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MODERN WORK.

THE SUGGESTED BENEVOLENT FUND.

The idea put forward in this column for a ringers' benevolent fund is being talked about in the Exercise, and, as a result, we hope some practical steps may be taken to establish a fund from which assistance may be forthcoming for ringers in distress, thus doing away with the necessity that now all too frequently arises for the casual appeals which are made in the columns of the Press. The desire which we have is not to choke the springs of charity which flow when such appeals are made, but to see set up a properly organised fund which will ensure the member in adversity receiving that help which, at present, is entirely a doubtful quantity. Ringers are so widely scattered a body that such a proposal as that put forward must necessarily take some time to get into order, even if it were taken up at once. We feel convinced, however, that if associations will only discuss the matter at their meetings and approach it in a sympathetic spirit they will find it practicable, and, when organised, of great utility. Our own view is that the scheme, whether in the form of a central fund or in separate association funds, should be as simple as possible. For that reason we do not think the scheme put forward by a correspondent this week will commend itself to the Exercise generally. To set up something in the nature of a Dividing Society would involve machinery that would be costly in its administration, and that is exactly what we would wish to avoid.

The one thing which is at present probably the strongest argument against a benevolent fund is the new National Insurance Act. If that measure were going to do away with all distress in the future, then there would be no need for further provision being made against sickness and invalidity. But in its present form the Act, while doing much for the benefit of the working classes, will not put an end to all risks of adversity. The sickness benefits under the Act are limited in amount, and, despite the five shillings a week payable during disablement after the 26 weeks of full pay at ten shillings is exhausted, long illness may still bring distress. But sickness is not the only cause of adversity. Unemployment may bring a man to the end of his resources, and the new Act only provides assistance for the members of a few special trades under this head. How gratifying it would be to grant a small sum per week to help keep the wolf from the door in deserving cases arising from lack of work. The closer one goes into the advantages of a benevolent fund, the more one can see the value that it would prove. We hope members will bring the subject forward at the district and annual meetings of their associations so that opinion on the subject may be fully tested and action taken when the time is ripe.

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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 PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANCES;Tenor 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HART Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
RICHARD HOATHER 2	JOHN CAPP 7
ALBERT D. STONE 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
RICHARD STREDWICK 4	KEITH HART 9
CHARLES PALMER 5	WILLIAM PALMER Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)*On Wednesday, January 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5076 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	JOHN EVANS 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ARTHUR F. ASHMAN 8
RALPH COLES 4	JAMES W. WILKINS 9
JOHN GRANSBURY 5	FRANK W. BOXALL Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. PARKER, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.First peal of Erin Caters by all the band on the bells and by the
above Guild.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 35 cwt., in C.

ERNEST W. MARSH Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE 6
GEORGE R. STROUD 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS 7
WILLIAM FORD 3	*WILLIAM SHEARS 8
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON 4	WILLIAM D. JAMES 9
JOSEPH WOODLEY 5	FRANCIS PURSE Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal of Caters away from tenor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;Tenor 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt., in E flat.

*WILLIAM H. JOINER Treble	*ALBERT CALVER 6
*JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 2	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 8
ALFRED CLAYTON 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9
DR. A. B. CARPENTER 5	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to A. Calver,
and C. W. Gordon, one of the local ringers.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 45 cwt., in C.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... Treble	JAMES BURGE 6
†HENRY J. CREED 2	FRANK LADD 7
SIDNEY WYATT 3	*HARRY REED 8
PERCY MERSON 4	WILLIAM WHITE 9
*HENRY MOCKRIDGE 5	EDWARD J. WYATT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by JAMES BURGE.* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Mr. F. A. Holder,
was elected a member of the Association before starting.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH),AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD,
EVESHAM.*On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.*

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

*HARRY COLLEY Treble	*FREDERICK JOHNSON ... 6
RAYMOND YOUNG 2	FREDERICK JORDAN 7
THOMAS EDWIN 3	†HENRY J. PHIPPS 8
HERBERT JORDAN 4	HARRY MIDDLETON 9
JAMES HEMMING 5	WILLIAM WORKMAN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters away from the
treble.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALFRED ADAMS Treble	†CHRISTOPHER HICK ... 6
ALFRED J. WALLATER 2	†WALTER R. HUGHES ... 7
*WALTER H. HAWKSWOOD ... 3	†GEORGE PEATE 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
†EDGAR T. SMITH 5	†GILBERT HARDING Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.* First peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman
Caters. Rung to celebrate the Festival of the Epiphany.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

J. CHARLES DICKEN Treble	JAMES H. CLARK 6
JOSEPH WOOLLEY 2	FRANK JOHNSON 7
ALBERT H. WARD 3	SAMUEL WESLEY 8
ERNEST J. OLIVER 4	HARRY R. COBBIN 9
WILLIAM BELLANY 5	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BELLANY.First peal of Bob Royal by all except the ringer of the 8th. Rung
as a farewell to the ringer of the 6th, who sailed for Australia on
January 11th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

*JOHN HAYNES Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
GEORGE TOMLINSON... .. 2	ROBERT G. BASSON... .. 6
*JOHN GLEW 3	LEWIS LOMAS 7
†ERNEST H. CLARKE... .. 4	JAMES PAGETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	GEORGE ADES 5
HERBERT RANN 2	PHILIP ALLFREY 6
CHARLES PALMER 3	KEITH HART 7
JOHN CAPP 4	TRAYTON JEFFERY Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. PAICE Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES... .. 5
WILLIAM HILLMAN 2	ARTHUR ARNELL 6
GEORGE PENFOLD 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP... .. 7
GEORGE J. NORRIS 4	*BENJAMIN BASSETT Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Treble	WILLIAM MAUND 5
EDWARD JOHNSON 2	CHARLES FREEMAN 6
JOSEPH H. WHITE 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
WILLIAM COX 4	*HARRY KETTLE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DAVIS Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
FREDERICK TATE... .. 2	JAMES CLARKE 6
CHARLES W. KING 3	THOS. SMITH 7
MARK TATE 4	*JOSEPH DRAKE Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell peal to Rev. and Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss R. Macalpine Leny who, to the great regret of all the ringers in the district, were leaving Speldhurst on New Year's Day.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*EDWIN KNIGHT Treble	FRANK COOK 5
*LEWIS SPARROW 2	*CHARLES KNIGHT 6
*AUGUSTAVE DORE 3	JAMES ADDIS 7
*WILLIAM SPARROW 4	ALLEN KNIGHT... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

* First peal on eight bells and rung at the first attempt.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER Treble	†JOHN SELF 5
*STANLEY BONNEY 2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 6
E. HOBART SMITH 3	WILLIAM FLORY 7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 4	†CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from tenor. ‡ First peal in any method and proposed a member of the Association before starting. Rung fully muffled as a farewell to 1911, the bells coming round just in time to unmuffle and ring a short touch in the same method to welcome the New Year.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

LEWIS G. PALMER Treble	SAMUEL SMEDLEY 5
JONATHAN THOMPSON 2	WILLIAM PALMER 6
WILLIAM DAFFIN 3	JOHN ROBERT BROOKS 7
FREDK. PARSONS 4	ARTHUR CRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

First peal by an entirely local band since April 2nd, 1895.∞The composition, which was composed in 1896, contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th, the extent in 6th's place, the 4th and 6th at five course ends, and the 6th the extent in 5th's place at five course ends in the minimum number of courses.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD AND THE ST. ANDREW'S
SOCIETY, RUGBY.

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

WILLIAM TAYLER Treble	CHARLES W. WHEELER ... 5
WALTER MALINS 2	ALFRED J. HESSIAN ... 6
HARRY O. WHITE 3	JOSEPH B. FENTON ... 7
JOSEPH A. FENTON 4	JOHN W. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild, by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt. After the peal the band were congratulated on the excellent striking by Mr. James George and Mr. Arthur Coleman, two late masters of the St. Andrew's Society.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. HOOPER ... Treble	ERNEST W. MARSH ... 5
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... 6
†WARREN HORN BROOK ... 3	GEORGE R. STROUD ... 7
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON ... 4	FRANCIS W. PURSE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
RICHARD DARLOW 2	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 6
THOMAS R. SCOTT 3	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... 7
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4	WILLIAM J. OAKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BANGOR.
NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

FRANK A. HOBBS Treble	WILLIAM CRANE, JUNR. ... 5
REV. T. LEWIS JONES ... 2	JAMES H. MIDWINTER ... 6
ARTHUR C. PEGLER 3	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	WILLIAM CRANE, SENR. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND
THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.
On Thursday, January 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 26 cwt.

*ALGERNON P. G. STONE ... Treble	GEORGE BULL 5
GEORGE ROBINSON 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... 6
EDWARD I. STONE 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 4	JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt., in D.

*GILBERT BULL Treble	WILLIAM J. RYVES 5
†EDWIN WELLSTEAD 2	ALFRED MEARS 6
*FREDERICK J. NEWLAND ... 3	ANDREW MEARS 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	CALEB JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. All except the conductor are members of the local band.

OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt. o qr. 18 lbs.

HAROLD LAWTON Treble	CHARLES PLATT 5
FRANK WILD 2	FRANK CHAPMAN 6
HERBERT BARLOW 3	*JOSEPH GREENWOOD ... 7
HARRY HAMPSON 4	JOSEPH OGDEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by FRANK CHAPMAN.

* First peal in the method. J. Ogden has rung a peal on each bell in the tower. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect and esteem for the late Mr. J. H. Mellodew, of Moorside, Oldham, who was interred the same day.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

BULWER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ROBERT F. TURNER ... Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
EDWARD CHAPMAN 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6
ALFRED KNIGHT 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4	HARRY PETTIT Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 27 cwt.

ERNEST NIDD Treble	*FRED TURNER 5
HARRY THORPE 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 6
DAVID B. OVERTON 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
WILLIAM G. THORPE 4	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN RICE Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
FREDK. W. RICE 2	GEORGE ILLMAN 6
ALFRED D. MILLS 3	ALBERT ELLIS 7
ALBERT MITCHELL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

PONTEFRACT, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR... ..Treble	ARTHUR WALKER 5
WILLIAM PEARSON 2	JAMES JACKSON 6
HARRY C. WALTERS... .. 3	FREDERICK MOODY 7
*JOHN HY. LENTON 4	ARTHUR GILLTenor

Conducted by ARTHUR WALKER.

* First peal in the method.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 22½ cwt., in E flat.

ARTHUR J. NEALETreble	DOYLEY S. SIMONDS... .. 5
REUBEN SANDERS 2	*JAMES NORRIS 6
THOMAS FAULKNER 3	ALBERT C. HARDY 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 4	HENRY TORBLE... ..Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday honour to Messrs. Neale and Sanders.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BRIDSTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

HENRY MARKLOVETreble	WALTER POSTON 4
EDWARD SUMMERS 2	JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT 5
FRANK VOYCE 3	WILLIAM POSTONTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells, also first by all the band except the conductor. It is believed to be the first peal of Minor ever rung in the district.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM PHILLIPSTreble	WALTER POSTON 4
EDWARD SUMMERS 2	JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT 5
FRANK VOYCE 3	WILLIAM POSTONTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Consisting of 10 six-scores of St. Simon, 10 of Antelope, 10 of Grand-sire, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES EDWARDSTreble	WILLIAM HEMPEL 3
ALBERT G. WARNES 2	WILLIAM ASHFIELD... .. 4
FRANK H. DAVEY, R.N. 3Tenor

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

This peal was arranged for F. H. Davey, who was on leave. The ringers of the treble and 4th were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor about 12½ cwt.

STEPHEN CHINN... ..Treble	B. T. JEANES 4
†WM. EVANS 2	A. E. COLES 5
T. E. FRANCIS 3	*TOM JEANESTenor

Conducted by A. E. COLES.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, City Delight, Duke of York,
Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

NATHAN PATMORETreble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE... .. 4
FREDERICK WILLIAMS 2	HENRY WALLACE 5
BARNARD PATMORE 3	ARTHUR WOOLSTON... ..Tenor

The ringers of treble, 3rd and 5th are local men ; those of 2nd, 4th and tenor are from Little Munden. This peal was strictly non-conducted and no intimation of where the bobs occurred was given. This is believed to be the first non-conducted peal of Minor ever rung.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Warnham Court, College Single, Plain Bob (42 singles), Woodbine, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM FERNLEYTreble	JAMES FERNLEY 4
HARRY LANGLEY 2	ALLEN S. GORDON... .. 5
GEORGE D. WARBURTON... .. 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. W. HARTLEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Bancroft, of Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Mr. Bancroft was a ringer at the above church.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being three 720's of Grandsire and four of Plain Bob.

HENRY MARKLOVETreble	WALTER POSTON 4
EDWARD SUMMERS 2	JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT 5
FRANK VOYCE 3	WILLIAM POSTONTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN ADKINSONTreble	WILLIAM WATSON 4
REGINALD SCOTT 2	ARTHUR DRURY 5
ARTHUR PALMER... .. 3	ARTHUR MACKEARSTenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

†CYRIL WENHAM Treble	†ALFRED DAW 4
CHARLES TRIBE 2	†FREDERICK BURT 5
*HAROLD SMITH 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Tribe.

STAMFORD HILL, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lbs.

*THOMAS C. RINGROSE ... Treble	†EDWIN RUSSELL 4
*FRANK E. RINGROSE 2	†WILLIAM BOTTRILL 5
†HERBERT ARMSTRONG 3	†JOHN ARMSTRONG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal. † First peal on 6 bells. † First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member before starting, and hails from Rotherfield, Sussex. F. E. Ringrose is 17 years of age. The peal was rung to commemorate the Festival of the Epiphany.

HOLBETON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(CHARLES CHURCH PAROCHIAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

REGINALD DOBSON Treble	*GEORGE R. STROUD 4
WILLIAM D. JAMES 2	FRANK W. HOCKADAY 5
REV. E. S. POWELL 3	ERNEST W. MARSH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Minor.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being forty-two six-scores. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK J. BAILEY Treble	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 4
WILLIAM B. BISS 2	WALTER R. PORTER 5
LEWIS WRIGHT 3	THOMAS MIDDLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. B. BISS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of sympathy with the relatives of Mr. Albert Bishop, a member of the above band, who died on December 31st.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHN SPARROW 1—2	ARTHUR E. MOORE 5—6
*FREDERICK DEWELL ... 3—4	†HORACE NORMAN 7—8

Composed by C. FENN, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.
Umpire: FRANK J. LEVITT.

* First peal away from Trebles. † First peal double-handed. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Horace Norman, who was a local member of the above society previous to going to Hereford.

PADDINGTON, LONDON, W.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT 52, SHIRLAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANCES;

*MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1—2	GEORGE B. EDSEY 5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3—4	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 7—8
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: F. G. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Caters. Miss Bennett is the first lady to ring a changing pair of bells to a peal of Caters.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER 5—
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 3—4	JAMES HUNT 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL 9—10	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to C. Willshire.

The following peal is published in order that it may be included in the Analysis for 1911.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE BLOOR Treble	GEORGE WOODS 5
FREDERICK GOLDSTRAW ... 2	JAMES AUSTIN 6
SIDNEY CHURTON 3	CHARLES PAGE 7
ERNEST LONDON 4	HAROLD AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON.

The asterisks (*) against the names in the peal at Great Bentley published last week indicated first peal.

The ringer of the 5th at St. Giles, Reading, on December 23rd, was Frank T. Martin, not Marlin as published.

The peal rung at Newcastle on December 26th and recorded last week was one of Stedman Triples and not Grandsire as published.

DEATH OF MR. TOM REYNOLDS.

AN UNIQUE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

It is with the greatest possible regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Reynolds, of Birmingham, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed members of the St. Martin's Guild, who passed away on Friday last, at the age of 57 years.

He had been a regular ringer at St. Martin's for more than 30 years, and his loss will almost be irreparable. He was in his accustomed place on Christmas morning, and on Boxing Day he stood in an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which, however, had to be called round owing to his ill-health. He had of late been subject to bronchitis, and no one thought that anything more serious affected him. His absence from the Guild meeting on Tuesday week was freely commented upon, and a feeling of consternation was caused by the news, brought by a member, that he was suffering from pneumonia. As stated, he succumbed to the dread disease on Friday last, the final illness lasting just a week.

He will be mourned by a host of ringing brethren all over the country, to whom he had endeared himself by his open-hearted character and general amiability. In the twelve-bell ringing world he had attained an unique position, having rung no less than 98 twelve-bell peals.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

For nearly 21 years the office of honorary secretary of the Essex Association has been held by the Rev. H. T. Eyre, the Vicar of Great Totham, whose devotion to the work he has undertaken has been a great factor in maintaining the organisation in that high state of efficiency which has always characterised its doings. Although a ringer himself Mr. Eyre has never rung a peal, nor, so far as we are aware, even attempted one. His work is of a silent nature, but it is none the less effective for this reason. His first interest in bells and ringing was aroused in his father's parish of Padbury, Bucks, where there was a nice ring of six, although change ringing was then quite unknown in the neighbourhood. The bells were only rung



THE REV. H. T. EYRE.

on Christmas Day, on the club feast at Whitsuntide, and on two or three evenings in Advent—a custom peculiar to the district. For nine years he was assistant master at Harrow, and he did not actually learn to ring till 1871, when he happened to be at Bournemouth, where the eight bells at St. Peter's had been recently rehung and an instructor employed to teach a young band. It was here that he received his first lessons. Later he became curate of Ratby, near Heavitree, where the parish church contained a heavy ring of four, and it was not until he became curate of Coggeshall that he learned the art of change ringing under the tuition of James Orst and David Elliott, father of the present conductor of the Coggeshall band. Mr. Eyre was instrumental in getting the two bells added to complete the octave. He became extremely popular in the town, and is still held in very high esteem by a large number of friends in his old parish, more especially the older generation, who remember his good work.

In 1877 Mrs. Honeywood, of Mark's Hall, nominated him for the living of Great Totham, a large scattered parish near Maldon, Essex. Here he found full scope for his

energies. The church was in a dilapidated state; thistles and weeds grew in the churchyard to such a height that one had literally to wade through them to get into the church. Mr. Eyre at once had things put in order, and began the restoration of the ancient fabric. He added a new ring of six bells, and to-day the church and churchyard are admitted to be among the best kept in the diocese.

Of a most thoughtful and generous disposition, Mr. Eyre is a fine example of a country parish priest, unostentatious, but devoted to his work. With the assistance of his two sisters he has for 34 years cared for and nurtured the flock, and not a few have been given a start in life from the Vicarage. At the conclusion of thirty years' ministry in the parish an avenue of trees was planted to commemorate the event.

Although not very advanced in the art of change ringing his interest in it is very great, and he was ever grateful for the tuition given him by his old friends at Coggeshall. When old age and adversity crept upon James Orst, and he found himself reduced to the workhouse, Mr. Eyre, in his generosity, took him into his parish, where the old man was made comfortable to the end of his days, while Orst, in his turn, did what he could in assisting young ringers and helping in the churchyard when possible. Mr. Eyre joined the Essex Association when it was formed, but ceased membership for a few years until Canon Papillon asked him to assist him in his work, which was growing too large, and in 1891 he was appointed district secretary. When, later on, the county was divided into districts he was appointed honorary secretary and treasurer, Canon Papillon being elected the first Master. Mr. Eyre is a regular attendant at nearly all the meetings, and, travelling in his own motor, he is able to get to the most remote parts of the county, always giving an officer or member a seat in his car. Next year he will have completed 21 years of office in the Association. He is extremely popular among the members, and his beautiful grounds and bells are always at the disposal of any band of ringers desirous of paying a visit. On these occasions his hospitality is unlimited, and many companies have happy recollections of visits to Great Totham.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

In reply to correspondents, we do not propose to publish an index. We leave to our readers the choice of binding and therefore do not propose to issue cases for that purpose.

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From time to time we have had compositions sent in to us—for publication, but pressure upon our space has prevented many of them being given. We propose, in the near future, however, to publish a special "Compositions supplement" of proved, and, as far as ascertainable, original peals, which should be of real use to conductors.

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What is believed to be the first peal of Minor ever rung non-conducted was brought round at Great Munden, Herts, on December 30th. It was in seven different methods, and should rank among the noteworthy performances of the year. The record, unfortunately, reached us too late to be included in last week's issue.

Miss Elsie Bennett, the daughter of an accomplished father, is adding to her laurels as a handbell ringer. Having rung both Grandsire Triples and Bob Major in hand, she has now rung 1-2 to Grandsire Caters, the first time a lady has rung a pair of changing bells to Caters. Miss White, of Basingstoke, has rung 9-10, but Miss Bennett has gone a step further. She rang in splendid style all through. Such a clever young lady is hardly likely to stop at Grandsire, and we may confidently look for still greater performances later on.

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The band at Belton, Rutland, are to be congratulated upon their rapid progress. After only four months' tuition by Mr. J. J. Jackson, they were able to attempt a half-muffled peal on New Year's Eve. Unfortunately the peal was lost, but several 720's were tapped off in fine style. The instructor is especially worthy of praise for the energetic way in which he has raised the band from call-changes to method ringing in so short a time.

* * *

Henry Burstow, whose reminiscences have just been published, and were referred to in "The Ringing World" a fortnight ago, again assisted to ring the old year out and the new year in at Horsham, for the 66th consecutive year. This is a record which few if any can excel. Mr. Burstow is now 86 years of age.

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The Rector of Chiddingfold, Surrey, was serenaded on New Year's Eve by a number of irresponsible parishioners, who treated him to "rough music," tin trays, whistles and such like noisy instruments being used. At first it was suggested that the disturbance arose through the Rector locking the ringers out of the belfry. Another and totally different explanation has since been given, and we are glad that the ringers have been exonerated. There were differences between the incumbent and the band, but these, we understand, have now been amicably settled.

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At Weybridge, Surrey, £56 is to be raised for the restoration of the bells, which have had nothing done to them since they were presented to the church in 1875.

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Bells play their part in the imposing spectacle, "The Miracle," now being played at Olympia. The interior of the great building is transformed into a grey-walled cathedral, and in this setting the tragic and beautiful story is enacted without words. It is the tale of the Beautiful Nun, whose life was one of joys and sorrows. She heard the world calling; she heeded it, and she tasted its sweets and bitters. Then she came back to the Sanctuary—different yet the same. The play is full of majestic music, and picturesque scenes, and from time to time break in the bells, now pealing joyously, now tolling for matins or for vespers. It is all magnificent and stirring.

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The music is by Professor Eugenbert Humperdinck, the composer of "Humoreske" and "Hansel and Gretel," and the bells, a peal of eight with tenor 12 cwt., have been supplied by Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd., bell founders to H.M. the King, who, it will be remembered, also provided the bells used in the great Pageant of London at the Crystal Palace.

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The Whitechapel Foundry staff have a change ringing band, and they started for a peal of Grandsire Triples at

Clapton last Saturday, but, after 1½ hours' ringing, got out through a shift course. The band comprised S. Laurence 1, J. Thomas (conductor) 2-3, D. Gibbins 4, A. Hughes 5, Wilby Hazell 6, A. A. Hughes 7, L. A. Hughes 8.

THE ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR.

THE METHOD.

What is believed to be the first peal of St. Clement's Bob Major was rung at Eccleston, Cheshire, on December 28th, and, as the method does not appear in any of the text books on ringing, Mr. H. W. Wilde, who composed and conducted the peal, sends the method for publication. It will be found interesting and well worth practising by those seeking a change from Plain Bob.

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TRICK RINGING AND SYSTEMS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Under "Odd Changes" you refer to some leads rung on handbells, four-handed. One has always understood that handbell ringing could not be considered change ringing unless it were double-handed—neither more nor less. One has often rung tunes and changes four-handed, either by oneself or with others: just as one has alone tapped changes on all the bells, or on a piano, or other instrument: but all these are to be considered trick ringing; and on the same level as "lapping."

Let us hope that Mr. Dench's system of combining methods and principles will not be allowed: not that one wishes to place any undue checks on ingenuity or on developing difficulties in ringing; but one of the canons of the Art that should be more respected in such developments than it has been in the past, is the music of what is rung. Now, to join together pieces of arbitrary length from two or more methods, must necessarily destroy the music of the component methods, without giving any music from the resultant system in return; for music in change ringing depends entirely on consecutive rhythm. In fact, Mr. Dench's system is *antithetical* on the opposite extreme to the ringing of whole-pull changes—or the early place-making methods.

H. DRAKE.

THE PEAL AT YEOVIL.

With the exception of F. A. Holden, the band who took part in the peal of Stedman Caters on Saturday are members of St. Mary Magdalene's, Taunton. The noble ring of ten at Yeovil go perfectly, and the thanks of the band are due to the steeplekeeper, and to Messrs. Warner, who have quite recently made this heavy peal "go," to the satisfaction of any peal ruler.

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By the happy forethought of the Curate of St. Paul's, Shipley (the Rev. W. Bowker) the ringers and probationers of that church, with a few friends, were entertained to supper at the Church Schools on Saturday week, and afterwards spent a social evening together. After an excellent repast, Mr. Albert Horne (one of the churchwardens) explained that their curate had approached him and his co-warden as to entertaining the ringers, and they were both very pleased to join in promoting the gathering. It gave them an opportunity of coming into contact with the ringers, who, like the choir, were very important officers of the church. It was also an opportune time to discuss the question of the rehanging of the bells, for which he thought he could safely announce that he and his co-warden would have about £60. He would be glad to have the ringers' suggestions on the matter, after they had gone into the estimates received to put the bells in order.

During the evening, Mr. Norman Ambler officiated at the piano, and also rendered two songs in capital style. The various items were interspersed with courses on the handbells.—Mr. Broadley, on behalf of the ringers, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. W. Bowker, the churchwardens, and the ladies, for providing so generously for them. It was, he said, the first time the ringers had met under such happy circumstances. He welcomed the learners present, and hoped they would persevere in the Art. It was not an easy road, and much time, thought, and determination would be required if they were to make good ringers and good Churchmen, to follow on with the work after some of the older ones had departed.—Mr. J. Cotterell seconded the vote of thanks, on behalf of the visitors, remarking that it was a pleasure to see the happy state of affairs at Shipley. They were in a more favourable position than many ringers, with whom it was a case of out of sight out of mind.

The Rev. W. Bowker, in responding, hoped it would not be the only time they would all meet together. It was not very convenient for him to attend in the belfry, as he would wish to do, owing to other duties. He hoped the young ringers would persevere, not to replace, but to assist the older members all they could.—Mr. Horne also responded, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

The second annual supper and concert given by the Rector to the members of the Bushey Society took place on Saturday, in the Church Institute. There were present the Rev. G. M. Hall (Rector), the Rev. C. Beard (curate), Messrs. Gabain and Head (churchwardens), Mr. Eden (district secretary of the Hertfordshire Association), Messrs. Edwards, W. I. Oakley, W. E. Oakley, Allen, Bates, Smith, Darlow, Scott, Seeley, Stavert, Hibbert, Prewett, and George, of the local band, and Mr. Gibbard (verger).—After a splendid supper, admirably served by Mr. Frost, the tables were cleared, and the company settled down to enjoy the musical portion of the evening. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Edwards, Seeley, Smith, George, Eden, Stavert, W. E. Oakley, and Bates. Readings were given by Mr. Gabain, "Memories of a Boarding House," and Mr. Smith, "A few remarks on bells and peals"; Mr. Hibbert and Mr. Scott recited, and Mr. Prewett exhibited lantern slides on bells, which he described in interesting style. The "hit" of the evening was Mr. George's original song, "Our Outing," in which the adventures of the Bushey excursionists were humorously described.—A cordial vote of thanks to the Rector, proposed by Mr. Head, and seconded by Mr. Eden, was accorded musical honours, and Mr. Hall, in responding, congratulated the members on the progress they had made in the Art, and thanked them, on behalf of the churchwardens and himself, for their services during the year.—The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a very enjoyable gathering.—Mr. Gibbard ably acted as accompanist during the evening.

THE SUGGESTED BENEVOLENT FUND,

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to read in "The Ringing World" of the suggestion that a benevolent fund for the help of distressed ringers should be formed. I have great pleasure in placing before you a scheme which, I think, would be of great advantage for helping ringers in distress, while the outlay for working such a scheme would hardly be missed. If each ringer contributed one penny per week to the fund, they would, after the fund has been in existence, say, about two months, be able to make a grant to any ringer in distress. At each year's end the balance could be equally divided amongst the members, who could be allowed to draw out of the fund one-half of the money standing to their credit, while if a member wished to leave the fund he could draw out three-quarters of the money standing to his credit, the remaining quarter to go to the fund. All money could be placed in the bank, and at the year's end the interest could be divided amongst the members. This would be a sort of savings bank, as well as being a fund in readiness to help a member in distress. I should only be too pleased to give you any further information as to the working of the scheme.—Yours faithfully,

49, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

ALEX. BOWMAN.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Horsham, on Saturday week, but not many members were present. Billingshurst, Bolney, Crawley, Pulborough, Steyning, and Warnham were represented, and Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Ewhurst, and the veteran, Mr. H. Burstow, were also present, and took part in the ringing. The methods practised were: Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major.

Tea took place at the Carfax Temperance Hotel, and, in the absence of the Vicar, the chair was taken by Mr. Whittington.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells.—Mr. Burstow then amused the company by singing one of his 420 songs. Copies of the current issue of "The Ringing World" which, appropriately enough, contained Mr. Burstow's portrait, were distributed, and afterwards the tower was again visited.

A 1911 RECORD.

At the Old Parish Church of St. Mary, Willesden, where the ringers are affiliated with the London County Association, 184 720's were rung in the following 16 methods during 1911:—

Treble Bob methods.—Kent Treble Bob, 24; Old Oxford Modernised, 19; College Bob IV., 14; Woodbine, 12; Oxford Treble Bob, 12; College Exercise, 7; Willesden Delight, 6; Neasden Delight, 3; Cambridge Surprise, 3; Duke of York, 1; in three Treble Bob methods, 3; total, 104. Plain Minor methods.—Double Oxford Minor, 25; College Single Minor, 25; Plain Bob Minor, 19; Oxford Bob Minor, 8; Double Court Minor, 2; Double Stedman Slow Course Minor, 1; total, 80. The ringers have been: H. Kilby, rung 178 (conducted 85); T. Langdon, 177 (76); G. M. Kilby, 168 (6); L. Porter, 158 (3); G. Chalkley, 138 (8); A. Hill, 119 (6); E. Dane, 77; R. Kilby, 63.

BELL RESTORATION AT HOLWELL.

The restoration of the bells at Holwell, Dorset, has just been carried out, the old ring of five having been recast and rehung in a new steel and iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known Croydon firm. The old inscriptions have been reproduced on the new bells, viz.:—

- (1) Anno Domini 1631. T.I.R.G.
- (2) 1646 T.G., T.C., R.B., R.G.
- (3) J. Kingston B. Water, 1827.
- (4) Bee meke and lowly to heare the word of God, A.D. 1609.
- (5) Drawe neare to God, Anno Domini, 1604, W.P.

On each bell is added: "Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon." The bells were rededicated by Archdeacon Dundas. They are a fine ring in the key of E, the tenor being 14½ cwt. In the "Church bells of Dorset" the first three bells are not described. The fourth, however, was evidently by John Wallis, of Salisbury, while the "W.P." on the tenor, no doubt means William Purdue, who probably lived at Closworth, not a great distance from Holwell.

SHOREHAM RINGERS' DINNER.

The New Shoreham, Sussex, ringers held their annual dinner on December 30th, at the Hebe Assembly Rooms. It was a matter for much regret that the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. A. Tower), whose guests they were, was prevented from being present by a bad cold. It is always his custom to attend these functions, but in his absence, the chair was taken by Mr. Ellman Brown (Vicar's warden), the Rev. Andrews being in the vice-chair.—After dinner the election of officers took place as follows: Leader, Mr. B. Challen; deputy leader, Mr. J. Boyd; hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Noakes; steeple keeper, Mr. W. Henson. In addition a new office was created, Mr. L. Burtenshaw being deputed to look after the bells. Other ringers present were: Messrs. Burtenshaw, junr., W. Brown, E. Marsh, H. Sampson and C. West, L. Sears, S. Oxley and H. Stalham, the last three mentioned being hon. members. A most enjoyable evening was spent.—On the following day, half-muffled ringing took place, after service, and again just before the close of the year, and at the stroke of twelve the bells rang out merrily to welcome 1912.

KING'S SOMBORNE BELLS REHUNG.

Messrs. Warner and Sons have just rehung the bells of King's Somborne, Hants, the front four having been refound and quarter turned, and the tenor recast. A new steel frame has been provided, and space left for a treble to complete the peal of six, it being the intention to make an effort to add this extra bell within the next few months. Messrs. Warner and Sons have carried out the work in most excellent style, and the bells have been re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Winchester. The church was filled to the utmost capacity for the service, and among the clergy present were: The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. D. Creighton), Vere Audry, L. Stuart, R. Routh, C. Edwards, J. Clapp and H. Routh. There were special psalms, lessons and hymns, and at the conclusion of the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung in rounds by five of the clergy present. Afterwards an appropriate sermon was preached by the Archdeacon.

ST. ANDREW'S, DERBY.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

A peal board recording three peals rung by St. Andrew's Society was unveiled in the belfry of St. Andrew's Church by the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. H. Hay, on December 23th. The first peal was 6080 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung on December 25th, 1909, the second, 5184 of Duffield Major, rung on December 17th, 1910, and the third, 5056 of Superlative Surprise Major, rung on November 29th, 1911.—The Vicar congratulated the ringers on their performances, and expressed himself as being well pleased with the board, which is of



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English oak, with gilt lettering, the writing having been done by one of the members (Mr. C. E. Hart), who had taken great trouble to make it worthy of its place in the belfry.—Mr. Churchwarden Gibson also expressed his pleasure at the way in which the ringers carried out their duties, and, as an encouragement to them to master the higher methods, he subscribed handsomely towards the cost of another tablet, on which all the members hope to see their names written in the near future.

The Church of St. Andrew, situated on the main road to London, is a splendid structure, standing as a landmark for several miles round. In close proximity also to the Midland railway, it may very suitably be called the "Railway Church." Mr. C. J. Payne, in "Derby Churches old and new," refers to St. Andrew's as the grandest church in the town, and states that, "It is indeed a magnificent monument of the architectural genius of the late Sir Gilbert Scott, who was,

by-the-bye, brother of the second incumbent of the church, now Archdeacon of Stafford." Possibly the first ideas of the stranger on entering the town and viewing St. Andrew's, are the elegance of its outline, the stateliness of the fabric, and the simplicity of its details. Its position, which can be seen all along the London Road to the town, is unrivalled, while its spire, 200ft. high, is a landmark right away to Alvaston, Normanton, Chaddesden Spondon, and even Quarndon. Its form may be briefly described as a nave of four bays (the pillars being alternately round and octagonal), north and south aisles and chapels, an apsidal chancel of two bays, with clerestory, south porch, and tower and spire. The roof is 70ft. above the ground, and the view, from the west end of the noble chancel arch, with its clustered columns, and its fluted and nail head mouldings, 54ft. high, and the stained glass windows beyond, present a striking and symmetrical appearance.

The church possesses a fine peal of eight bells cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and it may safely be said that they are one of the finest peals in Derbyshire. It is no wonder, therefore, that the members of St. Andrew's Society are proud of their bells. The tenor, weighing 20 cwt., 2 qrs. 14 lbs., in E flat, is a sweet mellow-toned bell, and the effect is more noticeable from a distance. I have heard comments from several people as far away as Spondon and Alvaston, describing it as simply glorious to hear St. Andrew's bells on a clear night.

The society at the present time are making great strides, and it may safely be said they are stronger than they ever have been before, and I do not think I am overstepping the bounds of prudence, when I say they hold the palm in Derby. Unfortunately for them, the chances for peal attempts are very few, seeing that railway men have to work so many "shifts," and it is not pleasing to a man who has to go to work (about midnight, say) to hear the bells ringing for about three hours or over during the time he would like to be sleeping. Still, progress is being made, and young ringers are being brought out. In speaking of this, a word or two will not be out of place with regard to the "tutors" one meets with at St. Andrew's. One of the first members of the Midland Counties Association (Sam Maskrey, to wit), has been the means of many a young hand getting a touch, and the writer will always have in mind his first lesson or two at St. Andrew's. A few words from him are never forgotten. Another of the "pioneers" still connected with the band is Charles Draper. I think I might venture to say he has helped more to get their first peals, and touches than anyone in Derby at the present time. It is such stalwarts as these which hold a society together and make everything go so smoothly. One frequently hears, too, of churches where the clergy never visit the belfry, but such is not the case at St. Andrew's. The Vicar (the Rev. R. A. H. Hay) is a frequent visitor, and takes a great interest in his ringers.

The belfry is a splendid apartment, and the general opinion of all who visit it, is that it is one of the finest in the kingdom. The walls are nicely covered with records of peals, etc., and also photographs of the late vicars, churchwardens, etc., while the plants, etc., in the windows add to the appearance of comfort and tastefulness. The bells were placed in the tower in December, 1881, and dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield. The first peal was rung on them on June 3rd, 1882, and although there have been a considerable number rung of late years, they are not all recorded on tablets. However, there is a splendid marquette tablet recording a muffled peal for the late Queen Victoria, fixed on one side near the window, and opposite is another tablet, this one of white stone, recording a muffled peal for his late Majesty King Edward. It will thus be seen that St. Andrew's is a splendid building, and a most capable band of Church workers help to make everything a success. B.M.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The January meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eckington, and, considering the state of the weather prevailing at the time, was most successful.—The church, an interesting old building, is situated at a distance of about two miles from both Eckington and Killamarsh Stations, and the walk in a heavy snowstorm over the Derbyshire roads, already about three inches deep in snow, did not deter quite a good company from turning up. Altogether upwards of twenty ringers were present from Beighton, Bolsover, Eckington, Killamarsh, Ranmoor, Sheffield, Staveley, and Wolverhampton.

The bells are a musical peal of eight (tenor about 16 cwt.), and though they stand in need of the bell hanger, the "go" was very fair, thanks to the care of the local company. The peal was raised about 3.30 p.m., and was kept going, with short intervals, until about 7 p.m. Touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, were brought round, and some good striking was heard. Several learners from Eckington and adjoining towers stood in and performed very creditably.—In the absence of the President, who had to leave early, Mr. S. Thomas was voted to the chair at the business meeting, at which the secretary gave a short account of the last gathering.—The Rector (the Rev. W. R. Hewson, R.D.) was elected an hon. member of the Society, and several performing members were also elected.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for making all arrangements, was carried unanimously, and this closed the proceedings.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

MR. HAIGH'S 100 PEALS.

As recorded last week, the peal at Aylesford, Kent, was Mr. W. Haigh's 100th peal. His total is made up as follows:—

On six bells in five methods, 2; Bob Triples, 1, conducted, 1; Bob Major, 4, conducted, 2; Union Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 12, conducted, 1; Stedman Triples, 14, conducted, 3; Stedman Caters, 10; Double Norwich Major, 14, conducted, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 32; conducted, 13; Oxford Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; London (on treble), 1; total, 100, conducted, 23. The above includes 8,000 Treble Bob Major, also the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Superlative Surprise, and Cambridge Surprise by the Kent County Association.

MR. W. KNIGHT'S 100 PEALS.

The Forward Royal, at Wrington, on December 30th, was Mr. W. Knight's 100th peal.

Grandsire Triples, 1; Caters, 5; Bob Major, 1; Royal, 2; Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Royal, 2; Forward Major, 3; Royal, 2; Double Norwich Major, 8; Stedman Triples, 17; Caters, 27; Cinques, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 8; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 12; London Surprise Major, 3; total, 100.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Bramley on Saturday. There was only a small attendance, owing to the wretched state of the weather. A peal of Treble Bob Minor was attempted in the afternoon, but owing to one of the ringers being seized with cramp, "stand" was called. The business meeting was held at the Cardigan Arms, the President occupying the chair, supported by members from Armley, Tong, Calverley, and Holbeck, with the local band.—A peal at Pudsey was arranged for February 3rd.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Bramley for the use of the bells, and to the local company for making the necessary arrangements, was proposed by Mr. S. Wheatley, seconded by Mr. W. Popplewell, and carried unanimously.—Mr. J. W. Holgate responded, and the tower was then visited, and touches of Oxford, Violet, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, and College Pleasure, were rung.

SWAINSWICK RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the parish church ringers of Swainwick, Bath, was held at the Rectory on Wednesday week, presided over by the Rector (the Rev. H. C. T. Franklin, M.A.). Previous to the meeting refreshments were kindly provided by the Rector. The tower master's report showed that good progress had been made in the Art during the past year.—A vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding and providing refreshments was proposed by Mr. J. Taylor, of Bath-easton, an hon. member of the band, and the Rector expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet the ringers on these occasions. He also spoke of the regularity with which the members attended Divine service, and congratulated them on the progress made.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The second combined practice of the Bradfield Deanery, organised by Miss M. Chillingworth (hon. secretary for combined practices), was held at Aldermaston on Saturday, when a good number of ringers from towers in the Deanery and from Reading were present. The meeting proved a success, and very instructive, as a good number of ringers had the opportunity of having their first attempt at new methods. The bells are a light ring of eight, and during the evening some good touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major, were rung, conducted by Mr. A. W. Osborne and Miss E. Goodship, of St. Giles', Reading.

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SWINDON.—On December 5th, at Christ Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: *J. Tazwell 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, *F. Looker 4, *G. Lancaster 5, G. W. Townsend 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, L. A. Wilson 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

NORTH SHIELDS.—The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—On December 6th, for the confirmation service at Christ Church, 1120 Treble Bob Major (Oxford variation): R. Potter 1, J. Hern 2, Ed. Hern 3, G. T. Potter 4, R. W. Falconer 5, B. C. Dixon (of Low Fell) 6, A. F. Hillier 7, G. A. Dix (conductor) 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—Beds Association.—On December 6th, after confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung on All Saints' Church in 51 mins. On December 10th 1152 of the same method: F. Dedman 1, A. Chamberlain 2, W. Seabrook 3, W. Botsford 4, G. Tomkins 5, J. Nicholls 6, G. Bonfield 7, R. Richardson Jones (conductor) 8.

SALISBURY.—On Sunday, December 10th, at St. Martin's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Southy (first touch in the method) 1, F. W. Romaine 2, F. Precey 3, S. Macey 4, G. Neale 5, R. P. Knight 6, W. W. Gifford 7, Gideon Webb 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, December 10th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss L. A. Willson 1, H. Hardy 2, W. Willson, junr., 3, I. Harris 4, F. W. Herbert 5, J. Tomlinson 6, W. Willson 7, R. Hubbard 8.—On November 26th three courses of Double Norwich and 504 Stedman Triples.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Mary Church, on Sunday, December 10th, by kind permission of the Vicar, 505 Stedman Caters: G. Taylor 1, J. E. Groves (conductor) 2, S. Grove 3, A. Davis 4, H. Jones 5, W. Shelvock 6, R. Matthews 7, J. Dowler 8, H. Withers 9, J. Wynn 10. Also a course of Superlative Surprise: W. Taylor 1, W. Shelvock 2, R. Matthews 3, J. E. Groves 4, S. Grove 5, A. Davis 6, J. Dowler 7, H. Withers 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples, conducted by S. Grove.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 10th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes) in 45 mins., being 240 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 192 Double Court, 120 Double Oxford, 120 Oxford Bob and 108 Plain Bob: J. Hendry 1, J. Pettit 2, H. Meadows 3, A. Smeathers 4, A. Henman (first away from the treble in seven methods) 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, December 10th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Pither 1, *S. Gearing 2, E. Bungay 3, E. C. Lambert 4, W. Gearing 5, H. Bungay (conductor) 6. *First 720 on a bob bell.

ISLINGTON.—On Sunday, December 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, Brooks' quarter-peal of Stedman: R. F. Deal (conductor) 1, W. J. Kemp 2, C. H. Hughes 3, H. Flanders 4, H. Ranzetta 5, F. J. Hardy 6, A. D. Barker 7, T. Walker 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on December 10th, for morning service, 910 Grandsire Triples: D. Powell 1, A. J. Stanley 2, T. J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, J. Evans 5, R. Bunstone 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, D. R. James 8. For evening service 1008 Bob Major.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 10th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins.: A. Riley 1, A. Hart 2, A. W. Coles (conductor) 3, A. Turner 4, G. Charge 5, W. Bottrill 6, A. Baynes (first quarter in the method) 7, W. Pateman 8.

STOCKPORT.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On December 11th a quarter-peal of Erin Caters in 50 mins.: T. Jackson 1, G. Astbury (composer) 2, J. E. Gresty 3, H. Jackson 4, W. Jackson 5, J. Mothershead 6, H. Meakin (conductor) 7, G. D. Warburton 8, J. W. Bayley 9, G. Marshall 10.

NEWHALL.—On December 11th, 720 Bob Minor (unconducted): *W. Shercliff 1, H. Hurdman 2, A. P. Wakley 3, J. T. Dyke 4, J. Hough 5, G. Baiseley 6. *First 720 on tower bells.

HOUSLOW, MIDDLESEX.—On December 14th, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. Watson 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, C. Bird 3, T. Chave 4, T. Beadle 5, E. Gladman 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Beadle 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church, on December 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: H. Bennett (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, E. T. Green 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, C. Forfit 4, E. Waters 5, G. Preston (conductor) 6, C. Goodenough 7, F. Forsyth 8.

CHESTERFIELD.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 47 mins.: Geo. Hollis 1, A. Knights (composer and conductor) 2, F. Jacobs 3, W. Nuttall 4, F. E. Smith 5, D. Farling 6, G. Davies 7, T. Wilson 8, G. A. Thompson 9, W. Sever 10. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. T. Wilson Gore, also for Mr. A. Knights' 52nd birthday.

READING.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Friday, December 15th, at St. Giles' Church, 840 Stedman Triples: L. Osborne 1, Miss E. Goodship 2, H. Osborne 3, A. T. Reeves 4, F. Wade 5, F. Griffin 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. Durnan 8. Also 168 in the same method conducted by Miss E. Goodship, and 160 Bob Major by F. Griffin. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Fitzwilliam J. C. Gillmor to the church of St. Giles by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at East Farleigh, on Saturday, January 13th, 1912. Belfry opens at 3.30 p.m. Short Service 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by the usual business meeting. May I take the liberty of asking all members to attend, as an important question will be raised in connection with the Association. —G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available from 4.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting in the Parish Room at 5.45. A social evening will also be held in the Parish Room at 8.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in the church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5.30.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Wood Green on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available at 3. Service in Church 5.30, with address by Rev. E. V. Cox. Tea in Church Institute 6.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on January 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 30th; St. Magnus on the 18th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd. A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on March 2nd.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in the St. Martin's Vestry Hall at 5.30. Will those who intend being present please notify me by the 18th inst.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The Annual Meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill), at Isleworth on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill, in the Hartlands Road Mission Room at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at St. Margaret's. Westminster tower open from 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, January 20th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Will those coming kindly inform me before January 18th.—B. H. T. Drake, Honorary District Secretary, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on January 20th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30. Good attendance essential. Important business.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—The Bishop of Barking will dedicate the bells in Cheshunt tower on January 20th (Saturday) at 3 p.m. The six old bells have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and two new bells by the same firm have been added. During the service itself the bells will be rung round by the Cheshunt ringers. Afterwards, until 4.30, a band of change ringers from the bell foundry will ring; while after 4.30, for two hours, the tower will be open to visiting ringers.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's (Parish Church), Eastbourne, on Saturday, January 20th. Members wishing to be present at tea (which, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. W. C. Streatfield, M.A., R.D., will take place in the Pitman Institute, opposite the church) must let me know not later than the 16th. Ringing from 3 to 5.30. Service 5.30. Tea six o'clock; meeting to follow.—George H. Howse, Honorary Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Burton-on-Trent district will be held in St. Paul's Institute on Saturday, January 20th. The bells of St. Paul's Church will be available for ringing between the hours of 3 and 7, except during the meeting, which will commence at 5 o'clock. All members and friends invited.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly branch meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, January 20th, 1912. Service 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting after. Tea will be provided for all who send me their names by Wednesday, January 17th. Bells (8) available.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

NOTICES (continued).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at six o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30 (1s. each), both in the Church Schools. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, London Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, January 24th. The committee will be much obliged if those members who have not paid their subscriptions up to end of 1911 will do so at or before this meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, January 27th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Kingston on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45., to be followed by business meeting, at which the Vicar will preside. Will unattached members intending to be present kindly let me know on or before Wednesday, January 26th.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, January 27th. Particulars next week.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 3rd, 1912. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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