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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE PASSING OF A GREAT RINGER.

The death of Mr. Matthew Wood removes another link with a past generation of ringers, and there is now only one of note in the Exercise remaining, who was associated with the wonderful old man of Bethnal Green in his earliest ringing days. Mr. William Banister, who, despite his 88 years, is still enjoying good health, is the sole survivor of the London peal ringing bands of the '40's. There were great performances even in those days, and Matthew Wood shared in the glories of many an interesting feat. Unquestionably he was one of the finest ringers that ever entered a belfry. With a reach that gave him splendid command of a bell, a strength that he knew how to use to the best advantage, an ear that enabled him to make every blow a good one, and an intellect that endowed him with power to ring without mistakes, he possessed, in his prime, a combination of qualities seldom found to so marked a degree in any ringer.

In Mr. Wood's young days a good deal more attention was paid to the all important question of striking than, we are afraid, is sometimes now the case, and he served his apprenticeship to the art in a school in which nothing but the best was admissible. Since those days remarkable progress has been made in the development of ringing from the scientific point of view, in the spread of the cult, and in other directions, but it is really doubtful if quite the same high standard has been universally preserved in the matter of striking.

Mr. Wood was one of those who could strike either a big or a little bell with equal ability, and where there was a big job on hand he was generally to be found at the heavy end. But, in addition to his gifted hand and keen ear, he possessed those other traits which made him one of the great ringers of his day—the power of concentration of thought and an infinite capacity for taking pains. When Mr. Wood rang the majority of his peals these performances were by no means as plentiful as they are to-day, and his total of 380 is, therefore, really a remarkable record. It is a noteworthy fact that, although his first peal was rung in 1846, and his last in 1909, there was never a year in between when he failed to ring a peal. Another remarkable fact, illustrating the link which he formed with what to the present generation seems a remote period, is that he rang at the opening of the bells at St. John's, South Hackney, when they were first put up by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1848, and also took part in the first touch upon them when they were rehung by the same firm in 1907, after an interval of almost 60 years. He took part in the first handbell peal of Stedman ever rung, and was in the first peals on tower bells in Ireland and Scotland. View it in whatever light one will, Matthew Wood's record was a remarkable one.

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Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford,
February 19th, 1912.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5033 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Treble	EDWARD A. HERN ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... 7
ALFRED F. HILLIER ... 3	GEORGE J. POTTER ... 8
*JOHN ROBINSON ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... 9
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 5	GEORGE R. POTTER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal on ten bells. Arranged for Harry Hoskins, of Greenwich, who was elected a member of the above association previous to starting. It was also rung as a birthday peal to J. E. R. Keen, and a farewell to W. T. Tipping, of St. John's, Newcastle, who sailed for Spain on the 29th. This composition contains the 6th her extent (40 courses) at home in the tittums.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HENRY DEW ... Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 6
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... 8
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... 5	ERNEST PYE ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

WILLIAM SHORT ... Treble	EDMOND J. HYLAND ... 6
*THOMAS RUSSAM ... 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... 7
ALF PADDON SMITH ... 3	JOHN NEAL ... 8
CHARLES DICKENS ... 4	†JAMES L. WELLS ... 9
PERCY O. LAFLIN ... 5	JAMES E. GROVES ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First Surprise peal inside. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung on the occasion of the christening of Brian Harvey Goodwin, son of Rev. and Mrs. Wormald, of All Saints, Four Oaks, Sutton Coalfield, and grandson of Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks, Rector of Solihull.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*ARTHUR EDGERTON ... Treble	JOHN CORRIGAN ... 6
WILLIAM H. GODDEN ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 7
JAMES JONES ... 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... 8
JOHN CARTER ... 4	JOHN BRADNEY ... 9
WILLIAM H. JONES ... 5	WILLIAM DAVIES ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK DAY ... Treble	EDWIN WHITING ... 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 2	HARRY MOSS ... 6
WILLIAM ROSE ... 3	JAMES MOTTS ... 7
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
AND THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, August 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ALFRED JAMES, Junr. ... Treble	ALFRED JAMES, Senr. ... 5
*ALBERT E. NEWICK ... 2	ISAAC EMERY ... 6
GEORGE DURLING ... 3	SPENCER MARSHALL ... 7
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 4	ARTHUR BYGRAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. DURLING.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 15. This peal was rung on the 21st birthday of Miss Bygrave, the eldest daughter of the ringers of the tenor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLOYD ... Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... 5
ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... 2	EDWARD AUDSLEY ... 6
GEORGE POVEY ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	*SIDNEY ANSTEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN ... Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER ... 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... 2	*SAMUEL NEWMAN ... 6
JESSE TYLER ... 3	JOHN AUSTIN ... 7
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON ... 4	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	ALBERT LEE ... 5
*HERBERT PRATT ... 2	JAMES HOWARD ... 6
REV. E. S. POWELL ... 3	JOHN LARTER ... 7
WILLIAM PIERCE ... 4	CHARLES MOSS ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Bob Major. Arranged for the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, Devon.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*WALLACE HARDWICK ... Treble	†WILLIAM SMITH ... 5
THOMAS J. EVANS ... 2	WILLIAM EDGINGTON ... 6
DAVID R. JAMES ... 3	JOHN COX ... 7
RICHARD EVANS... ... 4	RICHARD BUNSTONE... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN COX.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Messrs. Hardwick, Smith, and Edgington were elected members before starting. Rung for the eighth anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and in memory of the birthday of the late Mrs. Prichard, wife of Mr. R. K. Prichard, Brynterion, Bridgend, a most generous supporter of the St. Illtyd bellringers and one who was keenly interested in campanology, and to whom the bellringers owe a debt of gratitude for many kindnesses in the past.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

FRED ILEY ... Treble	WALTER FARLEY ... 5
HENRY JOHN TRIM ... 2	ALBERT E. COLES ... 6
REV. W. M. K. WARREN ... 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	HERBERT G. FARLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. Preb. H. Lowry Barnwell, an hon. member of the above association, for five years' curate and eighteen years' vicar of the above parish, who entered into rest on Thursday, Aug. 22nd, after a long and severe illness, and was interred in the Glastonbury Cemetery, on Monday, August 26th. Also to the memory of Mr. Matt. Wood. The above band represents eight towers. The ringers wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Rev. W. M. K. Warren for his hospitality after the peal.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS FAULKNER ... Treble	D'OYLEY S. SIMONS ... 5
EDWARD H. HAWKINS ... 2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 3	ALBERT C. HARDY ... 7
GEORGE W. PLAYLE ... 4	FREDERICK J. FREESTONE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

First peal by Messrs. Playle and Butler, and first on eight bells by Messrs. Freestone and Hawkins. They are all members of the Dagenham company.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt., in F.

THOMAS LINCOLN ... Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 5
HENRY F. COOPER ... 2	*ARTHUR EDWARDS ... 6
*HARRY SMALE ... 3	HARRY MOORE ... 7
*ALFRED TARBUN, Senr. ... 4	*ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of a daughter of Mr. A. Tarbun, the sexton.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*FRANK JACOBS ... Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 6
GEORGE W. BEMROSE ... 3	JOHN FLINT ... 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 4	SAM THOMAS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Flint.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

WILLIAM FISHER... Treble	JOHN BASS... 5
ALBERT LITTLE ... 2	REV. E. V. COX ... 6
DANIEL JONES ... 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ... 7
GEORGE PIGOTT ... 4	CHARLES F. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung after meeting short for London, D. Jones kindly filling the gap.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN ALLEN... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
GEORGE WOODHALL ... 2	WALTER HUGHES ... 6
THOMAS JENNION ... 3	SAM. W. STEWART ... 7
HENRY FYLES ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*WALTER EMMETT ... Treble	CHARLES DELL ... 5
GEORGE A. RANSOM... 2	FREDERICK G. GODDARD 6
*ADOLPHUS H. J. DENFORD 3	WILLIAM NEW ... 7
THOMAS BEADLE ... 4	GEORGE SPENCER ... Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by GEORGE SPENCER.

* First peal of Major.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY G. FAIRBRASS ... Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... 5
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE... 2	JOHN WILLIS ... 6
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS ... 3	CHARLES W. BRETT ... 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 4	FREDERICK DAVISON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a farewell to John Willis, who is leaving Canterbury.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

*ERNEST BARTRAM Treble	*JOSEPH LORD 5
J. JAMES JACKSON 2	*R. HENRY BARTRAM 6
WILLIAM E. WHITE 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	*RICHARD W. BAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman in the county. The conductor has now rung the above composition from every bell.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

THOMAS KING Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
HAROLD BURTON 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. M. A. Wood.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

JOHN HOYLE Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 5
THOMAS TUTTE 2	JOHN BEAMS 6
CHARLES E. READ 3	ARTHUR DEAN 7
EDWARD T. GROVE 4	GEORGE COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A sharp.

EDGAR PEMBERTON ... Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
WILLIAM MOTTS 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
HARRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

CHARLES MILLS Treble	GEORGE ARCHER 5
THOMAS FORD, Junr. ... 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	CLEMENT J. MORE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Quickest peal on the bells.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	WILLIAM C. HART 6
JOHN CAPP 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
RICHARD STREDWICK ... 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FREDERICK GEORGE ... Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	EDWARD READER 6
ALLEN R. HICKTON 3	*JOHN OLDHAM 7
HARRY WHITTLE 4	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Eliza and William Trigg, members of the local band.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	*FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5
THOMAS HUGHES 2	GEORGE PEATE 6
EDGAR T. SMITH 3	THOMAS J. ELTON 7
DANIEL JONES 4	EDWIN J. TYLER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Stedman.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	CHARLES WILLIAMS ... 5
REV. ERNEST V. COX ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
THOMAS J. BRATTON ... 3	JAMES E. GROVES ... 7
E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ... 4	WILLIAM DAVIES ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Mr. Corbett hails from Dorington, Shrewsbury, and this is his first peal of Stedman.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	CHARLES FRAY 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	OWEN GILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was arranged for W. H. Fussell, of Slough.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... Treble	GEORGE E. TURNER ... 5
*HARRY WILSON ... 2	THOMAS J. BOTTRILL ... 6
*HARRY WASHBROOK ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal in the method. In this peal the 2nd is never wrong with the tenor till the last course and it is the first with these qualities. Rung half-muffled for the late Mr. S. Brierley, vice-president of the association.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK DAY ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 5
THOMAS FORD, Junr. ... 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 6
CLEMENT J. MORE ... 3	JOHN SOUTER ... 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TIBENHAM.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Old Oxford Modernised, College Bob IV., Norwich Surprise, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. C. M. SKINNER ... Treble	BERTIE TURNER ... 4
FRED SEAGER ... 2	GEORGE SNELLING ... 5
ALBERT BROWN ... 3	JOHN SNELLING ... Tenor

Conducted by B. TURNER.

BINFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*SIDNEY GEARING ... Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 4
*EDWARD BUNGAY, Senr. ... 2	*WILLIAM GEARING ... 5
†ALBERT PIERCE ... 3	†HARRY BUNGAY ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BUNGAY.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. It is also the quickest peal on the bells.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT)

On Tuesday, August 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK LAMBERT, Junr. Treble	HERBERT PRATT ... 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	WALTER KERRISON ... 5
REV. E. S. POWELL ... 3	CHARLES MOSS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

First peal of Minor by F. Lambert, Junr., who is only 15 years of age. Arranged for Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, Devon.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of College Single, two of Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs., in G.

MISS MARY E. N. JUKES ... Treble	HARRY HALL ... 4
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 2	JOHN W. MALLET ... 5
JOHN HALL ... 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

This peal was arranged for Miss Jukes, of Portishead, Somerset, and is her first peal of Minor.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBAN JARMAN ... Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 4
J. JAMES JACKSON ... 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Friday, August 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	GEORGE EASTHAUGH ... 4
REV. E. S. POWELL ... 2	*GEORGE PEARCE ... 5
ALBERT LEE ... 3	JOHN LARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. Arranged for Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, Devon.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lbs.

ALFRED J. PIERPOINT ... Treble	ALBERT REED ... 4
WILLIAM H. JENNER ... 2	ALBERT MARTIN ... 5
JAMES A. HART ... 3	WILFRED BOOTH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED BOOTH.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BENTLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lbs., in E.

*ERNEST KING ... Treble	WILLIAM HORNE ... 4
CHARLES EDWARDS ... 2	†GEORGE UPSHALL ... 5
†HUBERT CHAFFEY ... 3	JOHN W. RUSSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells.

ADDINGHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising 720 each of Duke of York, New London, Woodbine,
Violet, Oxford Delight, Oxford, Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN WINSTANLEY Treble	RICHARD BROWN 4
JOHN H. WINSTANLEY 2	JOHN COOPER 5
A. ELLIS LAMBERT 3	ARTHUR ADAMS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ADAMS.

HANDBELL PEALS.**NEW HANDBELL RECORD.**

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Nine Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 19,738 CHANCES;

Handbells, size 16 in B flat.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	JAMES HUNT ... 7-8
FRANK BLONDELL 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpires, A. H. WINCH, T. W. RADFORD, S. RADFORD, W. LOADER,
W. E. MAULDEN and M. SMITHER.

This is the greatest number of changes ever rung by one set of men on either tower or handbells, and was the conductor's 300th peal. The peal was rung on a magnificent set of bells, recently tuned by Messrs. Warner & Sons.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. G. WARNES, 21A, UNTHANK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

GEORGE H. CROSS... .. 1-2	*ALBERT G. WARNES ... 5-6
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... 3-4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. Bertie J. Howchin has now rung, and the conductor has now called, a peal on each pair of bells in this method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2	†WILLIAM A. WOODROW 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	FRANK BLONDELL ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples on an inside pair. Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. B. Edser, hon. secretary of the York Town District, on the birth of a son and heir.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
DAVID G. NICHOLS... .. 3-4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This peal is in short courses throughout and is the first peal of this description to be rung in the method on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MAURICE SMITHER ... 1-2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 1-2	ERNEST PYE ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: BERT HORTON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF S. NICOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MAURICE SMITHER ... 1-2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires: F. BLONDELL and W. LOADER.

This peal was arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Miss C. E. Raddon, daughter of the secretary of S. Nicolas Society, to Mr. G. S. Paddison, the event taking place at St. Mary's Church, Guildford, on that date. The peal was rung on handbells as S. Nicolas bells are not pealable.

The umpire in the handbell peal rung at Norwich, on August 25th, was Bertie Fry.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Great Yarmouth, on August 20th, was 5148, and not 5184 changes as published.

A handsome peal board has been placed in the belfry at Irthlingborough, Northants. It records two peals, one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung with the bells deeply muffled for the funeral of King Edward VII; and the other a peal of London Surprise Major. Both these peals were rung by the local company. The tablet has been erected in memory of Mr. F. Palmer and Mr. W. V. Newman, who were very much respected members of this belfry. The board was made by Mr. J. Hunt, of Guildford.

The ring of six bells of Wallasey Parish Church, near Liverpool, which is dedicated to St. Hilary, are to be rehung. Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, who recently erected the new ring at the church of St. Nicholas, Wallasey, have been entrusted with the work of restoration.

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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.

Those who have only five bells to ring, and thus are limited to Doubles, may find variety, if they are in the habit of practising Grandsire, in ringing both Reverse Grandsire and Double Grandsire. The principle of the former is that the 3rd's place is made when the treble is behind instead of in front, and in the latter it is made both when the treble is in front and behind. A lead of each will help to explain :—

Reverse.	Double.
1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
2 1 4 3 5	2 1 3 5 4
2 4 1 5 3	2 3 1 4 5
4 2 5 1 3	3 2 4 1 5
4 5 2 3 1	3 4 2 5 1
5 4 3 2 1	4 3 5 2 1
4 5 3 1 2	3 4 5 1 2
5 4 1 3 2	4 3 1 5 2
5 1 4 2 3	4 1 3 2 5
1 5 2 4 3	1 4 2 3 5
1 2 5 3 4	1 2 4 5 3

It will be seen that in each the 2nd is in the hunt in the plain course, as in the ordinary method. Bobs and Singles in Reverse Grandsire are the same as in Grandsire, but made, of course, when the treble is behind.

In Double Grandsire the bobs are made as in ordinary Grandsire, and can be called either when the treble is in front or behind, but a special single is required. It must be made in one or other of the following ways. When the treble is in front, thus :—

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

or when the treble is behind, thus :—

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

C. F. G. will find London Doubles explained in "The Ringing World" of July 5th last.

CONDUCTOR.

An attractive programme has been arranged for the tour in Somerset which begins to-morrow. The following is the itinerary :—

Saturday, September 7th, Wrington.

Sunday, September 8th, Yatton.

Monday, September 9th, Shepton Mallet and Evercreech.

Tuesday, September 10th, Yeovil and Sherborne.

Wednesday, September 11th, East Coker and West Coker.

Thursday, September 12th, Crewkerne and Chard.

Friday, September 13th, Axminster and Lyme Regis.

Saturday, September 14th, Bradpole and Beaminster.

WOODEN "BELLS."

RELICS OF MEDIÆVALISM.

The statement is sometimes met with in print that wooden bells were at one time used in England. This obvious error, perhaps, had its origin in the fact that before the year 680 the early British Christians were wont to call the faithful together by means of wooden rattles. A few of these inharmonious instruments may still be encountered in mediæval towers on the Continent, notably in Spain, where they are sounded during the three days of the Passion in Holy Week, when, in Catholic countries, it is not permitted to ring church bells.

Such a rattle of ponderous dimensions (matraca) is suspended in one of the lofty belfry arches of the famous Giralda tower in Seville, one of the minarets left by the Moors upon the surrender of the city to the Christians in the year 1248, after a resistance of fifteen months. This rattle is composed of four elongated boxes attached equi-distant to a common axletree in such a way that when the affair is revolved by means of a crank a series of iron hammers fall successively upon each box. When kept in continuous revolution these boxes emit a rhythmical series of sounds not unlike the explosion of a bunch of cannon fire-crackers.

In the larger campanarios and towers of Spain are apartments fitted for the habitation of the steeplekeeper and his family, all of whom lend a hand at ringing the bells, which are heard from early morn till vespers. When, at my request, the obliging custodian set in motion this instrument the noise produced, as heard near by, was stupendous, and in a quiet locality might be audible, like the call to prayer of the muezzin, within an area of one half mile. In a noisy metropolis, however, sounds produced by percussion upon a hollow object, as in the case of a drum, would have but limited carrying power; hence, in whatever locality the archaic tower-rattle has managed to survive, it is safe to conclude that the town from a commercial standpoint is either dead or moribund.

Suspended above the nine great bells in the beautiful steeple of Toledo Cathedral is another massive tower rattle, worked by a curious mechanism, which it is the custom to sound continuously for 48 hours before the Gloria in Excelsis of the Saturday before Easter. Ellacombe records that in the Fiji Islands bells are made by hollowing the trunk of certain trees cut into sections three or four feet in length with bevelled ends. When placed upon a resonant or elastic body and struck with a mallet a roaring hum is produced said to possess considerable carrying power. A similar contrivance is described by Engel in his book "Musical Instruments, as in use by the Mexicans." This was an instrument of percussion, made of a single block of oblong, hard wood, hollowed and having at its upper side an incised soundboard capable, when struck, of emitting two clearly defined notes. Syack states that the Greeks as early as the eighth century began to employ sonorous pieces of wood, much as we now use bells. The same writer describes wooden bells preserved at St. Mary Magdalen, Ripon, and at the parish church of Lenton, designed probably as models for guidance in the construction of bell frames.

A. H. NICHOLS, M.D.

DEATH OF MR. S. BRIERLEY.

The Lancashire Association has lost another of its best known workers, by the death of Mr. Sam Brierley, of Milnrow, Rochdale. The deceased, who was President of the Rochdale branch, was Vice-President of the Association, and had been connected with Milnrow Church for close on 30 years. He joined the Association in 1886, but had not rung a great many peals, having taken part in only 15 for the Association. A large number of ringers attended the funeral, which was conducted by the Rev. G. Harvey and the Rev. H. J. Elsee (Master of the Lancashire Association).

On Sunday morning, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: L. Fielding 1, R. Buckley 2, S. Fielding 3, A. Fielding 4, J. Greenwood 5, H. Buckley 6, J. Massey 7, J. J. Hartley 8.

At St. Thomas' Church, Newhey, where Mr. Brierley learnt to ring, a last token of respect was paid to the deceased, by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung with the bells muffled, by: C. Dearden 1, R. Thompson 2, J. Wood 3, J. C. Bennett 4, J. Meadowcroft 5, R. Dearden 6, T. Smith 7, S. S. Fitton 8.

Mrs. Brierley desires to express her thanks to the Rev. H. J. Elsee for assisting at the funeral service, and the ringers for their attendance and sympathy.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**KETTERING DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting of the Kettering district was held on Saturday, August 24th, at Weekley where the bells are a new ring of six. Touches of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob Doubles, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Tea was partaken of at the parish rooms, about 30 being present, from Kettering, Warkton, Geddington, Cranford, Barton Seagrave, Wellingborough, Pinsdon, Barton Latimer, Isham, Cransley, Rothwell, and Thorpe Malsor. — A short business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the General Secretary (Mr. F. Wilford). — It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Desborough. — Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, also to the ladies for providing tea. — Mr. D. J. Nichols, of Kettering, supported the vote of thanks, and said he had hoped some of the Weekley ringers would have been at the meeting. As they were a band of young ringers, he thought they could have gained some knowledge had they been there. There were plenty in the district who would be pleased to give them any assistance they might require, to enable them to ring their bells in the best manner possible, for the services of the church.

WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough district was held at Earl's Barton on Saturday last. This fine old Norman tower has a peal of six bells in fair condition, and touches in various methods were rung upon them during the afternoon and evening. An admirable tea, served in the schoolroom by the local ringers, was thoroughly enjoyed, a company numbering about 35 being present, from Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Righam Ferrers, Rushden, Wilby, and Northampton. — Tea being over, a short business meeting was held, presided over by the General Secretary (Mr. F. Wilford) who apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Rector and churchwardens. — It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Higham Ferrers. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, also to the local ringers for their very kindly welcome, and to their wives for the beautiful tea they had provided.

PRESENTATION AT HEAVITREE, DEVON.

On Saturday evening, August 17th, an interesting event in the history of the Heavitree Society was the presentation of a gilt 400-day clock to Mr. H. V. Richards to commemorate his marriage. The presentation was made by the Vicar (the Rev. T. J. Penting), at the Vicarage, and acknowledged by Mr. Richards. The wedding was solemnised on the following Saturday, when Mr. Richards and his bride had a hearty send-off, his brother ringers firing the bells, and ringing a couple of touches. The happy pair left for Bournemouth later in the afternoon to spend their honeymoon.

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WHERE RINGING IS HARD WORK.**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD MEETING AT MONK'S KIRBY.**

The August monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday last, when a record attendance resulted. Some thirty members were present from Rugby, Nuneaton, Stoke Golding, Coventry, Allesley, Lutterworth and Stratford-on-Avon. The bells are a ring of six, tenor 23 cwt., of rather pleasing tone—nicer to listen to than to handle. They go very badly, not from the want of a rigid frame, but probably from being rusted and uncared for. The ropes run back-handed, and those belonging to the two trebles are very awkwardly placed behind the clock box, and a small man on the treble is at much disadvantage as far as ropesight goes.

Here is an instance of a tower, situated in a quiet country spot about seven miles north of Rugby, containing some good bell metal, yet offering no prospect of ever having change ringing introduced there, because—through want of interest no doubt—the bells are slowly going to rack and ruin. The only ringing decently accomplished on Saturday was a 360 of Bob Minor, in which it took two men to ring the treble, because the first man got tired! Other touches were attempted, but were either lost or abandoned after a few minutes' hard labour.

Tea was partaken of at the Bell Inn, and, with the refreshment of the inner man, renewed courage came to some afterwards, but sad to say, it soon wore off after the bells went into changes, and members repaired again to the Bell Inn, where the less arduous handbell ringing was indulged in in the open-air. — A vote of thanks was proposed by the Hon. Secretary to the Vicar for his kind permission to ring, and to the members of the Rugby company for making the tea arrangements. — Two new members were elected at this meeting, which was very pleasurable, although the ringing was not the best that the Guild can do. But, then, circumstances alter cases.—C. C. C.

CHURCHWARDEN AND RINGER.**A FAREWELL GIFT.**

A very pleasant gathering took place in the belfry of SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, at Horbury, on Saturday, the occasion being the presentation of a beautiful writing desk subscribed for by the ringers, churchwardens and sidesmen, to Mr. James Smith (who is removing during the present week to Rugby), as a mark of their respect and esteem. The proceedings commenced with a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, and afterwards the presentation was made by Mr. Wm. Yelland, who was the oldest parishioner present, and who, besides acting as parish clerk, is also a sidesman.

Mr. Smith has been a ringer for a number of years, and in addition was formerly a handbell ringer, and assisted to win the first prize at the contest at Bell Vue Gardens, Manchester, some years ago. He has also acted as sidesman and as churchwarden for several years, and still holds the latter office. — Mr. Yelland, in making the presentation, stated that he had known Mr. Smith from childhood, and had great pleasure in testifying to his integrity of purpose, as well as to the zeal and ability with which he had carried out his public duties. He added that in his opinion the time was approaching when the working men of the country would take a greater part in such work than hitherto. On behalf of the subscribers and himself, he wished to convey to Mr. Smith and his family their good wishes, and the hope that his future would be successful beyond his highest expectations. He was confident that in these expressions he was also voicing the feeling of the whole congregation.

Mr. Smith, in response, said that he was taken very much by surprise with the handsome present he had just received, and desired to express his thanks to the subscribers for the kind feelings which had prompted their action. He further stated that he would value the present much beyond its intrinsic worth, and whenever he used it in his new home it would always remind him of the old and good friends he had left behind in his native village. — After more Treble Bob Major ringing the proceedings were brought to a close.

OLD SUSSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

All that was mortal of Henry Sayers was laid to rest in the churchyard of Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, on August 24th, the deceased having passed away, at the advanced age of 85 years, after 18 months' illness. He was born in 1827, and as far as can be ascertained had been a ringer for over 63 years. The only peal in which he took part was a 5040 Grandsire Doubles, in which he rang the treble, on the occasion of the late Rev. Canon C. H. Borrer's 50th year as Rector of the parish. Nevertheless, he was a regular attendant in the tower on Sundays, up to his 83rd year, and always made a point of ringing, if only for a few minutes. Singularly enough his last appearance among the ringers was on the occasion of their annual outing, in August, 1910.

Full he was of quaint reminiscences of days gone by, and used to speak with much amusement of the fact that, on the occasion of a former illness, he had the knell too previously tolled for himself. He also used to boast that he was godfather to a majority of the old inhabitants of Hurstpierpoint, inasmuch as, having at one time lived close by the church, often and often he had been summoned on emergencies to make up the number of godfathers.

His coffin was borne to the church by four of his companions in the art, and was followed by many friends and relatives, while most of the local band were present to pay their last respects to their old friend. The bells were rung half-muffled on Saturday night, and for service on Sunday, as a token of respect.

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THE HISTORY OF A GREAT RINGER.

MATTHEW WOOD, BORN 1826—DIED 1912.

As we recorded briefly in our last issue, the veteran, Mr. Matthew Wood, has passed away at the advanced age of 85 years, and thus has been removed another of those notable figures whose energies and achievements did so much to lay the foundations for the rapid advance which has been made in the Exercise in later years. Matthew Wood inherited his ringing proclivities, and his own association with bells goes back more than 70 years. Educated campanologically in a school where the striking was always the first consideration, he was a model of what a ringer should be in this respect, and woe betide the man who in touch or peal failed to strike his bell. He would hear of it from Matthew Wood, and in a pretty blunt sort of way, for Matt. was no respecter of persons. Beneath that bluff exterior, however, there was a warm heart, and beginners of the right stamp received every encouragement from Mr. Wood. And not only was he a past master in striking, but he possessed that other attribute which goes to make the good ringer—he was extremely safe; in fact he



THE LATE MR. M. A. WOOD.

was hardly ever known to make a mistake, and even when past 80 years of age he would ring peals without the sign of a mis-blow, much less a trip. He was a really great ringer at either the light or the heavy end.

Mr. Wood was proud of the stock from whence he came. His grandfather was a Huguenot, by name Francois Du Bois, a silk manufacturer in Lyons. With many of his compatriots, when driven out of France, he settled in Spitalfields, and there pursued his calling, taking the English translation of his name—Francis Wood. He and his brother Samuel became interested in ringing, and were members of the Cumberland Society. Francis rang over 70 peals, taking part among others in 10,200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch in 1777. He died, and was buried at Bethnal Green in September, 1784. Matthew Wood, his grandson, was the youngest of a family of twelve, and was born on September 22nd, 1826, at Bethnal Green, and in 1829 removed to Church Row, where he remained until he died. He started work very early in life as a weaver, but subsequently entered the hop trade, in which he continued until advancing years compelled him to give up work.

His connection with bell ringing dates back to 1837. He tolled for the death and funeral of King William IV, and

in the same year his father taught him how to ring. So rapidly did he learn that, although only 11 years of age, he soon took part in ringing set changes with the old parochial ringers. His introduction to change ringing was in 1845, when, with Mr. J. Comb, and the late Mr. W. Cooter, he became a pupil of John Cox. His first peal, as we mentioned last week, was rung on February 18th, 1846, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Before this, however, he had become steeplekeeper at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a post which he retained to the last—a period of close on 70 years. Every bell was an intimate companion, for during this time he had watched with the greatest care over the peal, or rather the peals, for there had been two rings of bells in the tower. The first was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Wood cherished the possession of a small model bell, hung in a frame with complete fittings, which was cast from a piece of one of the original ring.

Very early in his career as a change ringer Mr. Wood joined the Society of Cumberland Youths, his first peal with them being 5280 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Christ Church, Spitalfields. His first peal on twelve bells was at St. Saviour's, Southwark, a peal of Kent Maximus, in January, 1848. In 1850, at Bethnal Green, he took part in the first peal of Superlative rung in London, the first peal in the method having been rung only a few days previously at Woolwich by the Banister family. Mr. Wood took part in many long peals, among them being 7524 Stedman Cinqes in 1851, conducted by John Cox. Of that band one still survives—Mr. William Banister. In 1861 Mr. Wood rang in the 8580 Stedman Cinqes at Cornhill, and afterwards in the 8448 Treble Bob Major at Spitalfields, and the 9000 and the 15,848 at Bethnal Green, this last being rung on April 27th, 1868. Mr. Wood travelled, as few men of his day travelled for peal ringing. In 1872 he visited Waterford, and rang in the first peal in Ireland, and in the following year conducted the first in Scotland, viz., Grandsire Triples at Dundee. He visited Scotland again in 1877, when he rang a peal at Inverness—the first peal of Treble Bob north of the Tweed.

Matthew Wood was one of the first band to take up double handed Stedman, and the performances in which he participated were memorable ones, for they included the first peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinqes ever rung. The Stedman Caters on June 15th, 1851, was the first peal in the method recorded on handbells retained in hand, and was rung at the Osborn Arms, Henage Street, by John Cox, George Ferris, W. Cooter, Matt. Wood and J. Dwight. It was followed in 1854, by the Triples and the Cinqes. Most of the handbell peals were rung at the Whittington and Cat, in Church Row, the Triples being rung by George Ferris, Wm. Cooter, Matt. Wood and Jemmy Dwight, and the Cinqes by Henry Haley, John Cox, Ferris, Wood, Cooter and Dwight.

After a short time with the Cumberlands, Mr. Wood joined the College Youths, with whom by far the larger number of his peals was rung. He served in the office of Master about 1856, and was treasurer of the society for 30 years. He was, of course, one of the regular members of the St. Paul's Cathedral company from the commencement in 1878, and took part in the first peal on those magnificent bells. Mr. Wood was most exact in keeping the records of his performances, and his beautifully written peal book containing the particulars of his 380 peals is a perfect picture, "without a blot or a mistake," as the old gentleman would proudly tell his visitors. His peals had been rung in 86 towers, and with 355 different ringers. The names of

the latter have been written with absolutely alphabetical accuracy, in a companion volume to the peal book. He rang his last peal on January 16th, 1909, when, despite his more than 82 years, he took the 5th at Bethnal Green in a peal of Grandsire Triples. Incidentally it may be mentioned that in his younger days Mr. Wood was a very keen cricketer, and he possessed many a prize bat for his prowess on the field.

Although advancing years and failing health had been telling for some time upon the once strong frame, the mental capacity of Mr. Wood was almost to the last unimpaired. His memory was as fresh and his intellect as keen as in the days of yore, and not very long ago the writer had a most interesting chat with the veteran whose voice will ne'er be heard again in the belfry. On that visit to Mr. Wood the veteran showed how strongly he retained his interest in ringing affairs, and, in the most spirited way, he tapped off a merry tune upon the handbells which hung over the mantelpiece in his "den." But now he has gone and all that was mortal of the once great ringer was laid to rest on Saturday in the Abney Park Cemetery.

THE FUNERAL.

Not only was there a large gathering of ringers at the funeral, but a great many parishioners assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to Matthew Wood, for his life-long residence in the vicinity of the church made him one of the most familiar figures in that part of Bethnal Green. The service throughout was a very impressive one, the first portion being held in the church, which he had served so long and so faithfully. The Rector (the Rev. H. V. S. Eck) officiated, and the choir were in attendance, and led the chanting of Psalm XC, and the singing of the hymns, "Brief life is here our portion" and "Lead, kindly Light." Then, as the organ broke forth into the mournful strains of the "Dead March" in "Saul," the mortal remains of the veteran were carried for the last time from the church he loved so well. The family mourners were: The widow, Mrs. Nicoll and Miss Amy Wood (daughters), Mr. Nicoll (son-in-law), and Mrs. Wood's brother. Another notable figure among the large congregation was Mr. William Banister, one of Mr. Wood's ringing colleagues over 60 years ago. The coffin, which was of polished oak with massive brass furniture, was conveyed to Abney Park Cemetery on a four-horse hearse, and just within the cemetery gates the cortege was met by a large number of ringers and friends. Among those present either at the church or graveside were Messrs. T. H. Taffender (Master), W. T. Cockerell (hon. secretary), and A. Hughes (hon. treasurer of the College Youths), Mrs. Hughes, Miss Dorrington, Messrs. G. Dorrington, H. Hills, J. Munday, D. F. Gibbons (great-nephew of the deceased), C. Kennedy, R. Green, and E. Holman, of the Bethnal Green band; Messrs. T. O. Bone (great-nephew), J. H. Barrett, J. C. Bailey, A. Barker, J. Barry, C. S. Burden, Albert Coles, F. E. Dawe, J. H. B. Hesse, E. Horrex, Howell (representing Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd.), A. A. Hughes, C. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, C. Lea, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, F. Perrin, G. N. Price, W. Prime, F. W. Richardson, J. Rowbottom, J. Scholes, H. Springall, C. F. Winney, E. Wallage, etc. Mr. J. Comb was also represented. At the conclusion of the committal prayers, the handbells were rung over the open grave, and nothing in the whole service was more deeply stirring than the beautiful rhythm of the bells as this last tribute was paid to one whose memory will ever be cherished as a great ringer, and a just and an upright man. A crowd of some 500 persons were gathered round the grave, and the silent reverence of these onlookers while the ringing was taking place was most impressive. The three times "three whole-pulls and stand" was followed by a perfect course of Stedman Caters by: T. H. Taffender 1-2, C. F. Winney 3-4, H. R. Newton 5-6, H. Langdon 7-8, W. T. Cockerell 9-10.

In the evening the bells of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, were rung half-muffled, the age of the deceased being recorded by the "whole pull and stand" 85 times. Afterwards touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

The College Youths met at Bow, Cheapside, later in the evening, and paid their tribute to the memory of the deceased by half-muffled ringing on this majestic and far-famed ring of twelve.

The "whole pull and stand" to record the deceased's age was rung by: E. Horrex 1, F. E. Dawe 2, E. Gibbs 3, T. H. Taffender 4, H. Springall 5, C. Lee 6, J. W. Golding 7, C. F. Winney 8, H. Langdon 9, C. S. Burden 10, W. Prime 11, W. T. Cockerell 12. Afterwards touches of Stedman Cinques were rung.

The usual "whole pull and stand" also was rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, and was followed by a touch of Grandsire Caters. Those who took part in the ringing were: F. Rumens (conductor), A. Chapman, G. Grimwade, H. Rumens, J. H. Wilkins, J. C. Adams, R. May-

nard, senr., A. A. Hughes, F. C. Maynard, W. B. Manning, W. J. Kemp, T. Cutforth and R. K. Knight.

A half-muffled peal of Superlative Surprise was rung at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, by the Kent Association.

An attempt was made for a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples, at Bethnal Green, on Monday evening, but was unfortunately lost. The band was: T. Faulkner 1, A. A. Hughes 2, J. H. B. Hesse 3, D. J. Gibbons 4, A. Hughes 5, E. G. Penn 6, A. B. Peck (conductor) 7, G. L. Dorrington 8.

The bells of Waltham Abbey were also rung fully muffled on Saturday night.

The peals in which Mr. Matt. Wood had taken part were as follow:—

ON TOWER BELLS.

Grandsire Triples	*101	Conducted	41
Stedman Triples	83	Conducted	11
Grandsire Major	5		
Kent Treble Bob Major	55	Conducted	6
Double Norwich Major	3		
Superlative Surprise	2		
London Surprise	2		
Cambridge Surprise	1		
Grandsire Caters	10	Conducted	1
Stedman Caters	47		
Grandsire Royal	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ...	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	19	Conducted	2
Grandsire Cinques	1		
Stedman Cinques	25		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus...	12	Conducted	1

ON HANDBELLS.

Grandsire Triples	4
Stedman Triples	*2
Stedman Caters	4
Stedman Cinques	2
Total ...	380 Conducted 62

*Including one non-conducted.

ODD CHANGES.

Mr. R. Matthews was hindered from calling a peal of London Surprise at Wolverhampton on Saturday through a happy event at home. He was presented with a son and heir. Congratulations, Robert!

A contract has been signed for the enlargement of St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, the work including a new north aisle and west porch, removal of the old gallery, putting in a new west window, and two new windows in the ringing chamber, making a new entrance door to the ringing room and providing a new stone staircase.

There is a special interest in the peal of ten bells which is to be erected at Hingham, near Boston, U.S.A., by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Hingham is a town established by pilgrims from the Norfolk village of the same name, and, in providing the peal, their descendants have insisted upon having copies of some of the bells in the towers round about the old home. The tenor is about a ton, and the bells are to be hung for ringing. Mr. Dan Gibbons, who is to superintend the work for the famous Whitechapel firm, sailed for America on Wednesday.

NAMING OF METHODS.

Mr. C. Jackson, of Hull, writes that the following methods in the Central Council's collection have been named: No. 18, page 12, Kingston Treble Bob; No. 14, page 17, Hull Delight; No. 27, page 20, Sutton Delight; No. 40, page 40, Hull Surprise.

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ANOTHER RECORD.

GREAT PERFORMANCE AT GUILDFORD.

The Winchester Guild band who, about three months ago, set up a handbell record of 14,031, have easily eclipsed that performance by ringing last Saturday a peal of 19,738 Stedman Caters in 9 hrs. 32 mins. This stupendous achievement was accomplished on Saturday in Holy Trinity Belfry, Guildford, and the formal record of it will be found in our peal columns.

The original intention was to start again for the 22,222 that was lost on August Bank Holiday, and the band tentatively arranged to meet at noon, but business prevented one of their number reaching the town at this hour, and it was not until 1.55 p.m. that the bells got away to a good start after two attempts at the going-off course. The striking was splendid, and the half of the twenty-two thousand ran up in 5 hrs. 23 mins. The turning course was perfectly rung, and the tapping with the bells in the handstroke position was as good as it had been in the tittums. Course after course rolled faultlessly away, but it was obvious that the peal would have to be curtailed. It had been so composed that it might be brought round



THE RINGERS.

A. F. Shepherd 1-2. W. Shepherd 5-6.
A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3-4.
J. Hunt 7-8. F. Blondell 9-10.

at 19,738, and as the hour was then 11.27 p.m. it was decided to let the bells run round.

It was a really wonderful performance, remarkably free from trips, and constitutes a world's double record, inasmuch as it is not only by far the longest length yet rung on handbells, but it is also the greatest number of changes ever rung by one set of men. The conductor (Mr. A. H. Pulling) and the other ringers, Messrs. A. F. and W. Shepherd, of Hersham; J. Hunt and F. Blondell, of Guildford, are heartily to be congratulated upon their success. The way in which the peal was rung goes to show that, had there been time, there is little doubt the 22,222 would have been scored.

As will be seen from the record elsewhere, a number of

umpires assisted in checking the peal, and part of the last half was also heard by Mrs. Pulling, and Messrs. T. Raddon and G. Gunner. Mr. A. H. Winch stopped to the finish, and, as he had to be back in Leatherhead on Sunday morning, walked home, a distance of twelve miles, after the peal.

The company desire to thank the umpires and also Mr. A. J. Whiting, caretaker of Holy Trinity, for looking after the church door.

The performance was doubly noteworthy for Mr. Pulling, as it was his 300th peal, no fewer than 127 of which have been rung on handbells, the greatest number, we believe, which anyone has yet rung "in hand." His total is made up as follows:—

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Conducted.	Rung.	Conducted.
Bob Minor	3	3		
Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods	1	1		
Seven Minor Methods	2	2		
Seven Surprise Minor Methods	1	1		
Bob Major	22	17	3	1
Bob Royal	3	2		
Treble Bob Major	3	2		
Treble Bob Royal	3	2		
Grandsire Triples	22	16		
Grandsire Caters	1	6	11	10
Stedman Triples	47	24	48	47
Stedman Caters	10	5	58	58½
Stedman Cinques			1	1
Double Norwich	21	13½		
Norfolk Surprise	1	1		
Superlative	14	10		
Cambridge	2	2		
New Cambridge	1	1		
Bristol	8	8		
London	8	8		
	173	117	127	123

Total 300. Conducted 240.
‡ Includes 7,023, 7,777, 14,031, 19,738 record. § Includes 7,386. ° Including one silent.

WINCHESTER GUILD RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

Amid beautiful surroundings, and under ideal conditions, a very successful meeting of members of the Portsmouth district of the Winchester Guild was held at Park Place, by kind invitation of Colonel and Mrs. H. R. Farquhar, on Wednesday week. The visitors assembled at the Parish Church in the afternoon, and by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. E. H. Duke) rang on the bells. Afterwards they proceeded to the gardens at Park Place, where a capital tea was provided, between forty and fifty sitting down.—Mrs. Farquhar presided, supported by the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master of the Guild), the Rev. E. H. Duke, Col. H. R. and Miss H. Farquhar, Mr. A. T. King (of Southsea), Mr. Geo. Williams (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. F. W. Whiting (district secretary), Mr. G. E. Chappell (assistant secretary), and representatives from Curdridge, Bishops Waltham, Swanmore, North Stoncham, Fareham, Litchfield, Upham and Wickham.

After tea, Col. Farquhar extended a most cordial welcome to the ringers, and expressed the pleasure it gave him and Mrs. Farquhar to have the various bands of ringers to tea with them. The ringing of the bells, he added, showed a large and broad sympathy with the joys and sorrows of the parish, and beyond the parish, with the Church in her festivals, and with the nation in days of great national rejoicing or sorrow.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews proposed thanks to Col. and Mrs. Farquhar for their very great kindness, and Mr. A. T. King supported the motion. Handbell ringing was much enjoyed by all present, and further ringing on the church bells brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Cirencester branch was held at Fairford, on Thursday, August 29th. Ringing began with a 504 Grandsire Triples, and it was found that the bells go much better now than they used to do. The ringers attended service, which was choral, and afterwards the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Carbonell) gave an interesting address.—Tea followed at the George Hotel, 20 sitting down to an excellent spread.

At the business meeting, Mr. H. T. Gardner was in the chair. Six new members were elected, and Mr. H. C. Bond was elected to serve on the committee of management.—Totbury was chosen for the next meeting, on Thursday, October 3rd.—The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Carbonell for arranging the service, and to the organist and choir for kindly giving their services.—The motion was carried unanimously.—The tower was then again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples were rung.—A social hour was afterwards spent at the George Hotel, the handbells being brought into use.

RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY'S REPLY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If I did not know that my friend the Rector of Great Munden is one of the cheeriest of men, I should be greatly distressed at his "sadness of heart" and the melancholy tone of his letter in your last issue. But I am looking forward to meeting him on a ringing tour in a few days, and I am confident that I shall find him the life and soul of the party, and quite ready to start for two peals a day. So I am not worried about his gloomy prognostications.

There remains, however, his heavy indictment of some recent ringing at Cambridge, for which I fear I am chiefly responsible. In my innocence, I thought we had done rather well. Alas! I find that we are held up to the Exercise as an awful example of all that is worst. Here are the scathing words, which have made my flesh creep: "With the best intentions we are a nuisance in such a place as Cambridge. . . . At present it [i.e., ringing] ministers irritation. . . . Is a church the proper place for the infliction of eight hours' music on a helpless and protesting population?" These be strong words! I am living in hourly dread lest the "helpless and protesting population" of Cambridge, inflamed by this language, should rise as one man, thirsting for my blood; for at present I am the only one here of all the noise-producers on that iniquitous occasion. In the faint hope of escaping such a doom, may I ask you of your courtesy, or of your pity, to allow me, before I fall a victim, to put forward what little defence I can offer for this transaction which I now see to have been so disgraceful.

Incredible as it may sound after what has appeared in your paper, I should like to say that some of us in Cambridge not only endorse the advice given in your excellent front-page article, that "ringers should show consideration for the feelings of the public," but endeavour to act upon it. As Vicar of Great St. Mary's, I refuse to allow any peal ringing in term-time, when the University and Colleges are in residence—except it be a fully-muffled peal on an occasion of special mourning. Even in vacation-time, when there is very little going on in the town, I think it right to allow peal attempts only at long intervals, and only on a Bank Holiday or a Thursday afternoon, when all the shops are closed. Of course, ringing is never allowed if anyone is known to be ill, or even slightly unwell, within hearing of the bells. Now for our latest and greatest crime. When, at the Central Council Meeting on Whit-Tuesday, some of the best ringers in England asked to come and ring at Great St. Mary's, on the Bank Holiday in August, I was foolish enough to think it would be a grand opportunity of letting people in Cambridge hear what our twelve bells (all recently rehung and two of them recast) can really sound like. So I promised that I would try to arrange for two peals that day. Before deciding anything, I did my best to show consideration for the public. To begin with, I put a notice in our "Parish Magazine" that it was proposed to ring the bells on that day, both morning and afternoon: adding a hope that parishioners would enjoy the music, "if they are at home," for I had a shrewd suspicion that most of them would be at the "Mammoth Show" to be held just outside the town. Then I interviewed the chief authorities of the nearest important buildings, namely, the University Library, the Senate House, and Caius College; all of them assured me that the ringing would not annoy them. Then I wrote to the Dean of King's College (which is a little farther away), saying that I hoped that on this occasion, when famous ringers were coming from London, he would not mind the ringing overlapping their evensong if that was necessary for the completion of a peal. The Dean (who I believe hates bell ringing fervently) sent me a very grateful, courteous, and even humorous reply. After that, I sailed on, and gave leave for two peals on that Black Monday; and indeed (it is too late to attempt to conceal it now) I took part in one of them myself. So far I have got off uninjured. The "helpless and protesting population" has not yet thrown hatchets at me, or broken my windows with hammers. I have not even received any complaints: on the other hand, many persons have told me that they greatly enjoyed hearing the bells so rung. I implore you, if you can find space, to publish this (I confess miserably inadequate) effort at exculpation, not so much for my own sake (I am prepared to accept with fortitude any punishment that may befall me), but that Cambridge, which I love, may not incur the hate of the helpless and the execration of the Exercise.

Cambridge, August 31st, 1912.

A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

GOOLE DISTRICT PRACTICE.

The combined practice of the Goole district was held on August 17th, at Snaith (six bells), a good company being present from Goole, Thorne, Howden, Hatfield, and the local band, while Mr. Pearson (Pontefract) cycled over to Snaith to give a hand. In the afternoon, 720 Kent Minor was rung by: H. Ludkin (Goole) 1, P. Sleight (Thorne), first 720 in the method, 2, D. Carmichael (Goole) 3, J. D. Bullock (Snaith) 4, C. W. King (Goole) 5, W. Pearson (Pontefract) 6.—Touches in various methods were then rung until tea-time. Afterwards ringing was again indulged in by mixed bands until about 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered, and selections on the handbells were given, songs, etc., sung, a most profitable and enjoyable evening being spent.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

MEETING AT LYDD.

DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF BELLS.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild entered fresh territory for their August meeting, which was held at Lydd on Saturday. The party numbered about twenty, representatives attending from Appledore, Ashford, Lyminge, New Romney, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and the local tower. The members knew the bells went badly, and on arrival, regretted they had not a "Samson" in their midst, for one of the local ringers remarked that the tenor weighed a ton. The stately, lofty and roomy tower, measures eight rods up to the top of the battlements, and making allowance for the pinnacles the actual height would be over 140 feet. Such a tower is worthy of not less than eight bells, instead of a very dilapidated peal of five. After wending their way up to the belfry, which has a brick floor, with a commodious round trap-door in the centre, the ringers found that the ropes which are supplied through the local saddler, had sallies between six and seven feet in length. The bells were soon set going, many 120's of Grandsire Doubles and several of Stedman, being rung, as well as courses of Bob Singles. The tenor, which weighs no more than 15 cwt., required a tremendous lot of handling. The fourth also was very troublesome, but the front three, although far from being perfect, were decidedly better for ringing. However, the peal sadly needs rehanging, and while the bells are in the present condition, it is utterly impossible to train a local band of change ringers. The worst of the matter is that there appears to be not the slightest hope of any alterations. The church requires restoring, and the clergy put forward the argument that money is hard to obtain. But the writer thinks that the funds for the necessary restoration could be secured fairly easily, for in 1837 a sum of £1,500 was spent in extensive alterations to the noble edifice, and the enlargement of the churchyard. If such an enormous sum of money was raised then we think it could be done again, for surely the church officials at Lydd do not lack the energy and organising powers of their predecessors.

At the business meeting, held in the belfry, the Curate (the Rev. Heel) presided, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector (the Rev. P. H. Collins). It was decided to hold the next meeting at Rye on the third Saturday in September, and to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Tenterden on the 11th inst.—The Master (Mr. G. Billness) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. Heel for presiding.—Mr. C. Tribe seconded, and made reference to the bad condition of the bells, remarking that it would be a very fitting memorial to Alderman E. Finn's 21st consecutive year as mayor, if his worship provided the means to have them rehung.—The Chairman, in reply, expressed his pleasure to be present, and said he would convey their message to the Rector. With regard to the rehanging of the bells, he could not see how a move could be made in the matter.

A TRIP IN RUTLAND.

ANNIVERSARY OF BELTON BELLS CELEBRATED.

To celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the Belton bells, a nice little programme was arranged for last week-end by Mr. Jackson, of Belton Old Hall. On Thursday, August 29th, Foxton, Leicestershire, was the rendezvous. Messrs. A. P. Wakley and J. T. Dyke cycled from Burton, E. H. Stoneley from Stoke Golding, the Rev. C. J. Sturton trained to Market Harborough, and cycled from there, and Messrs. J. J. Jackson and A. Jarman, whose 21st birthday it was, drove from Belton. An excellent peal in seven plain methods was completed in 2 hrs. 53 mins., on the beautiful new peal at St. Andrew's. The party, with the exception of the conductor, then made for Belton. The next day, Mr. W. E. White, the popular secretary of the M.C.A., joined the party at Belton, and he, with Mr. J. Grocock, took the place of Messrs. E. H. Stoneley and A. Jarman in another seven method peal which was attempted to conclude the first year's work on the Belton bells. Unfortunately, this came to grief after ringing 720 each of St. Clement's and Double Court, under the conductorship of J. T. Dyke. Later, 720 of Double Bob was rung by the same band, and 720 St. Clement's, conducted by A. P. Wakley, with C. Reeve and A. Jarman, in place of the Rev. C. J. Sturton and J. Grocock. A 720 of Bob Minor was also rung on handbells by: A. P. Wakley 1—2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3—4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5—6, as well as touches of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.

On Saturday, August 31st, Oakham, with its fine ring, was visited. Here, with the assistance of Messrs. Baker (Barleythorpe), Lord (Grantham) and Bertram, senr. and junr. (Melton Mowbray), the first peal of Stedman in the county was accomplished. It is worthy of mention that young Bartram, who only started peal ringing last Whitsuntide, helped his father to get his first peal of Stedman Triples, of which he is very proud.

For service on Sunday, various touches were rung, including a spliced 720 of Double Oxford and St. Clement's: W. E. White 1, C. Reeve 2, T. Atkins 3, J. T. Dyke 4, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 5, A. Jarman 6.

During the past year, 64 720's have been rung on the Belton bells, 43 being by the local band, who, with the exception of their instructor (Mr. J. J. Jackson), had not even the most elementary ideas of change ringing twelve months ago. The 720's were rung in the following methods: Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

The annual outing of the members of the above society took place on Saturday week, when a trip was made to Honiton, Axminster, Chard, Iminster, Taunton, Wellington and Cullompton. The party, including Mr. William Shepherd, of Hersham, Surrey, left Exeter at 8.0 a.m. under somewhat depressing conditions, as rain had been falling heavily, and threatened to continue. It was arranged to ring at Axminster, but in consequence of the very bad state of the roads and climatic conditions, the visitors arrived late, and as there was service at the church ringing at this tower was abandoned. Chard was reached about noon, and here the bells were soon put in motion with a short touch of Grandsire Triples. The motor then proceeded to Iminster, where the party was met by Mr. D. G. Taylor, who had kindly made arrangements for dinner. After the mid-day meal, the ringers inspected the interior of the church, and then proceeded to the belfry, where touches of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob (the latter being first on the bells) were rung. In the afternoon the weather was ideal, and an enjoyable ride took the party into Taunton, where a visit was paid to the Park and the Castle. After tea, the ringers met Messrs. J. Burge, J. Madocks, of Taunton, and A. Walker, of Birmingham, at St. James' tower, where Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung. At St. Mary's Church touches of Stedman Caters were brought round. Owing to a long journey in front of them, and ringing to be done at Wellington, there was not much time for the visitors to stay for a chat with old acquaintances. At Wellington, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and this concluded the day's ringing. A move was then made to Cullompton, and then after a few minutes' rest the journey was resumed for the "Ever Faithful City," which was reached about 11 p.m. It was agreed by all that a most enjoyable day had been spent, notwithstanding the bad weather in the morning. The band wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and those who made arrangements for ringing at the different towers.

SHOREDITCH.

The members of the Shoreditch Society spent a pleasant afternoon on Saturday week, when, at the invitation of Canon Newbolt, they visited St. Paul's Cathedral. The ringers were accompanied by the Rev. P. E. Boswell, Mr. Ford (deputy churchwarden), and Mr. Riley (steeplekeeper at South Hackney). The party were met at the Cathedral by Canon Newbolt, who conducted them round the building, and pointed out the various monuments and other things of special interest. The galleries, library and whispering gallery were also visited, and afterwards the party attended evensong, the singing at which was enjoyed by all. Canon Newbolt entertained the party to tea at the Chapter House, and was heartily thanked for his kindness, on the motion of the Rev. P. E. Boswell.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

The members of this Guild visited Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick for their annual outing on August Bank Holiday. At Stratford, the party was met by the Rev. C. Carew Cox, and after the places of interest in the quaint old town had been viewed and dinner partaken of at the Black Swan, the visitors drove to Warwick, where they made straight for St. Mary's Church. The beautiful peal of ten were soon going to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal, Mr. James George, of Rugby, with a few friends, turning up and taking part in the ringing. Returning to Stratford in time to ring for the evening service, touches of London Major and Stedman Triples were brought round. The remainder of the day was spent in a visit to Anne Hathaway's Cottage, at Shottery, and to the parsonage, where touches of Grandsire Caters on handbells were rung.—The ringers wish to thank the Rev. C. Carew Cox for kindly making the whole of the arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the party, and also Mr. Adams for having the bells ready at St. Mary's, Warwick.

DEPTFORD.

The St. Nicholas' Society, Deptford, visited Leith Hill, Surrey, for their annual outing, and spent a most enjoyable day. They were entertained by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Hart), who accompanied them. From the tower on the hill on a clear day, it is said that 13 counties can be seen. Certainly those, who, after dinner, successfully negotiated the steep slopes were amply repaid by the magnificent view they obtained. Half the band, however, were "knocked out" before the top was reached, but those who reached the top included the veteran, Mr. Weatherstone. The outing proved a most delightful one, and the ringers desire to thank the Vicar most heartily for his kind hospitality.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

The ringers of Shiplake, their wives and friends, had their annual outing on August 14th, when a party numbering over 20 visited Weymouth. It was necessary to leave at 4 a.m., by conveyance, in order to catch the train leaving Reading at 5.15 a.m. The railway journey was made in the comfort of a saloon carriage, which had been reserved for the party by Mr. Porter. Weymouth was reached at 11.15 a.m., and

the party then separated until dinner time. Much to the disappointment of the visitors, ringing at Weymouth was out of the question, there being several churches, but none with a peal of bells. In the afternoon the party had a steamer trip to Ludworth Cove, which was enjoyed immensely, and returned to Weymouth for tea, after which the homeward journey was commenced. Reading was reached at 12.15 a.m., and conveyances soon rattled the excursionists o'er the stones to Shiplake, which was reached about 1.40 a.m.—The party wish to thank Mr. Porter (the worthy foreman) for making all the splendid arrangements, which led to a most enjoyable day being spent.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

On Wednesday, August 21st, the ringers of St. Peter's Church had their annual outing, and visited London. They first made their way to Messrs. Warner and Son's bell foundry, at Spitalfields, where they were received by Mr. D. Christy, who conducted them round the different workshops, and showed them much that was of interest to ringers, including the cup which Messrs. Warner are giving for competition. After leaving the foundry, the National Gallery was visited, and in the afternoon Westminster Abbey and Queen Victoria's Memorial. The party then went on to the White City, where the rest of the day was spent, Tunbridge Wells being reached in the small hours of the morning, everyone feeling tired but well pleased with a good day's outing.

WHITCHURCH.

On Saturday, the Whitchurch ringers had an outing to Birmingham, and were met by Mr. T. J. Bratton. A visit was paid to the Birmingham New Art Gallery, which was very much admired by all. A move was then made to St. Chad's Cathedral, where the party were met by Messrs. Miller and Groves, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 mins., by: J. Gibson 1, F. Ryder 2, Rev. J. S. D. Rider 3, J. Corrigan 4, W. Barron 5, W. Hutchinson 6, T. Barron 7, H. Taylor 8, conducted by T. Miller. A visit was next paid to Aston Hall Museum, and to Aston Church, where a peal of Caters was in progress. During the day, Mr. H. Withers entertained the visitors by tapping some changes on the piano.—The visitors wish to thank all who helped to make the outing a success.

A VETERAN RINGER.

Death has recently removed another veteran ringer, Mr. James Buckley, of Middleton, Lancashire, who for a long number of years did duty in the tower of the ancient parish church at that place. The deceased was the last member of a band who manipulated the old set of six bells, and whilst he perhaps could never lay claim to be an exponent of scientific ringing such as we see recorded in the ringing world to-day, still, the beauty in accuracy of striking was always well maintained and noteworthy, and in the sphere of prize ringing, such as existed in the district half a century ago, the band of which he was a worthy member, succeeded in attaining a high degree of prominence, as was testified by their successes in many Lancashire and Yorkshire towers. Mr. Buckley, who was a handloom weaver by occupation, was 82 years of age, and probably the oldest prize ringer in Lancashire. Although he retired from active association with ringing in July, 1901, he was always deeply interested in the doings of those who succeeded himself and others. The funeral was witnessed by a good many townspeople, and full honours were done by the local band, and representatives from the church towers of neighbouring towns. At the graveside a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells, and after the funeral a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells, which were deeply muffled.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BLETCHLEY.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on August 4th, 168 Stedman Triples and 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Crane 1, J. Mead 2, J. Marks 3, F. Hedges 4, T. Best (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, W. Sear 7, V. Sear 8.

NEWCHURCH.—On August 2nd, at the Parish Church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: W. Leatherbarrow 1, G. Pownall 2, E. Leatherbarrow 3, T. Cooper 4, J. Yates 5, J. Leatherbarrow (conductor) 6. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

MALDON.—On Tuesday, July 30th, 720 Plain Bob: E. Finch 1, J. Gozzell 2, H. Finch 3, R. Finch (first 720) 4, A. South (conductor) 5, H. J. Mansfield 6.

WREXHAM.—On Tuesday, July 30th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: S. Meadows 1, W. Jones 2, J. Clutton 3, A. Newell 4, E. Rowland (conductor) 5, G. Vaughan 6, A. Lea 7, W. Williams 8. Rung as a farewell to the sister of the ringer of the 6th, who set sail for Australia on the following Wednesday.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 21st, for evening service, 1200 Bob Major: H. Dewey 1, L. Stilwell 2, P. H. Doick 3, J. Burdfield 4, R. Wood 5, W. Stanford 6, A. Greenfield 7, H. Hoad (conductor) 8. Longest touch of Bob Major by the ringers of treble, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On July 22nd, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. J. Browning 1, G. French 2, H. Durling (first quarter with a bob bell) 3, S. Marshall 4, H. W. Humble 5, T. Groombridge, senr., (conductor) 6, R. Brett-Smith 7, J. Mitcham (first quarter peal) 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. French, junr., son of the ringer of the 2nd. It was intended to attempt a peal, but illness prevented this being done.

GUILDFORD.—On July 14th, at St. Nicolas' Church, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples: E. G. Heath 1, F. S. Wilson (Ludlow) 2, W. Loader 3, W. C. Wakley, Burton-on-Trent (conductor) 4, E. Radford 5, T. Radford 6, J. Hunt 7, E. Heather 8. For evening service, four courses of Stedman Caters: F. S. Wilson 1, A. Pulling (conductor) 2, E. Radford 3, M. Smithers 4, C. Wilshire 5, W. C. Wakley 6, T. W. Radford 7, S. Radford 8, J. Hunt 9, E. Heather 10.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On July 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: C. Dellar 1, H. Jarman (first quarter-peal) 2, E. Bolton 3, R. Coburn 4, L. Pearce 5, G. Newson 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, D. Dellar 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. L. Pearce, who was leaving for Canada, his brother ringers wishing him and his wife health and prosperity.

WARWICK.—On Sunday, August 4th, at St. Mary's, Collegiate Church, 395 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Williams 1, J. Ambrose 2, F. Brassington 3, W. Palmer (King's Norton) 4, J. Jones 5, W. G. Dickens 6, W. Male 7, T. Male 8, E. H. Adams (conductor) 9, G. Lapworth 10.

TAUNTON.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Sunday, July 9th, for evening service, 501 Stedman Caters: S. Wyatt 1, H. J. Creed 2, H. Moggridge 3, I. Creed 4, J. Routley 5, J. Burge 6, C. R. Lilley (first touch of Stedman Caters as conductor) 7, F. Sadd 8, E. Wyatt 9, W. White 10.—On August 1st on the occasion of the flower show, 252 Stedman Triples: C. R. Lilley 1, H. Creed 2, S. Wyatt (conductor) 3, I. Creed 4, J. Routley 5, F. Sadd 6, E. Wyatt 7, J. Fowler 8. Also two courses, conducted by C. R. Lilley. 501 Stedman Caters: S. Wyatt (conductor) 1, G. H. Head (Kingsdon) 2, H. Reed 3, I. Creed 4, J. Routley 5, J. Fowler 6, C. R. Lilley 7, F. Sadd 8, E. Wyatt 9, H. Moggridge 10. Also 501 Stedman Caters: J. Routley 1, H. I. Creed 2, S. Wyatt 3, I. Creed 4, H. Moggridge 5, J. Fowler 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, F. Sadd 8, E. Wyatt 9, H. Reed 10.—On Sunday, August 4th, for service, three courses of Grandsire Caters.

BLACKPOOL.—On Thursday, August 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples: L. Green 1, F. W. Greenwood 2, J. E. Eckley 3, J. Bourne 4, H. Sear (conductor) 5, J. Smith 6, T. Crookall 7, J. Pagett 8. J. Bourne and J. Pagett hail from Derby, and H. Sear from Bletchley, Bucks.

BARTHOMLEY, OXFESHIRE.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. Sherratt 1, J. Brassington 2, R. Sherratt 3, J. Matthews 4, J. Bradshaw 5, S. Boffey 6, A. Allman (conductor) 7, J. Ankers 8. Rung after morning service, to welcome home from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bickersteth (son-in-law and daughter of the Rev. J. W. Skene, M.A., Rector of parish), who were married at the above church, July 10th.

GRFAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.—On July 9th, at the Parish Church, 1440 Doubles, 360 Grandsire, 360 Morning Star, 720 Fortune: C. T. Lynch 1, S. W. Smith 2, H. Rawlings (conductor) 3, A. Cutter 4, W. Bartle 5.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday, August 4th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. J. Watts 1, W. Prior 2, G. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, T. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8. On August 7th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. M. Butler 1, A. Jordan 2, G. Jordan 3, H. J. Tucker 4, J. Luckey 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—Bath and Wells Association.—Rung by the St. Mary's Guild, Bath, on the occasion of the annual outing, on August 5th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. H. Seers 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, A. E. Alexander 3, A. E. Seers 4, H. E. Lewis 5, C. Densley 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, R. Whatley 8.—At St. James' Church, in 41 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. H. Seers 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, H. E. Lewis 3, A. E. Alexander 4, A. E. Seers (conductor) 5, R. J. Cousins 6, C. Densley 7, R. Whatley 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Wednesday, July 31st, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Bailey 1, C. Samson 2, J. M. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, S. Wolfe (Lincoln) 5, G. F. Thompson 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, L. P. Bailey 8. Also 224 Double Norwich.—On August 6th, 640 Double Norwich: P. Potter 1, A. F. Bailey (longest length in the method) 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, F. W. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, E. S. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey 8.—On August 10th, 576 Superlative Surprise Major: A. F. Bailey 1, F. W. Bailey 2, C. Samson 3, E. S. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, G. Wilson 6, E. H. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey 8.

STRETTFORD.—The Lancashire Association.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single: J. J. Moss 1, T. Birchall 2, C. W. Birchall 3, W. E. Dale 4, W. Wigglesworth 5, W. J. Moss (conductor) 6.

BARROW, LINCS.—On Friday, August 9th, in 26 mins., 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Farrow 1, J. W. Crowder 2, *S. Broomfield 3, *G. Atkinson 4, *W. Goddard 5, Walter Ayre (first 720 Kent as conductor) 6. *First 720 of Kent.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 25th, 720 Carlisle, T. Leeson 1, F. Hawkins 2, F. Bashford 3, O. Gilbey 4, W. Cheesman 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6.—On July 9th, 720 Chester: T. Leeson 1, F. Hawkins 2, W. Cheesman 3, O. Gilbey 4, W. Bashford 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6.—On August 6th, 720 Canterbury: T. Leeson 1, F. Bashford 2, W. Cheesman 3, O. Gilbey 4, W. Bashford 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6.

SCARBOROUGH.—On July 24th, for the dedication service, at St. Mary's Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, with tenor covering: J. Fryers 1, H. Millner 2, H. Ferguson 3, H. Gibson 4, J. R. Barton 5, J. Dixey (conductor) 6, T. Cole 8.—On July 27th, 720 by the same band, for the dedication of the memorial tablet to the late Bishop Blunt, who was Vicar of Scarborough for 41 years.—On Sunday, July 28th, 714 Grandsire Triples.—On Sunday, August 4th, for morning service, touches of Grandsire Triples by the Misses Willson (Leicester), T. Faulkner (York), H. Millner, J. Dixey, H. Ferguson, H. Gibson, T. Cole, and J. R. Barton. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Millner 1, Miss Lillian Willson 2, H. Ferguson 3, H. Gibson 4, T. Faulkner 5, J. R. Barton 6, J. Dixey (conductor) 7, T. Cole 8.

GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Hogg 1, W. Birtwhistle 2, J. Lofthouse 3, J. Langstroth 4, J. Foreman (Gosforth, Newcastle) 5, C. Langstroth 6, J. McKell (conductor) 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.—On Sunday, August 11th, for morning service, 1260 Stedman Triples (Brooks): W. Townson 1, J. Langstroth 2, J. Lofthouse (conductor) 3, J. McKell 4, J. Foreman 5, C. Langstroth 6, A. Jones 7, H. Birtwhistle 8. For evening service, 336 Double Norwich: W. Townson 1, W. Birtwhistle 2, J. Langstroth 3, C. Langstroth 4, J. Foreman 5, H. Birtwhistle 6, A. Jones 7, J. McKell (conductor) 8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On Monday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: B. Leedham 1, G. Roberts 2, C. Waithman 3, J. Timms 4, B. Claydon (conductor) 5, T. Elore 6, F. J. Cope 7, F. Keen (first quarter-peal) 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, W. New 2, G. Miles (first quarter) 3, T. Beadle 4, W. Lidbetter 5, C. Dell 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Beadle 8.

LUDLOW, SALOP.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Lawrence Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Graves, junr. (Saltburn), first touch in the method 1, G. D. Acton (longest touch with a bob bell) 2, J. Waghorn, senr. (South Tottenham) 3, F. S. Wilson 4, W. Peachey 5, G. Acton 6, W. R. Nash (conductor) 7, A. Uason 8. Also 168 in same method.

STANSTED.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: H. J. Tucker 1, H. Little 2, T. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.—On Friday, August 23rd, 756 Stedman Triples: A. Jordan 1, T. J. Watts 2, W. Prior 3, G. Jordan 4, T. Jordan 5, J. Luckey 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8. Rung in honour of J. Luckey's 70th birthday.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday morning, August 25th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, and in the evening a 720 of College Single Minor: F. Barnett 1, R. Kilby 2, G. M. Kilby 3, G. Chalkley 4, L. Porter 5, T. Langdon (conductor) 6.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Association.—At St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, on Sunday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: F. C. Rich 1, A. E. Seers (composer) 2, T. Hogsflesh 3, A. Alexander (conductor) 4, C. Densley 5, H. Lewis 6, R. J. Cousins 7, H. Davis 8.

MIDDLETON.—The Lancashire Association (Rochdale Branch).—On August 19th, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Bob Major (1912 changes), composed by H. Price, in 1 hr. 9 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Schofield 2, E. B. Shaw 3, T. K. Driver 4, S. Stott (conductor) 5, J. H. Bastow 6, D. Renshaw 7, T. Wellens 8. Samuel Stott and J. H. Bastow hail from Oldham, the rest are local ringers.

NEWHALL.—On Sunday, August 18th, for evensong, at St. John's, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Perry (first 720 in any method) 1, H. Sharp 2, A. Andrews (Billingborough, Lincs.) 3, H. Brearley 4, H. Hurdman (conductor) 5, G. Baseley 6.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 24th, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: *Charles Dale 1, Thomas Russam 2, William H. Godden 3, James Jones 4, A. Thomas Hyland 5, John Carter (conductor) 6. Also on the same date, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: *Harold B. Dudley 1, Thomas Russam 2, William H. Godden 3, James Jones 4, A. Thomas Hyland 5, John Carter (conductor) 6. *First 720 in any method.

WEST EALING.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday evening, August 18th, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: *E. Crocker 1, F. G. Goddard 2, J. H. B. Hesse 3, *J. A. Trollope 4, Thos. Beadle 5, *A. Harding 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, *Wm. Lawrence 8. *Members of St. Stephen's band.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, August 18th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Rushby 1, R. S. Long 2, F. Ashe 3, R. Bayles 4, G. Clow 5, A. E. Ashe (conductor) 6, J. W. Seamer 7, A. W. Long 8. Also 448 Kent Treble Bob: R. Bayles 1, A. W. Long 2, F. Ashe 3, R. S. Long 4, G. Clow 5, A. E. Ashe 6, P. C. Long 7, J. W. Seamer (conductor) 8, and three leads of Grandsire Triples. Messrs. Bayles, Ashe and Clow hail from Doncaster, and R. S. Long (late of St. Andrew's band) from Sheffield.

PAINSWICK.—Ancient Society of Painswick Youths.—On Sunday evening, July 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 52 mins.: T. Wright 1, C. West 2, W. Ireland 3, W. Hale 4, W. Staite 5, A. Wright (composer and conductor) 6, T. Chapellow 7, F. Millard 8, F. Cole 9, H. Hanks 10.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. E. Ballard 1, Miss Alice White 2, F. Wilson 3, F. Bennett (conductor) 4, J. Ward 5, A. Burgess 6, H. White 7, H. Knight 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On August 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Armstrong 1, A. R. Glasscock (conductor) 2, G. Bester 3, A. Tomlinson 4, J. Armstrong 5, W. Pickworth 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. Crane, of Bletchley, brother of one of the local ringers, and Miss Hopkins, which took place at Sutton, Surrey.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Francis' Church (R.C.), a quarter-peal of Bob Major: *T. McHale 1, R. Binns 2, *J. McHale 3, J. Watson 4, P. Lavan 5, W. C. Powell 6, E. Mullens (composer and conductor) 7, J. Jessop 8. E. Mullens hails from St. Chad's, Birmingham, and W. C. Powell from St. Mary's, Hunslet. *Longest length in any method.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 4th, for morning service, 503 Grandsire Caters: G. Clayton 1, R. Christian 2, H. Wright 3, W. Blyth 4, W. Rogers (Northampton), conductor, 5, E. R. Todd 6, R. Spalding (Thorpe) 7, F. Pestall 8, A. Hunt (Manchester) 9, W. Lee 10.

CORLESTON-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, August 4th, after evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. R. Todd 1, R. Christian 2, R. Spalding 3, G. Faulkner (Barking) 4, W. Lee 5, W. Rogers (conductor) 6.

BOLTON, BRADFORD.—On Saturday, July 27th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the birthday of Mr. F. Hopwood, but was brought round half-way, owing to the excessive heat: W. Walland 1, B. Norfolk 2, Birnal E. Howe 3, Arthur Gill 4, J. Palframan 5, F. Hopwood (conductor) 6, J. Broadley 7, S. Palframan 8.

NEWHURCH, LANCS.—On August 9th, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor: T. Grimshaw 1, G. Pownall 2, E. Leatherbarrow 3, T. Cooper 4, J. Yates 5, J. Leatherbarrow (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band and on the bells.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On August 9th, several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, by: Alfred George, William George, junr., Leslie Wightman, F. Ling, H. Hall, A. Taylor, W. G. Crickmer, E. Hall (London). Also some rounds and call changes with Hector W. Crickmer, aged 9, 2: S. Wightman, senr., aged 82, tenor.

HORTON, BUCKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: R. Flaxman 1, A. C. Fussell 2, T. Smith 3, W. Henley 4, W. Welling (conductor) 5, A. Pether 6.

TIPTON.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Tuesday, August 27th, at the "Pepper Box," for practice, 1152 London Surprise: A. Rowley (first in the method) 1, G. Hughes 2, Rev. E. V. Cox (longest touch in the method) 3, W. Fisher 4, J. Pigott 5, H. Knight 6, C. F. White 7, R. Matthews (conductor) 8. Also a course of Double Norwich, with A. Rowley on the 7th, it being his first attempt.

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NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Denford on September 7th.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 10th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; and St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 17th, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Meeting at 4.30. The bells at St. Mary's, Ambleside (8) will be available on Saturday morning.—Wm. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, September 7th next. Service at 3.30 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Honorary Secretary, Bletchley.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Worksop on Saturday, September 7th. Priory Church of St. Cuthbert (8 bells, tenor 12 cwt.) available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The school room close by will be available for the business meeting, about 5 p.m., and also for handbell ringing. The Worksop Company's handbells (61 in number) will be at the disposal of members. Permission has been granted for members to view the new church of St. Ann, nearing completion.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each. All are welcome. Members are reminded that subscriptions are due, and should be paid as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. P. C. West) at Sunbury on Saturday, September 7th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. A short service will be held at 5.30, which members and friends are earnestly invited to attend. Tea at 6, 6d. each.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upham, on Saturday, September 7th, 1912, bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at Brushmakers Arms.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, September 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

SALOP GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 14th, 1912. Ringing at St. Mary's 2.30 p.m. St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's Tower open during afternoon. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. in St. Chad's Vestry. Short service 5.30 p.m. in St. Chad's Church; Preacher, Rev. C. B. Crowe (Coalbrookdale). Tea 6 p.m., St. Chad's Parish Room.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at Christ Church from 4.30 to 8 p.m., followed by a social gathering at the Cherry Tree Hotel.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. De Vine, M.A., R.D., who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Rolleston on Saturday, September 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. By the kindness of the Rector, tea will be provided free in the Rectory gardens to all those attending who send in their names by September 12th to Harry Wakley, 160, Horninglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wicken on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Short business meeting to follow. Members are specially invited to turn up.—Frank Causebrook, Honorary Secretary, Towcester.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next practice will take place at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, September 14th, from 3 till 5 o'clock. There will also be ringing on Sunday morning, the 8th inst., at 10 o'clock.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 14th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Rainford on Saturday, September 14th. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—A meeting of the society will take place at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, N.W., on Thursday, September 19th. Tower open at 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Sat-

urday, September 21st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. All intending to take tea please let me know by Tuesday, September 17th.—A King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District).—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Alfege, Greenwich; tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.; business meeting at 8 p.m., all members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gas-karth Road, Balham Hill.

WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION DINNER.—Preliminary Notice.—The eighth annual dinner will be held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 28th. Further notice will appear later.—Chas. Starkey, Hon. Sec.

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A practice meeting of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Brindle on Saturday last, and was fairly well attended. The bells were well utilised from three o'clock to seven, several members scoring their first touches of Treble Bob. Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were the methods rung, and the towers represented were: Lenwortham, Chorley, Whittle-le-Woods, Preston, Leyland Parish, Walton-le-dale and Samlesbury.

As a wedding compliment to Mr. Reuben Dowset, for several years a member of the St. Lawrence's Society, Reading, and who was married on August 20th to Miss A. P. Moffat, also of Reading, the bells of St. Lawrence's Church were rung when the bride and bridegroom left the church, 420 Grandsire Triples being struck off, conducted by Mr. W. Newell, while in the evening a quarter-peak of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) was rung by: W. Newell 1, F. Alexander 2, J. Hern 3, A. Halliday 4, F. Newman 5, E. Holloway 6, C. Giles (conductor) 7, J. Swain 8, R. Runham 9, A. Nailor 10. A touch of 609 Stedman Caters was also rung: F. Hopgood (conductor) 1, C. Giles 2, R. Runham 3, F. Webb 4, J. Swain 5, E. Holloway 6, A. Watmore 7, W. Newell 8, A. Osborne 9, F. Newman 10. The ringers wish Mr. and Mrs. Dowset a long and happy life.

On August Bank Holiday, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. Rawlings (one of the local band) to Miss E. Wykes, an attempt was made at St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford, for Holt's Original, but the peal came to grief after an hour's good ringing. After ringing the happy pair in and out of church, the ringers sat down to a capital spread at the residence of Mr. Rawlings' parents, when the health of the bride and bridegroom was drunk, and a pleasant time spent with handbells, etc. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Hart) being away on holiday, the ringers await his return to present Mr. Rawlings with a token of their esteem.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Leigh on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Newchurch, Tyldesley, Worsley, Walkden, Bolton, with the local ringers. Some very good ringing was done, and it was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Farnworth.

MIDDLEHAM.—On Sunday, August 18th, 720 Bob Minor: Mrs. Pauli 1, H. Parish 2, R. Borrows 3, W. Sykes 4, Dr. H. Pauli 5, J. H. Blakiston 6. R. Borrows hails from Richmond and J. H. Blakiston, Middlesbrough.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, July 21st, for morning service, 352 Bob Major.—On Tuesday, August 13th, 576 Bob Major: P. Pain 1, M. Pink 2, E. Squibb 3, G. Wilkins 4, H. Kilby (Willesden) 5, C. Price 6, F. Chaffey 7, H. Jennings (conductor) 8. — On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 336 Bob Major: P. Pain 1, M. Pink 2, H. Kilby 3, G. Wilkins 4, W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, F. Chaffey 7, H. Jennings (conductor) 8. For evening service, 602 Grandsire Triples: P. Pain 1, F. Chaffey 2, H. Kilby 3, G. Wilkins 4, W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, A. Pain 8.

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