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At St. Michael's Parish Church,
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The Record Long Peal of
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James George,
April 18th, 1911.

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL.

A further appeal is made through our columns to-day in connection with the Robinson Memorial Fund. Of the £300 required £187 has now been subscribed, and, as the committee are now anxious that there should be no further delay in carrying out the scheme, those ringers who have not already subscribed, and who desire to do so, are requested to forward their contributions without delay.

The late Rev. F. E. Robinson was a wonderful man, with high ideals of his duties and responsibilities as a minister of the church. Bell ringing, at which he spent so many of his happiest hours, was only one of the engrossing occupations of his long and active life, but it was, of course, the one which came most prominently, if not almost exclusively, under the notice of the members of our Exercise, and it is the one with which, consequently, he is most intimately associated in the minds of ringers. Thousands, among them those who had never met him, watched with never failing interest the doing of this "Grand Old Man" of the ringing world, who, in his peregrinations up and down the country, did so much to improve the relationship between ringers and church authorities, and to secure for members of the Exercise that recognition of their position in the Church which it should be the aim of all to strive to attain.

That the memory of such a man as this should be fittingly perpetuated is only natural, and the fact that the sum required to carry out the memorial scheme has not yet been secured is due, we believe, as much to the procrastination of some of the officials of the associations as to anything else. Where the collection of contributions has been properly organised, the result has been most gratifying, but there are many cases where practically no steps have been taken to bring the matter to the notice of members, through their respective organisations, as was originally intended. Direct appeal is now made to those towers who have not yet subscribed to send in their contributions, however small, so that the committee may proceed to erect in Drayton Church, the scene of Mr. Robinson's ministrations for so many years, the chancel screen which, had he been given life and health, it was the rev. gentleman's intention to carve with his own hands, and thus complete that decoration of the sacred edifice which he had laboured so long and so lovingly to carry out. We feel sure that the appeal made by the chairman of the Memorial Committee will not be made in vain, and those who desire to send contributions will find on another page a list of those gentlemen who will be happy to receive them.

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John O. Sager, Todmorden,
Solicitor, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,
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Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, 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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TEN BELL PEAL.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt., in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT ...	Treble	*EDGAR H. BAILEY ...	6
ALBERT G. WARNES ...	2	FREDERICK J. ROOPE ...	7
CHARLES BAKER ...	3	*ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	8
JAMES BAILEY ...	4	WILLIAM STEELE ...	9
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ...	5	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal on ten bells. The 100th peal by the ringers of the 5th, 8th and 10th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

HENRY S. REEVES ...	Treble	SAMUEL PAGE ...	5
HUBERT EDEN ...	2	GEORGE N. PRICE ...	6
WALTER HOBBS ...	3	EDWARD WHITBREAD ...	7
*CHARLES N. LEMAN ...	4	FREDERICK WHITE ...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

* First peal in the method.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*HAROLD PEGG ...	Treble	JOHN RAWSON ...	5
†HARRY PERCIVAL ...	2	JOSEPH LORD ...	6
JOHN MOORE ...	3	WALTER FERN ...	7
GEORGE WALKER ...	4	STOKER W. WEST ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell. The ringer of the treble was elected a member before starting for the peal.

WATLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lbs., in E sharp.

PHILBERT W. WILKINS ...	Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ...	5
*JOSEPH WHITE ...	2	WILLIAM J. PAICE ...	6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	3	*ROBERT H. YOUNG ...	7
†WILLIAM GOODCHILD ...	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND ...	Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER, and
Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Bob Major away from the treble. † First peal in the method. In the above peal seven towers were represented, viz., Bledlow, Hurst, High Wycombe, Hughenden, Old Windsor, Wokingham and Beaconsfield.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHOUT THE WALLS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*HENRY GOUGH ...	Treble	HENRY DEW ...	5
ROBERT SPERRING ...	2	JAMES MORGAN ...	6
WILLIAM SCONCE ...	3	REV. C. CAREW COX ...	7
HENRY W. WILDE ...	4	ERNEST CHANNELL ...	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal in the method.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES' ONE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

JOHN OVERTON ...	Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ...	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	WILFRED OVERTON ...	6
REV. E. V. COX ...	3	JAMES E. GROVES ...	7
JOHN ELCOCK ...	4	HORACE W. OVERTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

*WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ...	Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	5
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ...	2	FRANK BENNETT ...	6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ...	3	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ...	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	4	ISAAC EMERY ...	Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First in the method on the bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt., in E.

†WILLIAM E. PITMAN ...	Treble	FRANK BENNETT ...	5
*ISAAC EMERY ...	2	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ...	6
*GEORGE BILLENNESS ...	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	4	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Believed to be the first in the method on the bells.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT ...	Treble	GEORGE WATSON ...	5
ISAAC EMERY ...	2	*GEORGE BILLENNESS ...	6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ...	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	4	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. Trollope's 100th peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	GEORGE BAXTER 5
CHARLES T. P. BRICE 2	WILLIAM ROOPE 6
A. G. BENNINGTON 3	FREDERICK ROOPE 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	CHARLES ROOPE Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by F. BORRETT.

RADYR, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

†EVAN COLES Treble	SIDNEY DAWE 5
*CLARENCE O. HOBBS 2	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	WILLIAM BOLTON 7
FRED CHAMBERLAIN 4	ALLEN ROWLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON, and
Conducted by ALLEN ROWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. D. Phillips, for granting permission to ring.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 5
JOHN HOWES 2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
JAMES FROSELL 4	CHARLES E. READ ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1911, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER PERKINS ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... 5
ALPHEAUS PERKINS ... 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6
*ARTHUR E. PAYNE ... 3	JAMES GARRATT ... 7
DAVID J. NICHOLLS ... 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. R. Sanders, London, Messrs. Nicholls, Payne and Sawfoot, hail from Kettering.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. WHITE ... Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 4
WALTER WHITE 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... 5
JOHN J. JACKSON 3	THOMAS SQUIRES ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WHITE.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all on the bells, and by the Association.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six Scores. Tenor 21 cwt.

*CHARLES DAVIS ... Treble	HARRY ENGLAND ... 4
JACK ATHERTON 2	GEORGE H. GALE ... 5
JOSEPH CAPLE 3	*HARRY SEALEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

The ringers of treble and tenor were made members of the Association before starting. * First peal. Rung in honour of the first regatta on the river at Easton for 40 years.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently.

HERBERT ROBINSON ... Treble	BERNARD FISHER ... 4
WILLIAM JACOUES 2	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 5
F. W. SAWFOOT 3	PEARL INSKIP ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. GAYTON.

HONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 32 Six Scores of St. Dunstan's and 10 Six Scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. MACKEARS ... Treble	A. PALMER ... 3
R. SCOTT 2	W. WATSON ... 4
A. DRURY 3 Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. E. H. Wilgress, Vicar of Carlton Scroop, and Miss F. M. Moore, daughter of Canon Moore, of Honington.

WHITCHURCH.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On Saturday last, at St. Mary's Church, Whitchurch, to celebrate the wedding of Miss Couzens, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Couzens, of Merthyr Road, Whitchurch, and Mr. Green, of Vancouver, B.C., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Bailey 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, E. Coles 4, W. Porter 5, T. Middleton 6. A. Bishop took part in other ringing, which included the firing of the bells. Afterwards the ringers were entertained by the bride's parents, and a pleasant afternoon was spent, everyone present wishing Mr. and Mrs. Green every happiness.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

Hitherto I have been dealing with the way to ring the Plain Bob method, which is really a method for an even number of bells, although, as we have seen, it can be adapted to odd numbers. But the method lent itself to our purpose, because it is, in a sense, merely an extension along scientific lines of those two rows of changes which I gave in quite the early issues in order to explain what half-pull ringing was. For the moment, however, let us leave the Plain Bob method now that the young conductor has been shown how to get his hand on to touches of Minor, and turn our attention to a method, essentially intended for odd numbers of bells, for whether there are six or eight in a tower, many ringers find it much easier to ring when the method is one that has a covering bell, which keeps the beat and gives no difficulty to the learner in regard to the bell he has to lead off.

Grandsire, like Plain Bob, is one of the oldest of the methods practised, and its fundamental difference from Plain Bob is that it has two bells doing a plain hunt instead of one. As has been remarked, in Plain Bob, the treble hunts up and down without interruption for dodging purposes, and, having a fixed work, serves as a guide to the other bells. Grandsire has two bells doing this plain hunt, one is the treble and the other is the bell coursing immediately after the treble—in the plain course, the 2nd. The result of having two bells in the hunt is to force the place made at the treble lead one step further back, so that, while in Plain Bob, 2nd's place is made when the treble leads, in Grandsire it is 3rd's place that is made. This in turn forces the dodging also a step further away from the treble, and it takes place, in Doubles, in 4-5 instead of 3-4, and thus saves the four blows behind which occur at a treble lead when Plain Bob is rung on odd numbers.

The method is constructed as under, and there are only three leads instead of four to the plain course, the reason being that there are only three working bells:—

1 2 3 4 5	1 2 5 3 4	1 2 4 5 3
2 1 3 5 4	2 1 5 4 3	2 1 4 3 5
2 3 1 4 5	2 5 1 3 4	2 4 1 5 3
3 2 4 1 5	5 2 3 1 4	4 2 5 1 3
3 4 2 5 1	5 3 2 4 1	4 5 2 3 1
4 3 5 2 1	3 5 4 2 1	5 4 3 2 1
4 5 3 1 2	3 4 5 1 2	5 3 4 1 2
5 4 1 3 2	4 3 1 5 2	3 5 1 4 2
5 1 4 2 3	4 1 3 2 5	3 1 5 2 4
1 5 2 4 3	1 4 2 3 5	1 3 2 5 4
1 2 5 3 4	1 2 4 5 3	1 2 3 4 5

It will be noticed from this that the treble starts in the ordinary way, and that the other bell in the hunt (the 2nd in this case, but a different bell when a bob is called) begins its work by leading a whole pull. The 3rd begins by lying one blow in third's (actually completing the 3rd's place to which I have referred) before leading, while the bells behind begin with a dodge. The work, in its proper order, is thus tabulated:—

Pass the treble in 3-4, dodge in 4-5 down.

Pass the treble in 2-3, dodge in 4-5 up.

Pass the treble in 1-2, make 3rd's place and lead again.

CONDUCTOR.

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL.

RINGERS' OPPORTUNITY.

The Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, chairman of the Robinson Memorial Committee, and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, writes:—

Will you kindly publish this, the third list of subscribers to the Robinson Memorial Fund. It will be noticed that the sum in hand is still far short of that which we set out to obtain—£300. This does not, however, prove that we aimed too high, but it rather tends to show what different methods obtain with the various guilds and associations throughout the country. To each secretary was sent by the committee a number of circular letters varying according to the number of his towers (more could have been sent if they had been asked for), but whereas in some cases the result has been all that could be wished, in others the result has been nil. A twelve month has elapsed since the issue of these letters, and we must regretfully conclude that we are not to expect much more from guilds and associations as such: our appeal is therefore now through your columns to individual towers and individual ringers and bell lovers, who have not yet contributed, to send a subscription, though it may be but a small one, to place a memorial in Drayton Church to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson as a testimony from the ringers of Great Britain and their friends to the work of one who for 50 years was the most remarkable figure in the ringing world, and who in that time did more than anyone else for the true advancement of church bell ringing throughout the British Isles.

Subscriptions may be paid to:—

The Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN, Broadlands, Caversham, Oxon.

The Rev. G. F. COLERIDGE, The Vicarage, Crowthorne, Berks.

Mr. W. POLE ROUTH, Oakfield, Redlands Road, Reading.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REVIVAL OF INTEREST WANTED.

The postponed annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Cambridge on Bank Holiday. The dinner and business meeting was held at the Lion Hotel, about 40 members attending. Amongst those present were the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (in the chair), the Rev. R. L. Twells (general secretary), the Rev. K. H. Smith (hon. treasurer), the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, Messrs. P. Webb, A. Pilgrim (district secs.), and Messrs. R. A. Daniels, F. Pitstow, A. F. James, W. Watts, O. G. Howe, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, W. B. Kempton, T. R. Dennis, and others.

Letters regretting inability to be present were read from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, Mr. A. Symonds, and others. — The Chairman announced that the next annual meeting is to be held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday. — The General Secretary then read the report, which showed a decrease in the number of peals, and also membership, which was the most marked in the Isle of Ely district. — The Hon. Treasurer, in reading the balance sheet, commented strongly upon the lack of enthusiasm in the Association, and urged members to put forth greater efforts to secure new members.

Before the election of officers took place, the Chairman made a welcome announcement that the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson would shortly reside in Cambridge, and hoped he would be able to take office. — The General Secretary (the Rev. R. L. Twells) having decided to resign, Mr. T. R. Dennis was proposed and elected to that office. The treasurer and district secretaries were all re-elected, and the Rev. J. M. Clarkson was elected representative of the Association on the Central Council for three years. — Votes of thanks to the chairman, officers and clergy for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

During the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major were successfully brought round, the towers open for ringing being Great St. Mary's (12), Great St. Andrew's (8), St. Andrew's, Chesterton (6), and the Church of Our Lady, R.C. (8). Mr. W. H. Lawrence again performed the feat of ringing two bells to a course of Grandsire Triples.

STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES' THEORY CRITICISED.

To the Editor.

Sir.—Surely the Rev. H. Law James has fallen into error in giving the blocks of figures published in your last issue as a proof of his theory. No fault can be found with Mr. James for constructing the blocks to suit his own case. It is when erroneous statements are made regarding them, and illogical conclusions are drawn, that objection must be taken.

Note then what Mr. James says as to block D:—

"D is a plain course, unless one can prove that the four rows contain bobs, but the four rows do not contain a bob because, although four makes 3rd's place, she then goes down to lead instead of returning to the back, which she would do if she had really made a bob."

This is an astonishing assertion, for, if the place is a bob, the subsequent course of the bell making it cannot alter the fact. Then Mr. James ignores the third's place, where two comes from the front, makes the place and returns.

That the four rows are inserted by means of three bobs is simply proved. First, the particular place referred to in Mr. James' statement is made by 4, which in the ordinary course would have gone straight to lead, being after 2 with 2 after 1. The making of the place retards its progress one blow, which puts it in place of 1, compelling 1 to take the place of 2, thus giving an order of 53412 instead of 53124. Then, if the first place is a bob, for the same reason the other two are bobs. As a matter of fact, they form a Q set of three bobs, affecting three bells, and in their entirety restore the original course order.

	D.	Course Order.
	12345	53124
	21435	
	12453	53412
	14235	
B.	41253	53241
	42135	
	24153	53124
	etc.	

A portion of D is given here to show the change in the course order after each bob place. Further, the portion of D bracketed is the reverse of the block B given by Mr. James, being a touch of Original Doubles obtained by three successive bobs. The whole of D contains five such blocks and nothing else, these five blocks being connected by fifth's place, displacing first place, and the bob places are left undisturbed. Here it may be pointed out that seven bob blocks of Original Triples may be connected in the same way by seventh's place displacing first place, giving a regular plain course, which is not in "Legitimate Methods."

This is sufficient to show that the block D does contain bobs, and if one wished to argue parallel with Mr. James, it might be said that because it is composed of five touches it is, therefore, a touch. This

sort of argument is not logical, for D is a plain course obtained by the use of interior bobs, i.e., between the ends of each division, which is quite in accord with the laws of the science. The block F, given by Mr. James, is also obtained by the use of five interior bobs between the division head and end, which are in plain course order, and it is, therefore, a plain course.

No one knows better than Mr. James of the existence of these interior bobs in the majority of methods, and that they have up to the present been regarded as fixed places, and not as bobs. He is now, in a round-about way, endeavouring to show that they may be used to obtain touches and peals by their omission and variation, and this point being raised, it ought to be settled.

If Mr. James will confine himself to this, which I think he ought to have done from the first, and will give us his conclusions as to the limits of these omissions and variations, then the question will permit of reasonable discussion. As it is we are drifting into chaos.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Sunderland, August 12th, 1911.

[For the convenience of readers, we repeat the figures which were printed in the Rev. H. L. James' letter.—Ed.]

A	B	C	D	E	F
12345	12345	12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21435	21435	21435	21435	21435
24153	12453	24153	12453	24153	12453
42513	21543	42513	14235	42135	14235
45231	12534	24531	41253	41253	41253
54321	21354	42351	42135	14235	42135
53412	12345	43215	24153	12453	24153
35142		34125	42513	21543	42513
31524		43152	24531	etc.	45231
13254		34512	25413		54213
12345		35421	52431		52431
		etc.	54231		25413
			45231		24531
			54321		42351
			etc.		etc.

BAD-GOING BELLS AT HAMER.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch of the Lancashire Association was held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday last. Being at a six-bell tower, the meeting was not so well attended as some previous ones, but members were present from Middleton, Oldham, Rochdale and Walsden, with the local company. After the business meeting, an attempt was made for a touch of Bob Minor, but it came to grief, as the bells are running very badly, and the ringers present were of one opinion, that they want overhauling.—Mr. J. H. Bastow was nominated for branch secretary by the Todmorden company and the Oldham company. The next meeting of the branch will be held at Oldham Parish Church on the second Saturday in September.

MEETING AT KILLAMARSH.

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society held a meeting at Killamarsh, on Saturday, the 5th inst. A good muster of six-bell hands, including a fair number of those who have graduated as far as twelve bells, assembled, one to have a touch with the other, or to talk of old times; or, as is often the case at these meetings, to have a try at something which they do not ring at home. Anston, Bolsover, Eckington, Staveley, Rammoor, North Wingfield, were the towers represented, with the local company in full force. Among the ringing during the afternoon and evening were touches of varying length of Oxford, Kent, Duke of York, Killamarsh, College Exercise, and London, Cambridge, and Coronation Surprise. Mr. J. P. Tarlton, vice-president, presided over the short business meeting which was sandwiched between the ringing. Several new members were elected.—A vote of thanks to the Rector and the local company, who are to be complimented for the manner in which they turned up and made their visitors welcome, was passed, and a vote of thanks was also passed to the chairman.—Business finished, more touches on the bells followed; an enjoyable meeting concluding with a social half-hour.

RINGERS AS CHURCH WORKERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see that "Churchworker" thinks that the remedy for non-Sunday ringing could be found in joining the C.E.M.S. I beg to differ from him. I think the only remedy lies with the church officials. If the clergy paid more attention to the ringers and their work, I think it would encourage more Sunday ringing and church attendance. I will give you an instance. At the church where I am in the habit of ringing, we never see the Rector unless it is to complain because we are ringing a little too long. He wants the bells down ten minutes before the service, although he will wait five minutes for the organist to finish a voluntary. Then, again, the ringers ask the

churchwardens to accept them as voluntary workers. This they refused to do, but still persist in paying for chiming (no chiming has been done for two years). The ringers will not take the money, so it means a lot of unpleasantness each time the money is paid. Now, sir, if joining the C.E.M.S. would alter this state of affairs, we would all most willingly join, as we love the church and the ringing

ANOTHER CHURCHWORKER.

IN THE WEALD OF KENT.

AN ENJOYABLE EXCURSION.

For a long time past it was in the minds of some of us to attempt a peal of Major on the splendid and heavy ring at Tenterden. Tradition says that Barham who rang peals at most of the Kentish towers got a peal of Bob Major there many years ago, so we determined to ring a Surprise method. We were not the first to attempt the task, for some years ago Mr. Pye took a band, but had to abandon a peal of Superlative owing to the "go" of the tenor, a pretty sure proof that our task was not likely to be a light one. Last Bank Holiday was chosen, and the band had orders to be at the tower on Sunday evening if possible; if not, early on Monday. Our conductor, Mr. Bennett, was the first on the scene going by train, but the cyclists tarried on the way to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. Blackwell, at Hawkhurst, where we had a right good country welcome, and a real farmhouse dinner. Thither, too, went many of the ladies, who made up a happy family. I rather fancy some of us would have been content to lie in the fields for the rest of our natural existence, but business had to be attended to, and early Monday morning we were in Tenterden steeple repairing ropes and oiling the bells.

They are certainly a fine ring, worthy of their great reputation. The bells originally came from the Whitechapel foundry, but four, including the three biggest, were recast by Warners. The band was as follows:—1. Emery 1, J. A. Trollope 2, E. Barnett, junr., 3, Thomas Groombridge, junr., 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, E. Barnett, senr., 6, J. E. Davis 7, T. Groombridge, senr., 8. "Go" was called for Cambridge, and the bells at once settled down to some most excellent striking, fit for any critic to hear. When we had rung faultlessly for an hour and a half, a peal seemed to be a certainty; but it was not to be. The tenor began to go worse and worse, and the tenor man seeing that he had no chance of finishing the peal, set his bell. We had failed, but we had not disgraced ourselves, so we were not over-much disappointed. A course of London was tapped off so faultlessly that it seemed good enough for a peal at the next place. This was Rolvenden. The bells there are a poor, a very poor, lot, badly out of tune, and going all to pieces for want of attention.

It took only a few rounds to show that there was going to be no peal of London Surprise there. The bells were dropped all over the place, and the seventh bearings were taking a walk up and down the frame every time she was pulled. We went aloft and screwed her up, but 'twas no go. The fates decreed that the day was to be pealless.

AN IMPROMPTU CONCERT.

Now it so happened that a relative of Mr. Blackwell's was mine host at an hostelry at Benenden hard by, and thither went we. The ladies from Hawkhurst also came over, so that we were nearly five-and-thirty strong. They carted a piano out on to the lawn, produced handbells and beer, and we spread ourselves out to enjoy ourselves, which we did. A more eloquent pen than this must describe the glories of that night—how the ladies played most charmingly, how Mr. J. E. Davies sang two splendid comic songs (pon my soul, Jim, I didn't know you had it in you), how Mr. Groombridge tapped treble twelve on the piano, how the ladies danced and made some of us (think of that!) dance too. Anyhow, it was pretty nearly a couple of hours after the law said that that "pub" should have been decently closed that we broke up. Some of us stayed there, some went back to Hawkhurst, and the two Groombridges had to bicycle back to Chislehurst, how many miles I don't quite know, but at least thirty or forty more than I should have cared for. Mr. Barnett, senr., also had to leave us for home.

Goudhurst was the first tower next day, and 8.30 the meeting time. That meant getting up early, and a long ride, but we were getting used to that sort of thing, and punctually to time we met at the church. They are a heavy lot of bells, most, if not all, from Whitechapel, and above the average. But our peal luck followed us. We were told on arrival that the hot weather had "played Old Harry" with the frame, and that the locals could not ring them on the previous Sunday. But we were not easily to be defeated. We spent nearly an hour screwing the bells up, and then started for Stedman Triples. No go! We had not got far when, wonderful to tell, our usually infallible conductor missed a bob. We readily forgave him, the more because several of us were pretty certain that they'd have had all they wanted before the peal was finished. Then Mr. Davis had to go. He said he had, but what is mere business at such a time? But go he would, and so we bid him a sorrowful farewell. Then on to Marden, where we found a light peal of eight recently cast and hung by Howell, of Ipswich, in a very neat and clean, if somewhat slight, frame. The bells went splendidly, and we had no difficulty in scoring the first peal of Double Norwich.

PEAL OF EIGHT FOR DAWLISH.

There was a large congregation at Dawlish parish church, when the two new bells, which have been subscribed for by the parishioners in commemoration of the Coronation of King George V. were dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Exeter. The church had originally six bells, and these have been tuned by Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, church bellhangers, of Woodbury, who have hung the two new bells. The latter, which are in an iron frame, with steel girders, are hung over the old six. The latter require rehanging, and it is hoped the work will be taken in hand ere long. The weight of the new treble is 4 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb., and the inscription on it is: "God preserve Church and King, 22nd June, 1911." The weight of the second bell is 5 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lb., and the inscription: "King George V. Coronation, 22nd June, 1911." The cost of the two bells is about £125, and although the suggestion of thus marking the Coronation was only made by the Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Alford) at the Easter Vestry, the residents of the town have subscribed the money required, Mr. E. A. Border being the hon. secretary of the fund. The Rev. W. P. Alford took the service, the Archdeacon reading the lesson. During the singing of the processional hymn No. 242 the clergy and choir proceeded to the belfry, where they were met by the churchwardens, the ringers standing to their bells. The Archdeacon stood between the ropes of the two new bells, and, holding them, dedicated them with this prayer: "To the glory of God and the service of His Church in memory of the Coronation of his Majesty George V., whom God preserve. May the blessing of the Almighty ever rest upon the use of these bells from generation to generation." After two prayers a short peal was rung, followed by the hymn, "Lifted gently to the tower, There our bells are set on high, to fulfil their daily mission, midway 'twixt the earth and sky." The Archdeacon gave an address, and, at the close of the service, the National Anthem was sung, and the bells were again rung.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN BRANCH MEETING AT LITTLE COMBERTON.

The second quarterly meeting of the Southern branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held on Saturday last, at the picturesque village of Little Comberton, which lies at the foot of Bredon Hills. Ringers were present representing Evesham, Pershore, Upton-on-Severn, Hampton, Bretforton, Cropthorne, Hinton, and Elmley Castle. Mr. J. R. Newman (general secretary) and Mr. J. H. Sheppard, of Wolverhampton, were also present, and soon the bells were going to Gradsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob. The service, which was well attended, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. D. Lowndes), and an address was given by the Rev. H. Fowler, of Elmley Castle, who took for his text, Romans x., 18: "Their sound went out into all the earth." His remarks were listened to with much interest, and were most appropriate to the occasion.—After service, "the cup that cheers" was partaken of, under most ideal conditions, on the lawn in front of the Vicarage. The Vicar and Mrs. Lowndes partook of tea with the visitors, and the Misses Lowndes looked after the needs of the visitors.

After tea, the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, took place. Several new members were proposed and accepted, including the Rev. W. D. Lowndes, and the Rev. Harcourt Fowler, who consented to become honorary members.—A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. H. J. Hammond and her son, in their recent bereavement, through the death of the Rev. H. J. Hammond, late Vicar of Great Comberton, who met with an untimely end, and who was an honorary member of the Association.

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Fladbury, the date to be left with the hon. secretary to arrange.—On the motion of Mr. J. R. Newman, seconded by Mr. G. E. Nind (hon. secretary of the Evesham Guild), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. Harcourt Fowler for his most interesting address; also to the Vicar and Mrs. Lowndes for providing such a splendid tea, and to the Misses Lowndes for assisting in looking after the wants of the visitors.—This was, of course, carried unanimously, and the Vicar suitably replied.

A move was then made to the belfry, where the bells were again soon going to various methods. Great Comberton and Elmley Castle bells were available in the evening, and this privilege was taken advantage of.

EVESHAM.—On Sunday last, at the Bell Tower, 593 Gradsire Caters: R. Young 1, T. Edwin 2, F. Cook 3, H. Jordan 4, T. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Porter 6, F. Jordan 7, J. Hemming 8, H. Middleton 9, H. J. Phipps 10.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Sunday last, for the evening service, 350 Gradsire Triples: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, T. Worsfold 2, Horace Charman (conductor) 3 (first touch as conductor), A. Charman 4, H. Tidy 5, J. Knight 6, R. Whittington 7, W. Charman 8.

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MR. FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. Bennett was born at Basingstoke in 1869, his first visit to a belfry being in December, 1885, the evening after the St. Lawrence Society, Reading, had rung a peal of Grandsire in the Hampshire tower. Mr. H. White, who had rung his first peal on that occasion, seized upon this new recruit, and taught him to handle a bell, while several evenings a week were spent in learning Bob Minor on handbells, several touches being rung by Mr. Bennett before he was able to ring rounds on tower bells. When just able to master Grandsire Triples, he left Basingstoke for Guildford. This was in 1887, and he quickly made his way to St. Nicolas Church, when he found a band who rang a course of Grandsire Triples by figures, with two doubles, the veteran, Mr. J. Heathorne, who rang his first peal at 60, making the calls. Mr. Bennett found a rope available for him whenever anyone else was away, but this

was too tame, and, when Mr. F. T. W. Rees came to reside in Guildford in 1888, a new company was formed, and made such excellent progress that on March 2nd, 1889, Holt's ten-part was successfully rung. It was conducted by Mr. George Williams, and five of the young society took part in it, four of them, including Mr. Bennett, ringing their first peal. This was followed by the first local peal on October 3rd, Mr. Bennett conducting Davies' Variation of Holt's six-part. In 1890 the first local peals of Bob Triples, Bob Major and Union Triples were accomplished, and in 1891 Treble Bob was added to the list. On Whit-Monday of that year, also, Mr. Bennett took part in the first peal (Treble Bob Major) on the bells of East Meon, Hants, it being the 100th peal by Mr. George Williams, who conducted it, and with whom Mr. Bennett was afterwards to be so intimately associated in upholding the reputation of the Sussex Association.

In September, 1891, Mr. Bennett was married, and an incident of his wedding day will never be forgotten by those taking part in the peal, which Mr. Bennett was himself conducting. When near the end the gudgeon of the 5th broke, and the bell crashed down into the pit. The superstitious might have anticipated dire calamity in the wedded life that had just commenced, but it proved by no means the bad omen it portended, for Mr. Bennett's success has to a considerable extent been achieved through the help and encouragement he has received from, and the interest taken in ringing by his wife. And here it may be noted that Mr. Bennett's daughter is now an enthusiast in the Art, and only a run of misfortune has prevented her from scoring, on handbells, her first peal.

But to return to the days at Guildford. When the band there was in a fair way of accomplishing Stedman Triples, several members of the company, for various reasons, left. But in 1894 two new trebles were added by the generosity of Mr. F. T. W. Rees, and a peal of Grandsire Caters rung on them. In 1895 Mr. Bennett went to Brighton, where, with the St. Peter's company, who at that time were in the ascendant, he did the greater part of his peal ringing. Sussex has never had a band associated with any of its towers to equal this one in ability, and it was the skill of this company that kept the County Association in the forefront for so many years. During the twelve years he was living in Brighton Mr. Bennett rang no fewer than 409 peals, the most notable being the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London (at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street); the extent of London with the tenors together (6720) rung half muffled for the funeral of Queen Victoria, and the first peals of Oxford, Norfolk, Westminster, and Bristol Surprise ever rung. In one of the Sussex "ringing weeks," when the St. Peter's Society used to start for a peal each evening, at different towers, Mr. Bennett took part in seven Surprise peals in different methods, rung in eight attempts. Of that company, it is rather sad to contemplate, six at least have severed their connection with ringing, and only two now remain associated with the tower (Messrs. K. Hart and E. C. Merritt).

Mr. Bennett went to London in 1907, and in October of that year started a Surprise band, which met at Lewisham once a week for practice, and which has now rung about 60 Surprise peals, including London, Cambridge, Superlative and New Cumberland, as well as the first peals of Forward and Duffield Royal in London, and the first peal of Double Norwich Royal by the Kent Association. In 1908 Mr. Bennett was elected honorary secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths, for whom he is doing excellent

work. He represents this society upon the Central Council. Mr. Bennett's great ambition now is to ring a peal with his daughter, and success in this direction may be looked for very shortly.

The following is his list of peals:—

	Rang	Con.
In Seven Minor Methods	4	...
Union Triples	1	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
Grandsire Triples	55	38
Grandsire Caters	14	7
Bob Triples	6	3
Bob Major	60	37
Bob Royal	1	...
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	46	23
Kent Treble Bob Royal	13	4
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	...
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	1
Double Oxford Major	1	...
Double Norwich Major	103	45
Double Norwich Royal	2	1
Stedman Triples	118	60
Stedman Caters	36	14
Stedman Cinques	2	1
Forward Royal	3	3
Duffield Royal	1	1
Norfolk Surprise Major	2	...
Westminster Surprise Major	3	...
Oxford Surprise Major	3	...
Gloucester Surprise Major	3	...
New Cumberland Surprise Major	11	6
Superlative Surprise Major	85	28
Cambridge Surprise Major	40	25
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	...
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	1
Bristol Surprise Major	4	1
London Surprise Major	38	5
ON HANDBELLS.		
Grandsire Triples	1	...
	663	307

Rung in 206 towers in 17 counties. This list does not include one false peal of Grandsire Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Caters.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We Englishmen dearly like to celebrate anniversaries, and at Old Hill, Staffs, there has been quite an interesting little commemoration. Twenty-five years ago, on the 11th inst., a band rang their first 720, the method being Grandsire Minor. A quarter of a century later, to the very day, the same band (with one exception) met and rang the same 720 on the same bells. The performance is recorded among the miscellaneous touches.

Another interesting touch recorded this week is the 1008 Bob Major rung on Sunday evening at Leiston by eight members of the Bailey family. After 1008 we look to the early accomplishment of a family peal.

The Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) has arranged a ringing tour in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight for the Cambridge University Guild next month. Amongst the towers to be visited are Winchester Cathedral, North Stoneham, Lymington, Ryde, Dibden, St. Michael's, Southampton; Brading, East Tytherley and Romsey Abbey.

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A tour in South Wales is also being arranged, a mixed band, in which Mr. W. Pye will be the leading spirit, having secured a dozen towers in the Llandaff district for a week in September.

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We learn that the bells of Stratton, Cornwall, tenor 18cwt., are to be recast, with a tenor of 20cwt., and rehung. Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, have the contract.

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Some of our readers, we are afraid, did not get "The Ringing World" last week as promptly as they ought. This was due to the dislocation of traffic by the great labour strike in London. When food supplies are held up it is not surprising, perhaps, that here and there a bundle of papers should be delayed, although our publishers did everything that was possible under the circumstances to ensure prompt dispatch.

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Only one peal has ever been rung upon the lonely island of Lundy, and that was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. The island has a rugged history, and the controller of its destinies for the last half century has been Mr. Heaven, the patriarchal proprietor, who has been both king and priest. Mr. Heaven built the church, and in it used to minister to the spiritual needs of the islanders. Failing health has now necessitated his removal to the mainland.

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Mr. Heaven welcomed the band of stalwarts who faced the discomforts of the journey to Lundy in a small boat, and afterwards had one of the biggest tasks of their lives to get the bells through a peal. Lundy Island is situated in the diocese of Exeter, but separated from the mainland by a particularly choppy part of the Bristol Channel, which caused a late Low Church Bishop, who went to hold a confirmation on the islet, to perpetrate the worst pun of an otherwise well-spent life. After a rough passage, in which he had thrown up everything but his bishopric, the unhappy prelate was heard to moan: "I now believe that we must all pass through purgatory to reach Heaven."

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Mr. John Carter's machine for change ringing is rapidly approaching, even if it has not already reached, perfection, and presently when we want a peal rung it will merely be necessary to press the button and the machine will do the rest. We have not yet seen this wonderful machine ourselves, but recently one gentleman well-known throughout the Exercise inspected it and brought with him a lead of a new Treble Bob method, which no one but himself had seen. It was put into the machine, which rang a course perfectly. This sort of thing fairly takes one's breath away, and we are looking forward with interest and pleasure to inspecting Mr. Carter's wonderful invention.

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" Caters	5	1
" Cinques	1	
Bob Triples	1	1
" Major	6	2
Canterbury Major	1	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	17	
" Caters	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	5	
" " " Royal	2	
" " " Maximus	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	6	1
" " " Royal	1	
Forward Royal	1	
Stedman Triples	7	
" Caters	5	
" Cinques	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	8	
Cambridge	3	
New Cumberland	1	
Bristol	1	
London	2	
	80	

HANDBELLS.

Grandsire Triples	1	
" Major	2	
" Caters	1	
Bob Minor	1	1
" Triples	1	1
" Major	9	4
" Royal	1	
Canterbury Major	1	1
Stedman Triples	1	
" Caters	2	
	20	

* Including 6720 and 11,200.

Total 100; conducted 15; rung in 48 towers, 13 counties and 13 Associations.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN'S 100 PEALS.

The peal at Beccles recorded this week completed Mr. F. J. Howchin's 1200 peals, a list of which is appended.

On Six Bells	1	
Bob Triples	1	
Bob Major	7	conducted 1
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	4	
Superlative Surprise Major	1	
Grandsire Triples	6	conducted 1
Grandsire Caters	10	
Grandsire Cinques	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	16 (including 6,240, 7,040) con.	1
Kent Treble Royal	7	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	5	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	30 (including 6,432) con.	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	3	
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Stedman Triples	1	
Stedman Caters	1	
Stedman Cinques	4	
Total	100	

Also a false peal of Kent Maximus.

BUSHEY RINGERS AT BRIGHTON.

The annual outing of the Bushey Society took place in ideal weather on Saturday. In previous years the members have gone by brake to the neighbouring towers, but it was thought that a change was desirable, so this year the place selected was Brighton. Leaving Bushey at 6.30 a.m., the party reached their destination at 10.15 a.m. The first item on the programme was ringing at St. Peter's, where, with the help of Mr. Keith Hart, various touches of Stedman Triples were tapped off. Then the beach was visited, and bathing indulged in, the veterans' attempt to swim the channel meeting with early disaster. After dinner a move was made to St. Paul's, where, with the help of Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford, and the local men, touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung. Some of the more adventurous spirits climbed to the top of the tower, where a magnificent bird's eye view of Brighton and district rewarded their efforts. The afternoon was spent by the party in various ways, one section having a boat out, and finding that ringing is good training for rowing. After tea some of the visitors again met at St. Peter's for a short touch. The return was made at 8.25 (only half an hour after scheduled time), and home was reached at 11.35, all having spent a pleasant day. The visitors wish to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells, Mr. Keith Hart for making the arrangements, and the local men for their presence and welcome.

BELLS & TOWER OF TRENT CHURCH.**RESTORATION COMPLETED.**

The little village of Trent, Dorset, is rejoicing at the completion of an extensive restoration scheme, its handsome spire, which rises over the south transept to a height of 100 feet, having been rendered safe, after being found to be in a highly dangerous condition; and the ancient bells, which were badly in need of repair, retuned and rehung. A new porch has also been added to the church, and the whole work has been carried out at a cost of about £1,700. By means of subscriptions, entertainments, sales of work, etc., the parishioners have responded liberally to the Restoration Fund, and the appeals of the rector to churchpeople throughout the district have met with a gratifying response, over £1,337 being raised. The fund was headed by Mrs. Isabella and Miss Seymour with £150, and they later increased their contribution to £300. A grant was also made by the Diocesan Society of £130, and upon the lamented death of Mrs. Seymour she bequeathed £1,000 towards the repairs. There will thus be a sum of some £600 in hand, which is to form the nucleus of another fund for further repairs to the church. Very extensive restoration is needed to the floor and seating, a new organ and heating apparatus are badly wanted, and other parts of the fabric require attention.

PRE-REFORMATION BELLS.

The work of repair was begun in August last year, and has been efficiently carried out by Messrs. Samuel Sherwin and Son, of Boston, Lincs., under the control of Mr. Temple Moore (architect). The tower has been thoroughly under-pinned on all sides with concrete blocks to a depth of ten feet, the spire has been re-built, and the old seventeenth century weather vane repaired, re-gilded, and re-placed. The porch has also been practically re-built.

The bells are five in number (tenor 18 cwt.), the treble, 2nd and 4th being of Pre-Reformation date, and bearing the following inscriptions:

"Augustine tuam campanam portege sanam."

"Campana Andreae Ecclesiae Trente."

"Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis."

The fundamental tones, and the harmonics of the bells were very much out of tune, and it was with the greatest surprise and delight that the peal were heard for the first time after having been retuned. The bells have been fitted with iron headstocks, and fittings of the most modern description, and rehung in a new iron and steel frame, in which provision has been made for a new treble, which will be added as soon as the necessary funds are available. The restoration of the bells was entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London, who have carried out the work in an extremely satisfactory manner.

THE DEDICATION.

The tower, spire, porch and bells have been dedicated by the Bishop (Dr. Kennion), the service being attended by a large congregation. The clergy present, in addition to the Bishop, were: The Rev. J. M. Alcock (Vicar of Godney and Bishop's chaplain), Archdeacon Brymer (of Wells), the Revs. Preb. W. E. Daniel (Rector of Horsington), Preb. A. P. Wickham (Vicar of Martock), J. C. Fox (Rector of Templecombe), G. C. Gull (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Yeovil), G. R. G. Norris (Curate, St. John's Church, Yeovil), W. T. Rowe (Rector of Sandford Orcas), H. A. Boys (Rector of North Cadbury), and C. H. J. Glossop (Rector of Brympton).

The service opened with the singing of "Rejoice, ye pure in heart," and during the rendering of "We love the place," the Bishop, the Bishop's Chaplain, Archdeacon Brymer, the Rector, Mr. Peake-Mason, the churchwardens (Messrs. A. E. Spurr, rector's, and R. Andrews, people's), and ringers proceeded to the porch, where the dedicatory prayer was offered by the Bishop. "When morning gilds the skies" was then sung by the congregation, the Bishop and others meanwhile proceeding into the belfry, where, after receiving the five ropes from the people's warden, his Lordship dedicated the peal, "To the glory of God and to the use of this church separate from all profane and unhallowed uses." Then the bells rang out in joyful tones.

His Lordship then delivered an interesting discourse, basing his remarks on Psalm cxxii., 8. He made an earnest plea for a greater sense of brotherhood amongst people, remarking that he did not think its importance was sufficiently realised in these days. He was told they were going to take in hand further repairs to their church. He felt almost inclined to plead with them that nothing should be done that would disturb its ancient beauty. Whatever was done should be carried out with such wisdom that all that was so peculiarly beautiful might be preserved, so that they might not lose the recollection that had fixed itself in their minds of that church, which was one of beauty and one they all ought to love. But they would do well to put it in such order that there would be no risk of anything perishing, and to enable its being handed on to future generations in the best possible condition. He rejoiced that they had accomplished so well what had been done, and congratulated their Rector and those who had worked with him upon the achievements they could already speak of.

The concluding hymn was "Now thank we all our God," during the singing of which a collection was taken in aid of restoring the interior of the church, which amounted to £5.—After the service the bells were rung.

MR. G. R. PYE'S 500 PEALS.

'As recorded last week, Mr. G. R. Pye rang his 500th peal, a peal of London Surprise, at Burgess Hill, Sussex. Appended is his list:

	Tower Bells. Rung.	Con.	Handbells. Rung.	Con.
On Six Bells	1			
Grandsire Triples	8	2	3	2
Grandsire Caters	3	1		
Stedman Triples	57	16	28*	7
Stedman Caters (including 18,027) ...	49	2	23	1
Stedman Cinques (11,111)	28	2	8	
Kent Treble Bob Major (10,464)	15	2	6	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	16		4	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2			
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1			
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1			
Bob Major	4	1		
Double Norwich Major (15,072)	35	6	4	2
Double Oxford Major	1			
Duffield Major	1			
Superlative Surprise Major	87	13	7*	
Cambridge Surprise Major	6			
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1			
New Cambridge Surprise Major	7	1	3	
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1			
Bristol Surprise Major	27	4	3	
London Surprise Major (14,112)	49	3	5	
	406	53	94	15

Total rung, 500; conducted, 68. Rung in 159 towers and 26 counties and one on the Irish Sea. *Including one non-conducted.

DIDSBURY RINGERS' ANNUAL PIC-NIC.**ROADSIDE ACCIDENT.—A FORTUNATE ESCAPE.**

The ringers of Christ Church, West Didsbury, Manchester, held their annual pic-nic on Bank Holiday. The party arrived at Harecastle at 10.30, and were met by two ringers from Church Lawton, Messrs. Rigby and Harper, and one from Marple. They proceeded by conveyance to Church Lawton, and rang two good touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the residence of Mr. Rigby, whose good lady had provided an excellent and substantial dinner, to which ample justice was done.

After dinner it was intended to drive to Alsager, and from there to Barthomley, but owing to a rather alarming accident, the position of calls was reversed. The party was proceeding merrily to Alsager, when, through the driver making a too sudden turn, the conveyance was completely overturned, and all the party scattered on the road, while one wheel of the vehicle was splintered to atoms. Happily, no one was seriously hurt, as was proved by the fact that the ringing programme was carried out in its entirety. A new conveyance was found, and after some delay the party proceeded to Barthomley, where touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples were rung. The chief ringer, Mr. Alman, complimented the band on the excellence of the striking, and said that the touch of Bob Major was the best he had ever heard on the bells. The compliment paid was very much appreciated by the visitors. The party next drove to Alsager, where another touch of Bob Major was brought round in splendid style. There being no more time for ringing, the excursionists drove back to Church Lawton, to Mr. Rigby's residence, where a splendid tea had been provided by Mrs. Rigby. The party were behind the appointed time owing to the spill, but appreciating the old adage, "Tis better late than never," and with a strong feeling of thankfulness that no one was any the worse for what might have turned out to be a serious accident, they attacked the good things provided with a will.

After having thanked Mr. and Mrs. Rigby for their kind entertainment, the party drove to the station, and arrived home safely, after having spent a very enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank, through "The Ringing World," the clergy of the churches of Church Lawton, Barthomley, and Alsager, for their kindness in giving them the use of the bells.

MINOR RINGING.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—With your permission I should like to make one or two remarks about points mentioned by Mr. Dains in his letter in last week's "Ringing World." He first of all proposes that all restrictions save one should be omitted.

Now, during the first six months of this year, true peals of Minor have been rung in 14 methods, and I suppose that according to the present way of comparing peals these two would both rank equal, but there is really no comparison between them, either theoretically or practically. One was seven true 720's, the other was 14 360's. Now, in those 14 360's the bells ran round 14 times, and other rows appeared 14 times, and probably some rows never appeared at all; therefore, they cannot be compared theoretically. Again in the seven 720's the ringers had to change from one method to another 38 times; in the 14 360's only 14 times. Again in the 14 360's the new method always started from rounds, whereas in the seven 720's the new method started from rounds only six times out of the 38.

Finally, the seven 720's contained 81 bobs and four singles, with only one observation bell in each 720, whereas the 14 360's contain only 42 bobs, and the two tenors ring plain courses throughout; therefore, I ask for seven true 720's, no matter how many methods are rung.

Mr. Dains then refers to Cinques and Maximus, and says he doubts if a single individual could do it without previous practice; now, of course, practice makes perfect, but the difficulties of twelve-bell ringing are magnified by Mr. Dains, and while I agree that the middle bells of the ring are the easiest to ring if a man cannot strike properly, if he be a really good six-bell striker, it cannot possibly make any difference, for the essence of six-bell ringing is the striking, quite as much if not more than twelve-bell ringing, and I do not consider a man to be a good six-bell ringer until he can ring his bell strictly to compass, independently of his rope sight.

Mr. Dains then turns to the classification of Minor methods, and throws out some suggestions which he thinks will get over the difficulties; but while some of his points are useful, we shall never get a satisfactory result until we are prepared to allow that the scientific classification of methods has nothing to do with their relative difficulty in practical ringing. The collection of Minor methods is properly classified already upon a purely natural non-arbitrary system which cannot be improved upon, and what we have to do now is to divide them into, say, four groups graded according to their relative difficulty.

Group I. will contain Bob Minor, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Westminster Surprise, and various other easy methods.

Group II. will contain Double Court, etc.

Group III. Stedman Slow Course, Cambridge Surprise, etc.

Group IV., Norfolk Surprise, Primrose Surprise, etc.

Now, this can only be done by six-bell ringers for themselves; we shall want a committee, and the committee, when formed, will have to get in touch with as many towers as possible in which a variety of Minor methods are rung, the company in each of these towers will be asked to go through the collection of Minor methods, and put each one into one of the four classes, and send in their lists to the committee, who will then compare the lists and construct from them a final list. When this has been done, and not until then, it will be possible to get a satisfactory scheme for points for Minor peals.

H. LAW JAMES.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday. Service was held in the Cathedral Eastern Chapel at 4 p.m., conducted by the President (the Very Rev. the Dean), who also gave the address. The Rev. E. E. Law assisted in the service. Amongst those present (other than the local men) were the Rev. S. G. Short, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Messrs. William Willson, J. Houghton, G. Ladds, J. B. Hallifax, York Green, H. W. Gayton, A. Andrews, and members from Maxey, Wisbeach, Whittlesea, etc. The following methods were rung at the various towers during the day: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Double Court. Tea, followed by the meeting, took place after the service, the Dean presiding. The Rev. E. E. Law (treasurer) presented the report, which showed a balance in hand of £5 7s. 4d.

Mr. J. Jutson, on behalf of the members, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and specially mentioned Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester, who made a capital speech in reply.—The officers were appointed for the ensuing year, with additions to the committee, from the new towers, Mr. F. Cooke being elected secretary, amid applause.—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding, and for his impressive address.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Edinborough 1, J. Andrews 2, N. Widdowson 3, A. Hickton 4, J. Bailey 5, R. Drage 6, J. R. Ward (conductor) 7, A. Widdowson 8.—For evening service, 336 Stedman Triples: A. Hickton 1, J. Harrison 2, R. Drage 3, N. Widdowson 4, R. Hickton 5, J. R. Ward 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, T. Edinborough 8.

THE TRIALS OF ROMNEY MARSH.

New Romney 8.30 a.m. was the next item on the programme. Now, if you consult a map, you will see that Marden and New Romney are wide apart, and, therefore, such of us as had wisdom decided to get over as much of the journey as we could the night before. So did not Messrs. Blackwell and Emery. They rode back to Hawkhurst, and came on in the morning. Hawkhurst is some five-and-twenty miles from Romney, and when they did arrive they had had just about as much as they wanted. Our good friend Ike was in that state that he could have punched the head of any and every that came along; and with a grievance against Romney Marsh that years cannot soften nor time obliterate. However, when we had rung a peal of Kent Treble Bob, the first on the bells, and after he had put a couple of pints of shandy "up at back stroke," he recovered his wonted serenity, and faced the journey back across the marsh to Rye with comparative composure. But my word! it was hot on that marsh. Rye is a wonderfully interesting old town, with a magnificent church with a fine peal of bells, and here we rang a peal of Stedman. The belfry windows are small, and the light failed rapidly. Twenty minutes from the end it was dim, a quarter of an hour it was dark, and when the peal finished we could just, and only just, see each others' shirts. It was the first peal in the method on the bells. In the morning Mr. Billenness had scored his first peal of Treble Bob: this was his first peal of Stedman, and the rest of the band congratulated him on his success.

Next day the papers informed us that that had been the hottest day for seventy years, and I cannot find it in my heart to contradict them. After the peal, Mr. Bennett had to run to catch a train for London, Messrs. Emery and Blackwell departed by bicycle for Hawkhurst and home, and of the gallant band that met at Tenterden one only was left. He stayed to explore Rye, and enjoy the hospitality of Mr. Billenness, and then went on to Hastings. One more peal was arranged for the week, and on Saturday the band again met at Westerham to try and pull off the peal of London. The bells are a fine ring and they go well, but whether they have not yet learned the method, or whether the ringers had temporarily forgotten it, I know not, but the sixth course saw a trip, and that trip developed into a muddle, and that was the end.

We can't have everything our own way in this world, more's the pity. If the weather had been cold and wet we should have got that peal at Tenterden, and that peal of London, perhaps two of him, but should we have enjoyed ourselves so much? And, above all, would that glorious impromptu smoking concert have been possible?—J. A. T.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Guildford district was held at Witley, on Saturday, and was very poorly attended, only about 20 members being present from Witley, Shalford, Farnham, Haslemere, Ewhurst, Chiddingfold, and Dunsfold, no representative attending from either of the Guildford towers, but it must be acknowledged that with the temperature where it was, there was a deal of energy required to face a long cycle ride or walk. The Rev. E. J. Nevill, Vicar of Witley, welcomed those present, and gave an interesting address, afterwards taking them round the interesting church, some of which is pure Norman work. He pointed out the altar tombs, one of which (with an unfinished inscription) is of a Duke of Clarence, Lord of the Manor of Witley, who was drowned in a butt of wine, at, it is said, his own request. Tea was held at the Institute, presided over by the Vicar. Twelve new members of the Aldershot tower were proposed by Mr. C. Edwards, and duly elected as probationers. The ringing master (Mr. A. H. Pulling) sent a report, from which it appeared that 16 peals had been rung by the district since the last meeting, viz.: Grandsire Triples 1, Surprise Minor 1, London Surprise 1, Bristol 2, Cambridge 1, on tower bells; and 9 Stedman Caters and 1 of Stedman Triples on handbells.—It was decided to hold a combined practice at Aldershot in September.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar concluded the proceedings.

SURPRISE MINOR.

Since November 6th last, the 41 Surprise Minor methods, published in the Central Council's "Collection of Legitimate Methods" have been rung for service by the company at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Northumberland. Since the publication of the last list they have rung the following: April 16th, No. 27 (Annabell's London) and No. 28 (Nether-seale); April 23rd, Nos. 40 and 41 (Bourne); April 30th, Nos. 29 (Norwich), and 36 (Norfolk); May 28th, No. 10; June 4th, No. 11; June 11th, Nos. 17 (Cunecastre) and 18; June 18, No. 12; June 16th, No. 13; July 23rd, No. 19; July 30th, Nos. 20 and 21; August 13th, Nos. 16 (Lincoln) and 39 (Cambridge). The ringers have been S. W. Stratford, J. Harrison, R. Percival, J. E. Goffton, J. A. Goffton, R. A. Goffton and T. T. Goffton.

Sometime ago, Mr. F. Blood, of Bourne, Lincs., inquired as to the naming of some of the methods rung at Whitley Bay. The company have named the following: No. 2, Alnwick; No. 4, Morpeth; No. 34, Berwick; No. 30, Hexham; No. 8, Northumberland. Others in which the name has been called into question they have agreed to let remain as follow: No. 1, Munden; No. 24, Stamford; No. 31, Beverley; No. 31, Surfleet.

PENDLETON RINGERS' VISIT TO SHREWSBURY.

Taking advantage of an excursion trip, the Pendleton ringers visited Shrewsbury on August Bank Holiday. A correspondent with the party writes that the Shropshire town was reached after a two hours' journey in a crowded train, and they were then "glad to bury the first child, which through some misunderstanding we were not able to get before." There appears at first sight to be some tragedy in this, but reading between the lines of the report later on, we find it has reference to the quenching of thirst caused by the torrid weather, for it is stated that although the train was pulled up at Crewe for nearly half an hour, it was at the opposite end of the platform from the refreshment room.

"On reaching Shrewsbury," says the scribe, "our first tower in the town of bells was St. Alkmund's eight, where the tower keeper and an old friend met us. We ran them to London and Superlative Surprise and Stedman. The next move was to St. Mary's ton, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob were the order of the day. In looking round this tower, we saw records of peals rung over 100 years ago, the one taking our attention most being the first peal rung on the ten on September 2nd, 1811. These bells have recently been receiving attention from Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., with the usual satisfactory result.

"It is worthy of note that these two towers, and St. Julian's, with six bells, are practically in one churchyard, only narrow streets dividing them. The next thing on the programme was dinner, which we found ready for us at Hillier's Dining Rooms. Here they seemed to know what to put in front of ringers, for the conductor called "stand" before the caterer. A walk on the riverside and through the quarry brought us to St. Chad's, one of the round churches of the country. We inspected the old regimental flags and other things of interest before we got up among the 12 ropes, which we found in as good a circle as it is possible to get. After raising the bells, we were content with a few rounds, as we had arranged for a conveyance to meet us there. When we set up we found the ringers of Bridgnorth had arrived, and after a hand shake we left them to ring the changes, but not before we had a look round at peal tablets. There were eight or nine recording peals of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus and Royal, Grandsire Cinques (6006) and Caters (10,097); also a muffled peal of Triples on the front eight for the late Bishop of Shrewsbury, the oldest board being dated 1799. I am sorry to say the present generation do not seem to be keeping up the standard of their great-grandfathers.

"After all had got seated in the wagonette a start was made over the town walls into the open country for a drive round until tea time, but as our company consisted of bowlers we had to pull up at a green at Uffington, where a four-handed game was played between "beef" and "lamb" ("mutton," the waitress said). We then found we had a contortionist in our company, who played very well till he noticed that others on the green had stopped their games to see his exhibition. Then he got shy, and played in more rational style, and the game resulted in his side losing by 11-10, "beef" proving to have the best staying power. A move was then made to continue the journey until tea time, the topic of the bowling match keeping all merry. The return journey was commenced at 7.20, after farewells had been said. We cannot close this report without giving our best thanks to Messrs. J. and G. Taylor and Jones, the tower keepers of the three towers, and other friends for meeting us, and the authorities for granting permission to ring, all voting it one of the jolliest days we have had. As the Englishman takes his pleasures sadly, we had to recall the memory of the chief of back years, the late Mr. J. Smith."

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EXETER.—Devonshire Guild.—Recently, at St. Sidwell's, for practice, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Drake 1, C. Carter 2, A. Searle 3, E. Sergeant 4, A. Monkley 5, E. Shepherd 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, W. Richardson 8. Another course with Mr. Bartlett ringing the 2nd. First course in the city and by all except Messrs. Shepherd, Searle and Lilley.—579 Stedman Caters: W. Drake 1, E. Bartlett 2, E. Shepherd 3, A. Monkley 4, W. Modgridge 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, E. Sergeant 7, H. Reed 8, C. R. Lilley 9, J. Lake 10. Also two courses of Bob Royal: W. Drake 1, E. Bartlett 2, A. Searle 3, W. Modgridge 4, F. Murphey 5, W. Richardson 6, E. Sergeant 7, E. Shepherd 8, J. Burge 9, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 10. Messrs. Reed and Burge belong to Taunton, and Lilley to Caversham.

SONNING, BERKS. — Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, July 15th, eight members attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. A. Webb, but the peal unfortunately came to grief, after 42 mins. good ringing, owing to a shift course: C. Giles 1, S. Franklin 2, W. A. Webb 3, J. Hands 4, W. Hands 5, G. Essex 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, R. Sawyer 8.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORD.—On Saturday, July 29th, 1261 Brin Triples: T. Hughes 1, C. W. Wallatter 2, E. T. Smith 3, G. Peate 4, G. Hughes 5, B. Horton 6, W. D. James (conductor) 7, A. Cooper 8. First quarter-peal in method by all the band, and in the county.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICK.—On Sunday, July 30th, 1261 Erin Triples: B. Claydon 1, J. Jennings 2, G. Roberts 3, W. Allsopp 4, B. Leedham 5, T. Bloore 6, W. D. James (conductor) 7, J. Reynolds 8. First quarter-peal in method in the county, and by all but the conductor.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Monday, July 31st, in honour of the return from their honeymoon of Mr. Howard Caudwell (Vicar's warden) and Mrs. Caudwell, 630 Grandsire Triples: W. Webb 1, Miss Margaret Nightingale 2, W. Grace 3, C. Gregory 4, H. James 5, G. F. James (conductor) 6, E. Aldridge 7, S. Aldworth 8. Also on Thursday, August 3rd, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Oxford, 336 Grandsire Triples: G. Welch 1, Miss M. Nightingale 2, W. Grace 3, E. Aldridge 4, H. James 5, G. F. James (conductor) 6, C. Greenough 7, S. Busby 8.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—On Thursday, August 3rd, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples: A. T. Baker 1, H. Harrison 2, I. Hufton 3, J. Hall 4, S. Burgoyne 5, N. Widdowson 6, E. C. Gobey 7, J. F. George 8. Also 240 Bob Major, both conducted by E. C. Gobey.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 48 mins.: A. T. Baker 1, E. C. Gobey (composer and conductor) 2, I. Hufton 3, S. Burgoyne 4, A. Nicholson 5, H. Harrison 6, J. F. George 7, C. J. Baker 8. First quarter-peal of Major on this new peal of bells (tenor, 17 cwt. 9lbs.).

HARWELL, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, August 5th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hitchman 1, W. Hitchman (conductor) 2, R. G. Rice 3, G. C. Rice 4, V. R. Hitchman 5, A. G. C. Rice 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the Bishop of the Diocese, interred on that date.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, August 5th, at the Norman Tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 55 mins.: E. Hunt (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Ely 2, P. Fordham (first quarter-peal) 3, J. Sparrow 4, A. E. Moore 5, F. Dewell 6, H. A. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Woodcock 8. Specially arranged for Mr. P. Fordham, of Mildenhall, Suffolk.—On handbells, a course of Kent Royal: H. F. Moore 1—2, A. E. Moore 3—4, G. Lilley 5, C. Varo 6, H. A. Turner 7—8, F. Dewell 9—10. Mr. Lilley hails from Cockfield, and Mr. C. Varo from Chelsworth, Suffolk.—On Sunday, August 6th, for morning service, 504 Kent Minor on the front six: A. Ely 1, F. Levitt 2, F. Dewell 3, A. E. Moore (conductor) 4, C. Woodcock 5, H. A. Turner 6.—For evening service, 468 Grandsire Caters: F. Dewell 1, A. E. Moore 2, J. Sparrow 3, *W. Dent 4, F. Levitt 5, A. Symonds 6, *W. R. J. Poulson 7, W. Radley 8, H. A. Turner (conductor) 9, R. Moore 10. *First touch in the method on tower bells. Messrs. Dent, Symonds and Poulson hail from Lavenham, Suffolk.

OXFORD.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Oxford Society.—On Saturday evening, August 5th, at the Cathedral Church of Christ Church, as a last tribute of respect to the late Bishop Paget, three courses of Stedman Caters were rung with the bells half-muffled: W. Smith (conductor) 1, W. Finch 2, A. Hawes 3, S. Hounslow 4, A. Fox 5, W. Jeffery 6, F. Castle 7, T. Payne 8, Rev. C. Jenkyn 9, A. Strange 10. It was intended to start for a peal, but owing to a misunderstanding with the College authorities the attempt had to be abandoned, and the above was substituted.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday evening, August 6th, with the bells half-muffled, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. T. C. Rye 1, A. Fox 2, G. Stone 3, T. Payne 4, G. King 5, W. Stone (conductor) 6.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 6th, for morning service, 384 Superlative Surprise Major: L. Chapman 1, A. Perkins 2, W. Perkins (conductor) 3, A. Tyler 4, W. J. Nevard 5, W. J. Hazell 6, C. Keller 7, J. Mawby 8.—For evening service, 224 London Surprise Major: J. Mawby 1, J. D. Matthews 2, C. Keller 3, A. Tyler 4, A. Perkins 5, W. J. Hazell 6, J. Garrod 7, W. Perkins 8.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 6th, for Divine service, in the morning, touches of Grandsire Caters: G. Clayton, C. Pidgeon, W. Blyth, R. Christian, F. Pestell, H. Wright, W. Rogers (conductor), J. W. Metherell, W. Parker, W. R. Manning.—Also touches of Grandsire Cinques, with D. Hayward (conductor), W. Shimmans, A. E. Everitt and W. Lee.

HANDSWORTH.—The remains of the late Mr. William Lister, late churchwarden of Handsworth, Birmingham, were interred at the Parish Church on Monday, August 7th. As a token of respect the Handsworth ringers assembled and rang a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, the bells being muffled: R. Faux 1, C. Starkey 2, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 3, B. Starkey 4, W. Auker 5, Jesse Screen 6, Tom Verry 7, R. Speakman 8.

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DERBY.—On Sunday, August 6th, at 81, Nottingham Road, two 594's of Grandsire Caters on handbells, the first by S. Vickers 1—2, A. H. Ward (conductor) 3—4, W. Wallace 5—6, A. Braines 7—8, J. Vickers, junr., 9—10. In the second, J. Vickers, senr., rang 3—4, and A. H. Ward (conductor) 7—8, the others as in the first.

CAVERSHAM.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, August 6th, with bell half-muffled, as a token of respect for the Bishop of Oxford, 168 Stedman Triples: H. Simmond 1, E. J. Mendey 2, H. Hatte 3, H. Smith 4, G. Irvine 5, J. Hands 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, G. Essex 8. For evensong, 252 Stedman Triples by the same band.

GORLESTON.—On Sunday evening, August 6th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Denton 1, R. Christian 2, G. Burrage 3, E. Todd 4, W. Rogers 5, D. Hayward (conductor) 6.

LEISTON.—The Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Tuesday, August 8th, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. P. Bailey 1, N. R. Bailey 2, W. Button 3, E. H. Bailey 4, F. J. Smith 5, C. F. Bailey 6, J. M. Button 7, J. M. Bailey 8.—On Sunday, August 13th, for evening service, 1008 Bob Major: Allen F. Bailey (longest length) 1, F. W. Bailey 2, L. P. Bailey 3, E. H. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, J. M. Bailey 6, N. R. Bailey 7, E. S. Bailey 8.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Friday, August 11th, 720 Grandsire Minor: H. Mason 1, C. W. Bassano 2, A. E. Parsons 3, W. Green 4, W. Bird 5, A. H. Bassano (conductor) 6. The same band (with one exception) rang the same bells, and the same 720 exactly 25 years ago on the above date, that being their first 720.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday evening, for service, at St. Edward's Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, in 46 mins.: F. Rainbird 1, A. Chaplin 2, G. Jaye 3, G. R. Pye (conductor) 4, A. B. Wiffen 5, H. F. Dawkins 6, W. Watson 7, E. Pye 8.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—It is proposed to arrange a whole day's outing for Saturday, August 19th, starting by conveyance from Stourbridge, and to visit Oldswinford (8), Hagley (8), Clent (8), Kinver (6), Enville (8), Kingswinford (6), Wardsley (6) and Wollaston (6). Will those ringers who wish to join send their names to me at once, so that the necessary arrangements may be made?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—A special general meeting will be held Monday, August 21st. Practice at St. Clement Danes at 8. Business meeting at the Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, W.C., at 9.30. All members are requested to attend.—F. J. Hardy, 34, Guildford Road, S.W.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on the 19th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Unveiling of peal board, to which members are invited. Business meeting at the Thornhill Arms Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—(Northern District).—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, N.E., on Saturday, August 19th. All members and friends cordially invited. Nearest stations Homerton (N.L. Railway) and Cambridge Heath (G.E. Railway). Bells available from 3.15 till 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, at 5.30, at 6d. a head, if all members and friends who intend to be present will notify me by the 15th inst.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Wirksworth on Saturday, August 19th, 1911. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Bart Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

NOTICES (continued).

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wedmore on Saturday, August 26th. Service, 4 p.m.; tea and meeting following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.—A. H. Davies, "Eastleigh," Burnham.

DUDLEY & DISTRICTS GUILD.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Wombourne, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5, with an address by the Vicar. Business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided at 9d. each for those sending their names to me not later than 23rd inst.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 177, High Street, Dudley.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at sixpence per head in the parish room at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, August 26th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Siddans). Bells available at 3.30. Tea, 6d., at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited. The secretary would be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, August 26th. Tea, 5.30, will be provided for those giving three days' notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Henley-in-Arden (6) on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. This date unfortunately clashes with the date of the Rugby Society's excursion, and it is therefore thought wiser to reserve Aston Manor as the place for the September meeting.—C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, The Parsonage, Shottery.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 26th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All subscriptions due. Election of Branch Secretary and Committee men. A good attendance is requested.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

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