the first peal in the town of Oakham, recorded in last week's issue, calls to mind the peculiar privileges enjoyed by that locality. One of them, granted by a Royal Charter, is the right to demand a horse shoe from every titled personage who drives through the town. Should the request be refused, the horse can be seized and unshod by force, although this was done only on one occasion. In the court house the visitor imagines that he is between a museum and a chamber of horrors. On one side is an old gallows complete, while the walls are literally covered with horse shoes of all descriptions. Each one bears a date and a coronet, while not a few carry the Royal Arms. Many are gilded and ornamented. Some are out of all proportion to a horse's hoof, and are as big as a pie dish. Lords, spiritual and temporal, kings, queens, and princes have contributed to the collection, and carry back through many ages of English history.

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On May 25th Mr. George Howchin, of St. Peter Man-croft, Norwich, can claim to be "50 not out." As one of the Norwich heavy bell men George Howchin has been "at the wickets" for a long time, and will experience a feeling of pride at celebrating his jubilee. Your scribe has not reached the magic number of 50 yet (and may I whisper it? he is not anxious to), but when the children put their arms around one's neck and say "Poor old dada," it is enough to cause you to examine yourself before a mirror. I think we men ought to follow the example of our sisters, and keep within the margin of the units, disdaining the tens. Thirty-nine, forty-nine, but not fifty. No woman ever admits it, and why should we?

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The advent of King George into what is known as the "sport of kings" brings to mind the fact that the first equine race ever contested had connection with bells. It is recorded that "in 1609 William Lester, Mayor of Chester (a perfect poem) did cause three silver bells to be made of good value, to be run for upon the Roode Dee." This is the first instance of its kind, and our ancestors were obviously easier to satisfy than their descendants, for the above race was the only event of the day. The biggest and best silver bell ultimately became a cup, and is nowadays worth about £2,500. In addition, the landed gentry gave to each of the animals first, second and third, one of their famous Cheshire cheeses, weighing 5 cwts. each! As horses don't usually feed on cheese the toothsome morsel comes in handy for their owners.

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Mr. Sam Thomas, whose address is anywhere from Chesterfield to Sheffield, has reason to be proud, for the peal of Bristol Surprise he has just called, at the first place, is the first by any local band in the Midland counties. There has been a great upheaval in ringing in the Chesterfield district during the last few years, chiefly owing to young and new blood being infused among the old. In the peal referred to there were six first pealers in the method, including our friend, Arthur Knights, who can justly be regarded now as a veteran. His son, Benjamin, of whom he is no doubt proud, is also making his presence felt in Lancashire, where he is now located; for

according to the peal columns, he recently got a whole team through their first peal of Stedman Triples. He is possessed of rare ability and, with health, has undoubtedly a great future before him.

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A good many veterans in the metropolis seem to be "resting" just now. When one has seen the names in the peal columns for more years than he can remember, the absence makes them more conspicuous. Where are the boys of the old brigade? It is a long time since the name of our friend, Joseph Waghorn, sen., appeared, and yet Tottenham is famous for wags. Was it not a Tottenham tailor who, finding his thirteen and sixpenny nether garments did not sell, altered his advertisement thusly:—"Trousers at six and ninepence a leg, all seats free?"

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern district was held at Royston, on Saturday, May 20th. Unfortunately Royston is not an easy place to get to and from by train, so that the meeting could only be attended by such as are able to cycle: also being on the very edge of the county, there was a smaller number of towers within easy distance. However, ringers were present from Baldock, Barley, Hitchin, and Great Wymondley, and, of course, the Royston band. The lack of numbers was more than made up for by the welcome received and the ringing which the visitors were able to take part in. The bells, six—tenor 11½ cwt.—were kept busy from 3.30 to 8 o'clock, to the tune of Plain Bob, Kent, and Violet Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise, and Stedman Doubles. An excellent tea was followed by a short meeting, with the Vicar (the Rev. J. Harrison) in the chair. All seemed to enjoy themselves, and the visitors went home pleased at having been able to practice some new method. This last is the great advantage of a meeting at a six-bell tower when the local band can ring any method you may happen to ask for. The next meeting will be at Hatfield, on July 15th.

HADLEIGH BELLS, SUFFOLK.

The fine peal of eight bells at St. Mary's Church, Hadleigh, have just been re-hung, tuned, and set in thorough going order by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk. On Saturday last, the bells were rung again, after their restoration, by the Lavenham company of ringers. There was a short service in church at 3.30, at which Dean Carter, Rector of Hadleigh, gave an address on the use of bells, and on the history of the Hadleigh Church bells. Tea was provided by Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Grimwade for the ringers, and after the Rector had welcomed the ringers, Mr. Grimwade (churchwarden) thanked Messrs. Day and Son for their excellent work; Mr. Wilson (churchwarden) thanked the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, hon. secretary for the Archdeaconry of Sudbury of the Ely Diocesan Association of Bell Ringers, for his help; and the ringers thanked the ladies for kindly providing them with tea. Ringers were present from Felsham, Hadleigh and Lavenham, and touches of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandshire Triples, and Plain Bob Major, were rung.

Now that the bells are in order, we hope it will be no long time before Hadleigh will have a full company of good change ringers.

Hadleigh bells are an ancient peal. The tenor, treble, second, and third bells were made by Miles Graye the younger in 1678 and the two following years. The seventh bell was recast in 1788 by Thomas Osbourn, of Downham Market, whose grandson, William Dobson, recast the fifth bell in 1806. This Wm. Dobson died at the Charterhouse in 1842. The sixth was recast in 1856 by Mears, of Whitechapel, London. The fourth and oldest bell was made by Henry Jorden between 1410 and 1450, and bears a Latin inscription, "Sit Nomen Domini Benedictus."

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, for Divine service, 720 Plain Bob: D. Chaplin 1, R. Miles 2, E. Hawkins 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6.—For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: F. Freestone 1, G. Playle 2, A. Playle 3, E. Butler 4, E. Hawkins 5, R. Miles (conductor) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—For men's afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob on the back six: C. Rochester 1, A. Playle 2, E. Butler 3, J. Dale 4, G. Playle 5, R. Miles (conductor) 6. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th hail from Dagenham.

NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, before service, 510 Grandshire Doubles; after service, 680: W. Inwood 1, E. Lathall 2, W. Smith 3, F. Tompkins (conductor) 4, W. Brown 5, A. Hopkins 6.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, for morning service, 504 of Grandshire Triples: R. Drage 1, A. Hickton 2, J. Harrison 3, N. Widdowson 4, J. Bailey 5, T. Hutchinson 6, J. Ward (conductor) 7, T. Edinborough 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WESTON FAVELL.—The Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Wednesday, April 19th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: F. Rowledge 1, G. Luck 2, T. Law 3, C. Haines 4, F. Rollings (conductor) 5, each six-score called differently. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. R. Terry, on being inducted as Rector of Weston Favell.—On Sunday evening, May 14th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260), in 43 mins.: W. Law 1, T. Law 2, H. Clarke 3, C. Haines 4, G. Farker (conductor) 5, each six-score called differently. First quarter-peal as conductor.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Tuesday, May 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples: M. Pink, F. Chaffey, E. Squibb, W. Cooper, W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings (conductor), A. Pain. All the above are members of the Brading band.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, on May 7th, 360 Stedman Triples.—On Wednesday, May 10th, for practice, 416 London Surprise Major: A. Jordan 1, T. Jordan 2, G. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, J. Luckey 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, May 14th, for morning service, 288 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Gray 1, H. Little 2, G. Jordan 3, J. Luckey 4, T. J. Watts 5, A. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, T. Jordan 8.—On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, W. Prior 2, T. Jordan 3, G. H. Barker 4, J. Luckey 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.

THRSK.—On Wednesday, May 10th, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells muffled for the memorial service to the late Bishop Camidge, 966 Grandsire Triples: H. Brown, jun., 1, H. Brown, sen., 2, G. Stott 3, J. W. Neesam (conductor) 4, J. Watson 5, G. Neesam 6, R. B. Brown 7, R. E. Neesam 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Wednesday, May 10th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques was abandoned after 19 courses: Geo. F. Williams 1, J. C. Truss 2, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 3, J. A. Trollope 4, F. Biggs 5, W. H. Fussell 6, R. Coles 7, A. F. Ashman 8, F. Hayes 9, R. Buckland 10, J. W. Wilkins 11, W. Boxell 12.—520 Treble Bob Royal: *R. Coles 1, G. F. Williams 2, F. Biggs 3, J. A. Trollope 4, W. H. Fussell 5, J. W. Wilkins 6, *F. Hayes 7, R. Buckland 8, J. C. Truss 9, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 10. *First touch in the method. Longest touch of Royal on the bells.—On Sunday, May 14th, for morning service, 376 Stedman Caters: J. Gransby 1, R. Coles 2, G. F. Williams 3, F. Biggs 4, W. Neighbour 5, W. Phipps 6, F. Hayes (conductor) 7, A. F. Ashman 8, B. Page 9, W. Hoing 10.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On May 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: C. Honeywood 1, T. Bernard (Harwich) 2, J. Souter 3, S. Taylor (Harwich) 4, W. Honeywood (conductor) 5, C. Ellis (Harwich) 6. Also 210: H. Saunders 1, C. Ellis, conductor.

EYNSFORD, KENT.—On Friday, May 12th, 1064 Grandsire Triples: W. West 1, A. Bates 2, F. Gates 3, J. Couchman 4, T. Booker 5, S. Mason 6, R. Baldwin (conductor) 7, A. Gates 8. Also 210 in the same method, conducted by A. Bates.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—On Friday, May 12th, a date touch (1911 changes), Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 6 mins.: G. Holmes 1, S. Thorpe 2, J. J. Peake 3, J. J. Kinchin 4, J. T. Frencham 5, J. G. Woddy 6, R. Todd 7, A. Morton (conductor) 8.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE. — On May 13th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: J. Clarke 1, W. Clarke 2, R. H. Bartram 3, Jos. Lord 4, Thos. Musson 5, R. Mount (conductor) 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles and 120 Bob Minor, in which Ernest Bartram, aged 15, took part, it being his first attempt. Mr. Lord hails from Grantham, and Messrs. Bartram from Melton, the rest being local men.

SKILLINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. — The Lincoln Diocesan Guild, (Southern Branch).—On Saturday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in five methods, viz.: 240 Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob, 120 Stedman, 360 St. Dunstan's: H. Thorpe 1, D. B. Overton 2, W. G. Thorpe 3, A. C. Darnell 4, J. Lord (conductor) 5. Rung to mark the hanging of a board for a peal rung November 19th, 1910, by the same band.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, May 13th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Ridout 1, A. Burn 2, Rev. F. L. Edwards 3, W. W. H. D'Aeth 4, A. Hussey 5, R. G. Lewis (conductor) 6. First 720 on the bells. Tenor, 20 cwt.

HOUNSLOW.—The Middlesex County Association. — On Saturday, May 13th, at St. Paul's Church, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Spencer 1, G. A. Ransom 2, F. C. Goddard 3, J. Chave 4, T. Beadle 5, A. Harding 6, W. J. New (conductor) 7, A. Bechensale 8.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—On May 14th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for evening service, 336 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Jacques. After service at Clifton Church, 720 Bob Minor: T. Wright 1, B. Fisher 2, W. Freeman 3, G. Cook 4, W. Jacques (conductor) 5, J. Court 6. Also 216 Bob Minor, with W. Clare 1.

WEST WYCOMBE.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, May 14th, 1080 Bob Minor: A. Ashman 1, F. Hayes 2, C. Coles 3, W. Goodchild 4, G. F. Williams 5, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 6. Owing to the bad going, an attempt for peal was abandoned. It is hoped this fine peal may receive the attention of the authorities, and be rehung.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, May 14th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Payne 1, C. Doe 2, M. Goddard 3, H. Watts 4, Rev. A. E. Cousins 5, J. Moth (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 in the same method: A. Collins 1, A. Payne 4, the others as before. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the 5th, who is on a visit from Canada, after being there nine years. He was a member of the local band before going abroad, and this was his first ring since his departure, nine years ago.

PILFICO, LONDON.—On Sunday, May 14th, for evensong, at St. John the Evangelist, Wilton Road, as a farewell to Mr. W. D. Farrow, who is leaving London, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's original one-part peal, in 45 mins.: W. Farrow (first quarter-peal) 1, G. F. Harder 2, G. R. Channer (first quarter peal as conductor) 3, E. Jones 4, J. Thimblethorpe 5, E. C. Phillips 6, F. T. Gover 7, E. Weaver 8.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sunday evening, May 14th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Headey 1, C. Cooke 2, H. C. Corke 3, G. H. Stonestreet (conductor) 4, W. J. Wolfe 5, W. Steed 6, A. Laurence 7, S. Corke 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 14th, for Divine service, 1008 Grandsire Triples, containing the 24 6-7's, at back stroke: E. Bryant 1, S. Rayner 2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3, J. Webb 4, W. Wood 5, J. Warwick 6, L. C. Fernige 7, F. Ford 8.

CHATHAM.—Kent County Association.—At St. Mary the Virgin's Church, on Sunday morning, May 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): E. Sills 1, J. Hunt 2, F. Riordan 3, G. Riordan 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, S. Shellock 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8. The service was attended by the Mayor and Corporation, Territorials and Yeomanry, and Board of Guardians, it being Hospital Sunday.—Also 504 Stedman Triples for the afternoon service: F. Riordan 1, J. Hunt 2, F. A. Holden 3, G. Riordan 4, F. Belsey 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, S. Shellock 7, G. Lawrence 8. — For evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples: H. Sprigate 1, F. Belsey 2, G. Riordan 3, F. Riordan 4, S. Shellock (conductor) 5, E. Sills 6, J. Hunt 7, G. Lawrence 8.

GRAVESEND.—On Sunday, May 14th, for morning service, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. R. Gates 1, J. Burles 2, F. Mitchell 3, A. Constant 4, R. Constant (conductor) 5, J. Constant 6, R. Tall 7, A. Lott 8.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, May 14th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Clark (longest length) 1, F. Fears 2, W. Clayton 3, G. Piper 4, H. Clark 5, W. Green 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, A. Banks 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 14th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, N., 1400 of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Flanders 1, J. Cornford 2, H. Brookes 3, A. Hart 4, H. J. Ranzetta 5, W. Pateman 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, L. Perry (longest length) 8.

GOOD FRIDAY PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My attention has been called to a letter in your paper in which some strange things are said in connection with a peal rung at Blewbury on Good Friday. As this peal was rung, naturally, with my consent, I should like to point out that it was a muffled one, seemly to the day, that surely church bells are appropriate to sound the messages of the Church's seasons, that a muffled peal on Good Friday is quite as meet as a joyous peal on Easter Day, and that the ringing of such a peal distinctly serves as a reminder to the outside world of the Crucifixion and Death of our Blessed Lord. The people who would "speak against us" for our action are certainly not those who feel the solemnity of Good Friday.—Yours faithfully,

VICTOR L. WHITECHURCH,

Rector of Blewbury.

May 18th, 1911.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild was held at Great Crosby on Saturday week, about 100 members being present. There was a service, at which the Lord Bishop of Liverpool preached, and afterwards the visitors were entertained to tea by the Rev. F. A. Bartlett. Archdeacon Spooner, the president of the Guild, presided at the subsequent business meeting, at which the Master (the Rev. W. T. Bulpit) congratulated the members upon celebrating the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Guild, and the good work that had been accomplished.—Thanks were accorded the Bishop for his address, and to the retiring officers of the Guild, all of whom were re-elected.—The Rev. F. A. Bartlett was thanked for his hospitality, and a similar compliment was passed to Archdeacon Spooner for presiding.

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FOR SALE.—Mr. C. L. Routledge, 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle, has the following books for sale. Offers will oblige: Clavis Campanologia (original, good condition), Ellacombe's Belfries and Ringers, Hubbard, Shipway (reprint), Stedman's Tintinnalogia (reprint).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Divine service at St. Mary's at 11.30. Preacher, Rev. W. A. Errington, Rector of Hunsdon, Herts. Business meeting to follow. Notice of intention to dine must be sent to the honorary secretary not later than June 1st.—Henry T. W. Eyre, honorary secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday next, May 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Folkestone on Whitsun Monday, June 5th. Committee meeting (in Woodward Institute 11 a.m. Service at 12 (address by Rev. A. F. Ratty, Rector of Lyminge). Dinner at 1 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Folkestone (8), Hythe (8), Lyminge (8), Cheriton (6), Newington (6). For dinner tickets apply before Thursday, June 1st, to Fred. J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday next, May 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge at the Beehive Hotel at 5.30 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Helmshore on Saturday next, May 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tong on the 27th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30 to 3; the business meeting at the Greyhound Inn at 7.30.—A. S. Mitchell, secretary, 2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

Mr. A. J. Turner, 24, St. John's Street, Lewes, is now the Hon. Sec. of the Southover, Lewes, tower.

NOTICES (continued).

Mr. B. Harman, School Road, Smallfield, near Horley, Surrey, will be staying in North Devon between June 3rd and 11th, and would like to arrange peals or touches of Grandsire or Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob or Double Norwich Major.—Communications should be sent to above address.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT.—A meeting will be held at Massey on Whit-Monday, June 5th. Bells available all day. Hearty invitation to all ringers. Tea will be provided, 6d. each, 5.30, at the Blue Bell to those who let the secretary know by Monday, May 29th.—J. Jutson, Secretary, pro tem., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The first monthly ringing meeting of the season will be held at Belper on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (six) available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Bert Mitchell, Hon. District Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at Norton on Whit-Monday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—T. Riley, Assistant Hon. Secretary.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, June 5th, 1911. Committee Meeting at 11.45; Divine service at the Parish Church 12.30; dinner at the Golden Lion Hotel 1.30. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. Those intending to be present must notify the secretary not later than the 31st day of May, 1911.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Honorary Secretary.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Whitley Bay and North Shields. Bells of St. Paul's and Christ Church available all day. Committee meeting at the Station Hotel, Whitley Bay, at 1 o'clock. Dinner same place at 1.30 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify.—Chas. Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The May monthly meeting will be held at Kenilworth on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.—Arthur Coleman, Honorary Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Whit-Monday, June 5th. The bells of Higham and Irthlingborough also will be ready at 10 a.m. Service in the church at 12 noon. Luncheon and business meeting at the Green Dragon at 1 o'clock. Luncheon—members, 1s.; visitors and friends, 2s. All those intending to be at the luncheon must let me know not later than May 31st.—F. Wilford, Honorary Secretary, 29, Bostock Avenue, Northampton.

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