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MESSRS, GILLET & 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 LADIES' GUILD.

The formation of the Ladies' Guild is an accomplished fact, the launch of the new association taking place on Saturday in London. A good deal of enthusiasm for the Art animates the ranks of the ladies, and they enter upon their organised career with the best wishes of the whole Exercise. The Guild starts with 40 members, and doubtless soon it will number within its ranks the whole of those of the gentler sex who find delight in the fascinating pursuit—cherished, until a few short years ago, as the exclusive domain of man. The starting of the Ladies' Guild marks an epoch in the history of the Exercise, for by it the ladies take an established place in the Art, a place which the individual efforts of many of them had been gradually making possible, and which the combined performance at Cubitt Town eventually justified.

The ladies have great seriousness of purpose, and that it is their intention to make the Guild a success goes without saying. At present the distances that divide them will prevent much being done either in the way of ladies' meetings or ladies' peals, but the fact that they have now an organisation of their own will doubtless be an incentive to others to take up the cult and swell the ranks of those who have been the pioneers in this matter. Time was, of course, when the belfry, generally speaking, would have been no place for a member of the fair sex, but the complete reformation that has been effected, particularly in the last quarter of a century, has altered all this, and the advent of the ladies can only tend to raise still further the tone of the ringing chamber.

A high ideal is set before the new Guild in its rules, in which the object is declared to be "to encourage ringing among church workers as a spiritual, mental and physical exercise, to assist when and where necessary their brethren in the art of ringing; and to bring into closer relationship all women and girl ringers in the kingdom." If the members who have founded the Guild act upon these principles, the "missionary" spirit which is implied ought soon to bring its reward in a steady inflow of recruits. Unquestionably the Guild has been very happy in its choice of officers. It was a fitting compliment that the first occupant of the Presidency should be the lady who was the first to ring a peal on tower bells, while in the selection of the committee representatives have been found whose interest and zeal will be a distinct gain to the organisation. Particularly is the Guild to be complimented upon securing such a talented ringer and so zealous and business-like a lady as Miss Edith Parker to undertake the secretarial duties. Her's has been the leading spirit in the formation of the society, and under her guidance in the chief executive office we have no doubt the Guild will continue to flourish.

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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,
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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES 5005 CHANCES ;

Tenor 36½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT... ..Treble	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... 8
CHARLES T. COLES... .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS 9
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE... .. 10
*JOHN HOWES 5	ALFRED W. GRIMES... .. 11
*ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 6	WILLIAM PYETenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt., in D.

FREDERICK J. NEWLAND ...Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
GILBERT BULL 2	ALFRED MEARS... .. 6
WILLIAM J. RYVES 3	ANDREW MEARS 7
LIONEL H. PAGE 4	CALEB JOHNSONTenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 belong to the local band.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

HARRY BUTLERTreble	JOHN GRANSBURY 5
BENJAMIN PAGE 2	RALPH COLES 6
WILLIAM PHIPPS 3	JAMES W. WILKINS... .. 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 4	FRANK W. BOXALLTenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Olive Sheldon to Mr. J. Clement Parker (Vicar's Warden of All Saints' Church) which was solemnised in London on the above date. First peal of Triples on the present back eight and rung by a local company.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt. o qr. 18 lbs.

HERBERT BARLOWTreble	JOSEPH GREENWOOD... .. 5
FRANK CHAPMAN 2	HARRY HAMPSON 6
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	LUKE HAMPSON... .. 7
FRANK WILD 4	CHARLES PLATTTenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Holthouse, M.A.), also as a birthday compliment to Frank Wild. The peal was published in the "Ringing World," July 12th, 1912, and is now believed to be rung for the first time.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. PILCHER ...Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
FRED. W. HILL 2	HENRY LETTS 6
*JAMES L. WRIGHT 3	ALEX. HUTCHISON 7
*ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 4	HENRY GEORGETenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by F. W. HILL.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

READING.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, READING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

CHARLES GILESTreble	FRANK HOPGOOD 5
HUBERT HATTO 2	AMBROSE OSBORNE 6
WALTER WEBB 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7
GEORGE ESSEX 4	*ALFRED WATMORETenor

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

* 50th peal. Rung to welcome Rev. R. Wickham Legg, who has succeeded Rev. W. Neville as Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading; also in honour of the 34th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. W. Pole Routh, president of St. Mary's Society.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF WATERLOO REVERSE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
WILLIAM HEWETT 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
HAROLD BURTON... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVISTenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was rung to replace the false peal rung at Erith on Easter Monday, and is the first true peal in the method. The band regret that Mr. Ranzetta, who took part in the first, was prevented, first by illness and then by business, from being in the true peal.

HARPENDEN.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEBMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

G. H. HOWSETreble	*R. E. HAMMOND 5
J. CHATLEY 2	*B. JARMAN 6
E. GOWER 3	E. WHITBREAD 7
E. E. RANDALL 4	C. DELLARTenor

Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

* First peal in the method.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES ;

G. H. HOWSETreble	W. S. INWOOD 5
*J. CHATLEY 2	F. A. SMITH 6
*E. E. RANDALL... .. 3	E. GOWER 7
T. L. SIMMONS... .. 4	E. WHITBREADTenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and

Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

* First peal in the method.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM FLORY Treble	HOBART E. SMITH 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 2	FREDERICK C. LAMBERT... .. 6
GEORGE BERRY 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
JOHN O'NEIL 4	WILLIAM J. NEVARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

The ringers, visitors especially, wish to thank the Rector for use of bells.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM STEELE Treble	FREDERICK J. WHITHAM 5
REV. WM. C. PEARSON 2	FRANK COPEMAN 6
JOHN F. WILSON... .. 3	JOHN ALDIS, JUNR. 7
ALFRED FUNNELL 4	GEORGE POYNITZ Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDERICK BASHFORD Treble	*OSCAR GILBEY 5
*WILLIAM BASHFORD 2	*WILLIAM CHEESEMAN 6
ARTHUR HOLMAN 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
GEORGE F. HOAD 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt., in D flat.

ERNEST BONFIELD Treble	JOHN D. MATTHEWS 5
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
FRANK BENNETT... .. 3	ALFRED KING 7
GEORGE W. T. SMITH 4	*JOHN WELLS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal. Messrs. Smith and Wells were elected members previous to starting.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*CHARLES PERRY Treble	*FREDK. OAKHILL 5
FRED G. MAY 2	*GILBERT WILTSHIRE 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	*ISAAC LONG 7
FREDK. W. WADE 4	HENRY HOWELL Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. The above peal was rung after repairs to the bell frame by Mr. H. T. Howell, of St. George's, Bristol, and the work gives entire satisfaction.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ALFRED WALLACE Treble	ALFRED C. WRIGHT... .. 5
*THOMAS WHITE 2	JAMES L. WRIGHT 6
ERNEST H. CLARKE... .. 3	JOHN FLOWER 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	BART MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by BART MITCHELL.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and first in the method on the bells. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Townsend, who was buried on that day.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES ;

ARTHUR MAXIM Treble	*PERCY GRIDLEY 5
*SIDNEY GRIDLEY 2	*GEORGE BERNARD WARD 6
*THOMAS CHINERY 3	*ARTHUR TAYLOR 7
FREDERICK INCH 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by a local company. The composition is taken from the "Clavis."

SKETTY, SWANSEA.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HOWELL GWYN Treble	FRANK MORGAN 5
CHARLES HOARE 2	CHARLES MORSE 6
PHILIP KNEATH 3	JOHN DAVIES 7
WILLIAM RICE 4	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES MORSE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

CROSS STONES, YORKS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 10 cwt.

TOM REDMAN Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
LUKE SUTHERS 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE 6
J. P. FOULDS 3	WILLIAM MALLINSON 7
ALFRED BROOK 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MALLINSON.

CLEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN LLOYD Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5
*CHARLES E. PERKINS 2	GEORGE PIGOTT 6
JOHN BASS 3	CHARLES F. WHITE 7
VICTOR WHITE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. The above was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. T. G. Morris, of the Old Mill Farm, Clent, to Miss Eleanor Shilcock, of Holy Cross, Clent. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. and Mr. W. Shilcock for their splendid hospitality after the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

WILLIAM PIERCE Treble	JOHN LARTER 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	*HERBERT PRATT 5
ARTHUR H. TOOK 3	CHARLES MOSS Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung on the eve of St. Luke's day ; also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., Rural Dean, the esteemed president of the Halesworth and Chediston Societies. Mr. and Mrs. T. Crane kindly provided refreshments for the band at the conclusion of the peal.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... Treble	MATTHIAS HOBBS 3
*SAMUEL BUTLER 2	THOMAS BUTLER 4
*FRANK FOX Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

* First peal.

SALTWOOD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Consisting of three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*SAMUEL A. GOWER ... Treble	†WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 4
STANLEY G. WHITE 2	CHARLES TRIBE 5
*FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. This is the first peal on the bells, the old five having been recast and rehung in a wood frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank who have added a new treble, the gift of Mr. Laurence Hardy, M.P., in memory of his wife.

FORNHAM, ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)
On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR ROLFE 4
ALFRED ELY 2	JOHN SPARROW 5
WILLIAM W. KEMP 3	HORACE W. FOULGER ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. FOULGER.

FIVEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE DINHAM ... Treble	*EDWIN MOANTER 4
*WILLIAM TOUT 2	THOMAS POPE 5
THOMAS LLOYD 3	*GILBERT LENTON Tenor

Conducted by T. LLOYD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	GORDON CHECKETTS 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	ERNEST GIBBS 5
*GEORGE HINTON, Junr. ... 3	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal on the bells and first peal of Minor by G. Hinton, Junr. It was also the consummation of the long-cherished wish of W. Page to ring a peal on his native bells. These bells are a very musical ring, but sadly in need of a strong dose of the bell-hanger's "tonic."

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lbs.

REGINALD J. LAST ... Treble	BERTIE TURNER 4
JAMES F. DUFFIELD 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	LEONARD E. LAST Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD E. LAST.

The ages of the ringers are respectively 17, 12, 13, 17, 16 & 15, which averages 15 years. The ringers of the treble and tenor belong to Wickham Skeith, the 4th to Tibenham and the 2nd, 3rd and 5th to Tasburgh.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 42 Six-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD GRIFFITHS ... Treble	ALBERT E. HURCOMB ... 4
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR 5
HENRY SYMONDS 3	CHARLES H. SPARKES ... Tenor

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells and first as conductor.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

WALTER MARSHALL ... Treble	HARRY PRICE 4
GEORGE FULLER 2	EDWIN LAMBERT 5
ANDREW MARSHALL 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

First peal as conductor.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's in the following nine methods, viz. :—i Court and Double Court, ii St. Clement's, iii Double Oxford and Oxford, iv Woodbine Treble Bob, v Oxford Treble Bob, vi Kent Treble Bob, vii Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT E. FOURT ... Treble	WALTER T. WILSON ... 4
WILLIAM C. LEWIS 2	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... 5
FRANK H. TALBUTT 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal of Minor in nine methods by the Association and by all the band, and first in more than seven by a local company.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Kent, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure,
Violet, Woodbine, College Exercise and Oxford.

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
PERCY F. WELLER 3	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

HANDBELL PEALS.

A WINCHESTER HANDBELL WEEK.

The following peals were rung by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild during a handbell ringing week, October 20th to 26th. Two peals were lost—Stedman Triples after two hours and Stedman Caters after one hour and forty-five minutes.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*JAMES HUNT 1-2	†WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7-8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Major in hand. † First peal on an inside pair. The above company lost this peal on two previous occasions, after one hour and fifty-five minutes and two hours and one minute.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: T. W. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5-6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 3-4	*THOMAS W. RADFORD 7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

* First peal of Major in hand. W. E. Maulden has now rung each pair to Bob Major. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Radford, eldest daughter of T. W. Radford.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT COMMERCIAL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANCES;

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

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: T. W. RADFORD. Witness: S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF T. W. RADFORD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. & MISS RADFORD.

RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. SEGAR, SENR., ALMA VILLA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Double Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tapped on Handbells by

JOHN SEGAR, JUNR.

Witnesses: H. Warburton, G. R. Winter and
G. W. D. Metcalfe.

First peal by Mr. Segar, and rung at the second attempt.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 75, CALAIS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

JOSEPH T. DYKE 1-2	WILLIAM SHERCLIFF ... 5-6
ALBERT P. WAKELEY ... 3-4	MISS WINIFRED SANDERS 7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

Umpire: W. C. WAKLEY.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE WHITE HORSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

ALBERT G. WARNES ... 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS... .. 5-6
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... 3-4	DENISON HAYWARD ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire: Mr. B. S. THOMPSON.

This peal was arranged for D. Hayward, and is his first peal on handbells. It is also supposed to be the first handbell peal in Yarmouth.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 7-8

ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9-10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: C. T. COLES.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all except the conductor.

LATE PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY FARLOW Treble	ALBERT LITTLE 5
DANIEL JONES 2	BENJAMIN CLARK 6
HERBERT JONES 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
GEORGE CLAYBROOK 4	WILLIAM LAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect and sympathy upon the death of Mrs. G. Darby, the mother of one of the local band.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN POTTER Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT 5
JOSEPH RIDYARD 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 6
TITUS BARLOW 3	P.C. RICHARD NEWTON 7
P.C. FREDERICK PAGE 4	P.C. PETER CROOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung to commemorate the completion of twenty-seven years' service in the police force by P.C. Richard Newton, of Manchester Town Hall.

THE CRAZE FOR PEAL RINGING.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Looking on as an outsider, I think there is something to be said in favour of Mr. Mackman doing his best to look after his own local band, and his desire to retain for them any privileges before outsiders, especially when opportunities for peals are limited, for after all it should be the aim of every ringer to keep his own band together as much as possible, and see that the bells are rung regularly for the Sunday services. On the other hand, however, I don't think we should be too selfish. If the incumbent gives permission to an outside band to attempt a peal, I think it is the duty of the local ringers to coincide with his arrangements and not seek a quarrel because a band obtains permission in a perfectly legitimate way. While I most heartily agree with Mr. Mackman that regularity and good ringing should constitute the highest duty of a ringer, I also think he will invariably find that the man who does his best to attain those good qualities is a peal ringer, and he will tell you that without an occasional peal he would lose ambition, and would find it extremely difficult to keep up his enthusiasm. I am inclined to the opinion that under those circumstances change ringing would soon be on the down grade, and fall very short of that standard of excellence to which it has attained to-day.

I have been a ringer more than thirty years, and my experience is that the best and most regular Sunday ringers are peal ringers.

E. BARNETT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Although I am not keen about it, since Mr. Pulling has mentioned my name, I suppose I must reply to him. But one thing I promise him, and that is that I am not going to quarrel with him, no, not even if he wants to. He was very kind to me when I visited Guildford, and he will be very kind when I go again. He says the Waterloo band is selfish. I don't quite know what they have to do in the present controversy. They did not upset Mr. Mackman's practice. The only St. John's men in the Acton peal attempt were myself and my right reverend friend Alf, and neither of us had anything to do with getting the tower or arranging the peal. But Mr. Pulling says the Waterloo band is selfish. I am sadly afraid it must be so. The experience of a long and weary life has convinced me that all men—and all women—are selfish. It is the law of self preservation. But I did think that the St. John's band was the one exception, the one bright spot in an otherwise naughty world. And that not only were we most excellent ringers, but most excellent fellows, too. What virtues ringers can attain to, these, I said, we have; what vices ringers are prone to, these we eschew. And now it seems we are dogs in the manger. I am truly sorry; but it is so comfortable to have a good opinion of oneself that I am reluctant to give it up, and I fain would have more evidence of our shortcomings before I quite believe. I did not know Mr. Pulling had asked for the tower, and I don't know why he did not get

it. I do know that the suggestion that we go about the country like Indians on the war-path riding rough shod over the rights of local bands, and ringing peals in defiance of local opinion is a poetic exaggeration.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE C.E.M.S. PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The correspondence on the question, "Is peal ringing a nuisance?" leads, I think, quite naturally to another question, Do ringers as a body look upon ringing as a definite work for the Church, or merely as they would look upon football or golf, as a recreation and a hobby? I know this question has been raised many times before, but I think the C.E.M.S. peal at Dudley brings it up again. All members of this society are out to do something to help forward the work of the Church. I do not know any of the band in the above peal, but the fact of their C.E.M.S. membership leads me to believe that if their ringing careers were published, it would be found that Sunday ringing for service forms a very important, if not the principal part. Now, we have to indulge in our ringing almost entirely in church towers. We continually see thanks to incumbents for uses of bells as footnotes to peals. We are ringing peals for pleasure—well and good, but let us ask ourselves this question "Am I doing my share of ringing for the service of God, calling folk to worship, and mayhap reminding others of their obligations?" I believe there are many members of the C.E.M.S. among ringers, and it is to them I appeal to bring others along to join us, and I really think that we should be a real power in the Exercise and in the C.E.M.S. Let us hope the time will come when the little bronze cross will be prominent in our belfries, and C.E.M.S. peals will be the rule, and not the abnormal occurrence they are at present.

A RINGING MEMBER, C.E.M.S.

ADVICE WANTED.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Our tower is in a very exposed position, and we are greatly troubled with rain and snow drifting through the windows of the bell chamber and flooding the floor. There are four windows 10ft. high and 5ft. 9ins., with 6ft. louvres slanting downwards, and 4ft. tracery. The framework of the bells is eight inches above the windowsills, and the tenor bell, when set, it 4ft. above. We shall be pleased to receive a suggestion to obviate the entrance of the rain and snow without greatly interfering with sound of bells.—Yours truly,

St. Anne's-on-Sea.

STEPHEN RUSHFIRTH.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH WESTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the South Western division of the Essex Association was held at West Ham, on Saturday, by the kind permission of the Vicar of All Saints' (the Rev. Canon Petty). About 50 members put in an appearance, in spite of the weather. A short service was held, at which the Vicar delivered a splendid address, and extended a hearty welcome to the Association.

After tea, which was held in the Parish Institute, the business meeting was held.—Mr. G. A. Black, who has done duty as Master for the past two years, was unanimously elected to office. Although he tried to resign his position, his popularity among the members is so great that he was unable to resist the pressing request to act as Master again. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Rumens, was also prevailed upon to stand again. Messrs. G. H. Parfett, of Canning Town; Alfred Prior, of Leytonstone; and Thomas Joyce, of West Ham, were elected members of the Association.

Mr. Black, in a brief speech, expressed the opinion that the Division was advancing in ringing strength. He pointed out that Sunday service ringing was well attended to, and that the members could congratulate themselves that in most of the towers in the Division the bells were always rung for the morning and evening services on Sundays. He mentioned several towers where the bells had been thus regularly rung for a good many years. He also urged upon young members, of whom there are a good many in the district, the importance of good striking.

Votes of thanks, which closed the meeting, were extended to the Vicar for his kindness to the Association, to the Master and Secretary for their services during the past year, and last, but not least, to Mr. W. Doran for having arranged for the service and tea, and for having the bells ready.

After further ringing, the members spent a convivial hour together, several contributing songs, while another officiated at the piano. Several touches and tunes were rung and played on handbells, and the meeting was altogether a most successful and enjoyable one.

DEPTFORD.—Kent County Association.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 15th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Fosdike 1, W. J. Jeffries 2, J. Law 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, A. G. Bennington 5, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 6, W. J. Nevard 7, C. H. Macklin 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Hurrell (Eltham, first in Triples) 1, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 2, T. G. Deal 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, A. G. Bennington 5, F. W. Richardson 6, J. Law 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

THE LADIES' GUILD FORMED.

INAUGURAL MEETING IN LONDON.

A SUCCESSFUL SEND-OFF.

The Ladies' Guild was successfully inaugurated on Saturday at a meeting held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London. One of the great difficulties in the way of the organisation of the society is the distance which separates those who are eligible for membership, but the interest and enthusiasm of the ladies resulted in a really well-attended meeting to give the Guild a send-off. Many of the best-known lady ringers were present, so that the gathering was fully representative.

The following ladies were present: Miss E. N. Belcher (Fleet), Miss G. Adams (Clapton), Miss M. Chillingworth (Bradfield), Miss S. Johnson (Edmonton), Miss M. Nightingale (London), Miss E. K. Parker (Edmonton), Miss S. Pigott and Miss M. Pigott (Smethwick), Miss K. Smith (Maidenhead), Miss M. Sampson (Tamworth), Miss A. White (Basingstoke), Miss L. Willson (Leicester), Miss E. L. Bennett (New Cross), Mrs. Whittington (Cranleigh), and Miss Hazell (Edmonton). A number of gentlemen were also present.

It was a well-considered choice which selected St. Giles' for the venue of the meeting, for the tower contains one of the best-going rings of eight in the metropolis, and as a result, the ladies were able to ring touches unaided by mere man. There were rounds for those who at present have not advanced sufficiently far in the Art to attempt method ringing in the tower, and then a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the ladies. Afterwards seven of them took part in a touch of Stedman Triples, and three of them rang Double Norwich. In the evening three of the ladies were in a course of Superlative (Miss Parker and Miss Willson, with Miss Pigott on the treble), and Miss Sampson, Miss Bennett, Miss Parker and Miss White rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, and a course of Caters, with the assistance of one of the gentlemen.

THE FIRST BUSINESS MEETING.

Tea took place in the Parish Room, the company numbering altogether over 30, and the inaugural business meeting followed.—Miss Parker first explained that the gathering was the result of a proposal made at the time the attempt was made for a peal at Cubitt Town. It was suggested that sufficient progress had been made in ringing by the ladies to warrant them in forming a Guild. She was asked to take up the secretaryship for the time being, and as a result of the advertisement which she had inserted in "The Ringing World," she had up to the present received 40 applications for membership, including one from Dr. Nicholls, of Boston, U.S.A., who wished his daughter, Mrs. Shercliffe, to become a member. Their Guild thus promised to become world-wide in a few years (applause). The Rector of St. Giles' had been asked to take the chair, but he regretted that he would be a good many miles away at the time of the meeting.

At the request of the meeting, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (the Editor of "The Ringing World") took the chair temporarily. He said that occasion marked an epoch in the annals of ringing, and the Exercise would welcome the existence of a properly organised Guild to advance the interests of ladies in their Art. And while they welcomed them they also wished the ladies every success, and he hoped the Guild would have a long and prosperous career before it. He had to ask them first to elect a president.

Miss Parker proposed the election of Miss Alice White as the first president. Miss White, she pointed out, startled the Exercise some 14 or 15 years ago by being the first lady to ring a peal on tower bells, and she thought they could not make a more fitting choice. They only regretted that Miss White was not well enough to be present at the meeting, although she had been with them during the afternoon.—Miss White's election was unanimously agreed to, and, in her absence, Miss Parker was voted to the chair.

THE RULES.

The first matter was the consideration of the rules, and on the title of the society, Miss Chillingworth proposed that it should be the "Women's Guild." "Ladies," she thought, was merely an ornamental term.—The suggestion met with considerable support, but on being put to the vote, was defeated.—After discussion on minor points, the rules were eventually adopted in the following form:

1.—That the title of this society be "The Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers."

2.—That the society consist of members of the feminine sex, who are able to ring either upon church bells or handbells.

3.—That the object of the Guild be to encourage ringing among Church workers as a spiritual, mental and physical exercise; to assist when and where necessary their brethren in the art of ringing; and to bring into closer relationship all women and girl ringers in the kingdom.

4.—That the Guild be governed by a committee of seven, including the President, Secretary, and a representative from North, South, East, West and Midland Districts respectively, three to form a quorum; the officers to retire annually, and to be eligible for re-election.

5.—That a general meeting be held annually, and, when possible, reunions take place in various towns for friendly ringing, either alone or in conjunction with the local societies.

6.—That the subscription be: Honorary non-ringing members, 5s. for life-membership; ringing members, 1s. per year. A certificate of membership to be issued as soon as funds permit.

7.—That as the Guild shall in no wise consider itself antagonistic to existing societies, but at all times an ally, as set out in Rule 3, its members look to their brother ringers for the courtesy and opportunity necessary to attain to their legitimate aspirations.

OFFICERS AND MEETINGS.

The election of officers followed, and with enthusiasm and unanimity Miss Parker was elected hon. secretary and treasurer. The following committee was elected: Northern District, Miss L. Willson; Southern District, Miss Belcher; Eastern District, Miss Evelyn Steele; Western District, Miss Gillingham; Midland District, Miss S. Pigott.

Miss Parker said she had been in correspondence with Sir Arthur Heywood, who had pointed out that under the rules of the Central Council, only organisations with a membership of not less than 75 were entitled to representation. He was in entire agreement with the proposal to establish a Ladies' Guild, and if their membership was not sufficiently large to entitle them to representation on the Council, he would, if they wished it, do his best to get the rule altered in their favour at the next meeting of the Council (applause).

It was decided that the annual meetings of the Guild should be held at different centres, and that the annual meeting next year should be held on one of the Saturdays in June. The north of England, Leicester and Birmingham, were each proposed, and on being put to the vote, Birmingham was decided upon. It was also resolved to hold a meeting annually in each of the five districts, and the places and times of these were left to the district representatives to decide upon. It was decided to advertise the meetings in "The Ringing World."

It was resolved that there should be a membership badge, and this matter was left to Miss Chillingworth to look into.

Miss Hazell was elected the first hon. non-ringing member.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Miss Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Giles' for the use of the bells. The Rector was very pleased that they had come there for their first meeting, and he would have been present had he not had to be away from town. Miss Parker also proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Boxall, the steeplekeeper, who had not only had the bells ready, but had made the arrangements for the tea.

A vote of thanks was passed to the gentlemen who were providing the peal tablet to record the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town, and also to those who had been present to assist them in the ringing that afternoon.—To the latter, Mr. W. A. Alps, of Waltham Abbey, replied in a felicitous speech, remarking that ringing was a healthy, mental and physical exercise which would help to produce stronger men and stronger women. If there were more ringers they would have a healthier race.

A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Parker for presiding, and to Mr. Goldsmith for having "started the Guild on its way."

This concluded the business, and after being photographed, the ladies returned to the tower, where further touches were rung.

RESTORATION OF WINFARTHING BELLS.

The chief architectural feature of the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Winfarthing, is its tower, and this has during the last few months been undergoing reparation, and in addition the peal of bells has been augmented to six, and rehung. The service at which the bells were dedicated was attended by a large congregation. The work of restoration and the rehanging of the bells has cost £450, of which there remains only £20 to pay off. The tower has been thoroughly overhauled, strengthened and repaired. In addition, minor repairs have been carried out in other parts of the church.

The old tenor, weighing 11 cwt., was recast and made into two trebles. The old 2nd and 3rd were also recast. The peal has been rehung on modern principles, and the church may now be proud of its bells, which bear the following inscriptions: Treble. "The old tenor bell, 1773, gave substance and weight to 2nd and me." 2. "John Warner and Sons, founders, London. 1912." 3. "John Brind made me in 1640." 4. "When Shakespeare died, I first was seen in the year of grace, 1616." 5. "Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1912 (18th century bell recast), A. E. Church, Rector; J. H. Brewster and R. M. Phipson, Churchwardens." Tenor. "Thomas Newman, of Norwich, cast me new in 1732." The work of restoration was carried out under the direction of Mr. Lacey, of Messrs. Lacey and Upcher, Architects, Norwich, by Messrs. Neal Bros., of North Lopham. The bells were recast by Messrs. Warner, of London, and rehung by Messrs. George Day and Son, of Eyc, under the superintendence of Mr. Hubert Day.

There was a large congregation at the dedicatory service, which was conducted by the Rector, and at which the sermon was preached and the bells dedicated by the Rev. F. J. Mayrick, Rector of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. A touch was rung on the bells immediately after the dedicatory prayers by: J. Souter (Diss), C. Moore (Palgrave), J. Smith (Diss), G. Murton (Eye), E. Poppy (Eye), and F. Day (Eye).

The Rector, in a statement, said the south aisle was restored six years ago at a cost of £420. There remained work to do, which would cost about £100. Beside the restoration of the tower they had strengthened the chancel arch.

THE BELLS OF UPWEY.

INTERESTING STORY OF TWO NEW TREBLES.
A LINK WITH 300 YEARS AGO.

The picturesque village of Upwey, in Dorset, is now in the proud possession of a peal of six bells, which were dedicated last Monday week. Originally there were four bells in the tower, and the augmentation was part of a comprehensive scheme, which included the rehanging of the old bells, recasting two of them, renovating the tower, and putting new faces to the clock. This involved an outlay of something like £300, which the parishioners were asked to subscribe. Canon Gildea, the reverend Vicar, made it essentially a parochial matter, and the whole village took the scheme up with the utmost zest and enthusiasm, with the result that almost the entire £300 was subscribed by Upwey people. That assured the renovation of the tower and the urgent repairs to the old bells. Then came the question of the two new bells, and that difficulty has been solved in quite a unique way. One of them has been given by Canon and Mrs. Gildea's children, scattered throughout the world, to commemorate their parents' golden wedding. The history of the other bell is of quite uncommon interest, says the "Southern Times." It had its birth in the emigration to America nearly 300 years ago of three Upwey men (millers they were by trade)—Ralph, Richard, and William Sprague, who, like so many more British emigrants to the "New World," prospered amazingly, and founded a colony. The "genealogical tree" of the Sprague family has spread its branches over a good many generations since those days, but the present day descendants of Ralph, Richard, and William, scattered as they are all over the United States, have just been drawn together in one common bond of affection and regard for the old parish church where their forefathers worshipped three hundred years ago. In short, they have made Upwey a present of the sixth bell. Writing many months ago to Mr. Henry H. Spague, of Boston, who seems to have "whipped up" all the other present-day representatives of the family in America, the Vicar said that of the two bells proposed to be hung in the belfry "my own children scattered over the world, in Argentina, Australia, and Canada are, I believe, proposing to give one as a wedding gift to my wife and self . . . and it would be to me most interesting if your name as an old Upwey family and mine as present Rector were each cast on the bells given by our respective families perpetuating the two names as long as the two names remained in existence." It is also a curious fact that scarcely anything appeals more to our English villagers than their church bells. We have no really rich people in Upwey, and yet the nearly £300 required for making good the old bells and the tower has been got together with little difficulty, almost everyone, even quite poor people, giving their contribution.

A BELL FROM AMERICA.

The response from over the seas was a spontaneous and generous one, the necessary draft being sent for the amount required. With it was the following interesting letter addressed to Canon Gildea:—

My dear Canon.—Ralph, Richard, and William Sprague, who were born and lived in Upwey, came in the year 1628 with Governor Endicott to Salem, and themselves founded the town of Charlestown, the earliest permanent plantation in Massachusetts Bay, and now a part of the City of Boston. Descendants of these settlers of the New England, whose names are given below, have contributed a sum sufficient to add a bell to the chime in the tower of the old church in which their ancestors worshipped three hundred years ago. These three brothers took an honourable part in the settlement of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and their descendants, now scattered in various parts of the United States, desire to offer this tribute of affectionate gratitude to the memory of their forefathers. May the bell—a token of brotherly love—ringing in unison with the others, old and new, help the Upwey chimes, in the years to come, to ring out a sweeter and more perfect peal of peace on earth and goodwill to men.

In all, some 40 members of the Sprague family subscribed, and in conveying the thanks of the Church Tower and Bells Fund Committee to Mr. Henry Sprague, the Rector wrote: "It is not merely the completion of our peal of bells that gives the pleasure, though even that alone would be deeply appreciated, but it is the union of the old with the new, the linking together in Upwey of the old race who evidently were men of power and character, with their worthy descendants who, though living now in another land, still cherish memories of the service of their forefathers."

The following inscription has been cast upon the Sprague bell:—"1912 A.D. Presented by descendants, resident in the United States, of Ralph, Richard, and William Sprague, who emigrated from Upwey in 1628 A.D., and founded Charlestown, now a part of Boston, Massachusetts."

The bell presented by the children of Canon and Mrs. Gildea is of even more tender and affectionate interest for Upwey people, and bears upon it the following Latin inscription:—1862—1912. A. M. D. G. et in Memoriam felicitis Matrimonii Gulielmi Gildea, Presbyteri et Sara Carolinæ uxoris ejus dedicaverunt sui liberi.

The entire work of casting and hanging the new bells and repairing the original four has been carried out by Messrs. Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, the well-known West of England firm of bell founders.

THE DEDICATION.

The dedication was performed in the presence of a large congregation,

by the Bishop of Salisbury, who preached an eloquent sermon from the words, "My Father's House" (St. John ii, 16).

For this memorable day in local Church and parochial history Upwey was visited by an expert band of campanologists—Dorset members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, to the number of 46, who were drawn from Dorchester, Bournemouth, Puddletown, Wool, West Lulworth, Wyke Regis, Bridport, Bradpole, Milton Abbey, Hiltton, and Upwey, some of them being accompanied by their branch secretaries, notably the Rev. W. P. Schuster from West Lulworth (hon. secretary of the Guild), the Rev. C. E. Phillips (hon. secretary to the East Dorset branch), Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary of the Dorchester branch), and Mr. T. Hervey Beams (assistant secretary of the Guild). The first short peal on the bells—the "opening round," which came immediately after the prayers of dedication—was rung by: Messrs. J. T. Godwin (Dorchester) treble, S. G. Hodges (Dorchester) 2nd, T. Page (Upwey) 3rd, C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis) 4th, W. J. Bengier (Dorchester) 5th; and J. T. Brake (Upwey) tenor. After the service and while the congregation were dispersing the mellow tones of the new peal were revealed in a merry touch of 500 Grandsire Doubles, performed by: Messrs. W. J. Bengier, J. T. Godwin, S. G. Hodges, T. Page, C. H. Jennings, and W. A. Painter. They were relieved afterwards by other bands of ringers, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Bob Minor being rung.

On the following day, Canon and Mrs. Gildea celebrated their golden wedding, when they received an illuminated address and silver rose bowl as a token of love and esteem from the parishioners, the autograph signatures of 520 of whom were contained in an album. The bells pealed out merrily in celebration of the auspicious event.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Counties Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Walpole St. Andrew's, on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Clenchwarton, Long Sutton, Moulton, Holbeach, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Donington, Bicker, and the local tower. An excellent dinner was provided at the Plough Inn by Mr. A. J. Donaldson.—The Rev. C. J. S. Ward presided, supported by the Rev. H. Law James (Master), and Mr. J. P. S. Harris.—After the toast of "The Church and King" had been honoured, the retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Rev. T. Dixon Spain, and C. A. Payne, and Mr. G. W. Hensman as vice-presidents. Gedney was the place selected for the next meeting.

PROTEST AGAINST WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

Mr. R. Mackman moved the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "That this meeting comprised of men who are Churchmen, who view with abhorrence the misappropriation of funds which are held in trust for religious purposes, confirms and emphasises the resolution passed at the annual diocesan meeting in April last, and that copies of it be sent to Mr. Asquith, Mr. Bonar Law, and the Hon. F. S. MacLaren, M.P."

A short service was held in the church in the afternoon, when an excellent address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Smith).—Tea was provided by the Vicar in St. Andrew's Hall, at the conclusion of which Mr. R. Mackman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address, and also for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to his church.

The bells were kept going during the day in Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Billingborough and Folkingham, on Saturday, members being present from Grantham, Bourne, Heckington, Ingoldsby, and Mr. A. Andrews, a member of the local band. A special service was held at the Parish Church, Billingborough, when the Vicar gave an appropriate address. An excellent tea was served at the Fortescue Arms, and at the business meeting, which followed, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Grantham on Saturday, January 25th.

After the meeting the members adjourned to the tower, and several well-struck 120's of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were tapped off in fine style. The Vicar also ascended the tower, and was greatly interested. The bells are a musical ring of five, and an additional bell would be greatly appreciated not only in Billingborough, but also in the adjoining villages. The members of the Guild wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for the very hearty reception given to all the members present.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday week, when members from Swansea, Sketty, Aberavon and Baglan were present. Ringing commenced at 4.30, and at the meeting, which followed tea, the balance sheet was presented, and showed the Association to be in a sound financial position. Among other business it was decided to hold the next quarterly ringing meeting at Aberavon, in December. The Baglan lady ringers were congratulated on their ringing, have taken part in touches of Grandsire Triples.—After the meeting the bells were again set going, and ringing continued until late in the evening, when a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— BRISTOL.

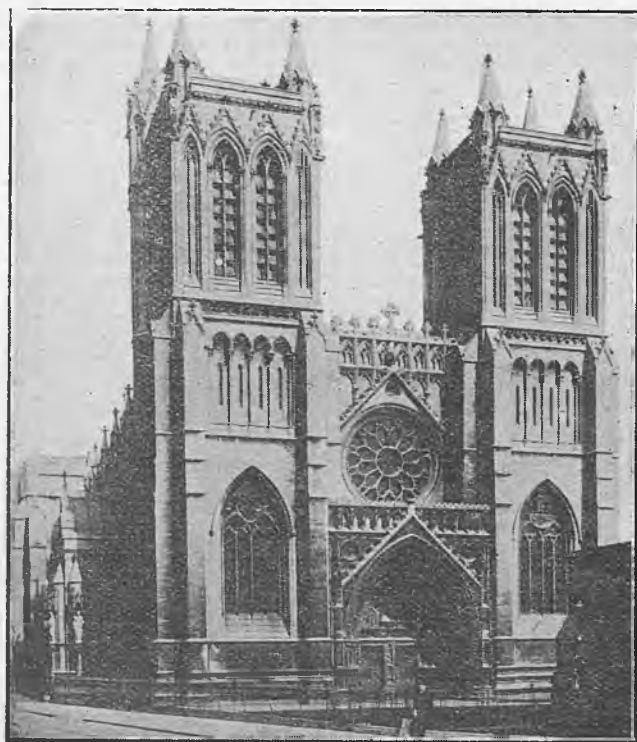
By J. R. JERRAM.

It is somewhat remarkable, although Bristol possesses one peal of twelve, and several peals of ten and eight bells, that there are only four at the Cathedral Church; and those not quite consecutive, the diameters, as given by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, being respectively $28\frac{1}{2}$, $31\frac{1}{2}$, $35\frac{1}{2}$, and $48\frac{1}{2}$ inches; so that it will be seen that there is a considerable gap between the third and tenor. The inscriptions, however, are most interesting from an antiquarian point of view. They are as follows:—

Treble.

fancte D † Clement s ora pro † nobis O

[This is in black letter alphabet. The shield after "sancte" is placed sideways, and is charged with a bleeding heart pierced with nails, and the letters I.N. (in Lombardic capitals) on either side. This is a rebus on the name of Abbot Newland, alias "Nailheart," who died in 1486. The large medallion at the end of the legend also bears the letters I.N. in the form of a monogram. The stop between "Clement" and "ora" is an inverted S with floriated ends.]



BRISTOL CATHEDRAL.

Second.

+ sta s Margareta s ora s pro s nobis.

[This inscription is also in black letter alphabet. The stops between the words are like an inverted S, as on the treble.]

Third.

+ CLARA : VOCOR : ET : CLARIOR : ERO

[This is in highly ornamented Lombardic capitals.]

Tenor.

*ECCLEIA*CATHEDRALIS*BRISTOLL*
DOMVM*DOMINI. 1670*R P*
CONGREGATE*CETVM*SOLENNEM*IN*
DOMVM*DOMINI*1670. R.P.

[This is in large Roman capitals.] The bell was cast by Roger Purdue. "eccleia" is meant for "ecclesia."

The meaning of these inscriptions is simply: treble, "St. Clement pray for us"; second, "St. Margaret pray for us"; third, "I am called Clara and will be clearer"; tenor, "The Cathedral Church of Bristol, the house of the Lord. Call a solemn assembly in the house of the Lord." Roger Purdue had his foundry in Bristol.

THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

As a result of the suggestion put forward that the male members of the Exercise should provide a commemorative tablet for the peal rung by the ladies at Cubitt Town, a memorial worthy of the performance is to be erected. In order that as many as possible may participate in the scheme, subscriptions of a penny each are invited from ringers throughout the country, and secretaries of bands are asked to collect the amounts from their respective companies and forward them to the honorary treasurer of the fund—the Editor of "The Ringing World," Woking. Contributions should be sent without delay, as it is not intended to keep the list open for an extended period.

THE TWELVE BELL TOWERS.

We have had inquiries as to the number and situation of the 12 bell towers in England. We believe the subjoined is a complete list:—

London :	cwts.
St. Paul's Cathedral	62
St. Mary-le-Bow	53
St. Saviour's, Southwark	50
St. Michael's, Cornhill	41
St. Giles, Cripplegate	36
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields	34
St. Leonard's, Shoreditch	31
St. Bride's, Fleet Street	28
Ashton-under-Lyne	27
Birmingham, St. Martin's	36
Bristol, St. Mary Redcliffe	50
Cambridge, Great St. Mary's	30
Cheltenham	22 $\frac{3}{4}$
Cirencester	28
Great Yarmouth	30 $\frac{1}{2}$
Halifax, St. John's	25
High Wycombe	32
Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower	32
Leeds, St. Peter's	35
Liverpool, St. Nicholas	40
Norwich, St. Peter Mancroft	43 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oldham, St. Mary	33
Oxford, Christ Church	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Painswick	26 $\frac{3}{4}$
Quex Park, Waterloo Tower	15 $\frac{3}{4}$
Sheffield, St. Peter's	41
Shrewsbury, St. Chad's	43
Wakefield	32
West Bromwich	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wolverhampton	33
Worcester Cathedral	50
York Minster	54
Outside England there is, of course, St. Patrick's, Dublin, 45 cwt.	

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Our inquiry as to blind ringers, made as a result of the performance of Mr. Phillips, of Devizes, has elicited the fact that Mr. C. W. Harris, of Abergavenny, who is also blind, can ring any pair of handbells to Grandsire Triples, and Doubles, and has also rung plain courses of Grandsire Cateches on 5-6.

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Mr. James George, whose photograph and biography was given in our last issue, is, we believe, the thirteenth ringer to reach 500 peals. The number is made up of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and Messrs. W. Pye, I. G. Shade, E. Pye, B. Prewett, G. Williams, F. Bennett, K. Hart, J. Motts, J. W. Washbrook, W. Short, G. R. Pye and J. George. Are there any others?

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When will the limit of individual achievement be reached? In our peal columns this week will be found a peal of Minor tapped on handbells by Mr. John Segar, junr., at Retford, Notts. It is really a remarkable performance, and is vouched for by three competent ringers. It is the more wonderful in that Mr. Segar had never rung a peal before, and the seven 720's included three different methods. We may yet see the prodigious feats of Elijah Roberts rivalled.

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A little while ago we gave a number of interesting old belfry rules. The copy of another ancient set comes to us from St. Andrew's, Plymouth.

Let awful silence first proclaimed be,
And praise unto the Blessed Trinity;
Then honour give unto our noble King,
So with a blessing let us raise the ring.

Hark! how the chirping Treble sings most clear
And covering "Tom" comes rowling in the rear.
And now the Bells are up, come let us see
What laws are best to keep sobriety.

Then all agree to make this their decree:
Who swears or curses, or in cholerie mood,
Quarrels or strikes, although he draw no blood;
Who wears his hat or spurs, or overthrows a Bell,
Or by unskillful handling mars a peal,
Let him pay sixpences for each single crime;
'Twill make him cautious 'gainst another time.

But if the Sexton's fault an hindrance be,
We call on him for double penalty.
If any should our Vicar disrespect,
Or Warden's orders any time neglect,
Let him be always held in full disgrace,
And evermore be banish't from the place.

Now round! Let go! with pleasure to the ear
And pierce with echo through the yielding air.
So when the bells are ceased then let us sing:
God bless the Church—God bless our noble King.

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A.D. 1700.

An appeal is now being made to raise the sum of about £50 necessary to complete the fund for the recasting of the bells at St. Peter's Church, Colchester. It is hoped to put the work in hand at once, as the bells have been silent for a long time, owing to extensive repairs to the clock and tower. All donations, large and small, from ringing friends will be most thankfully received, on behalf of the Vicar and committee, and acknowledged in these columns by H. T. Pye, Secretary, St. Peter's Company, 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

The will of the late Mr. Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green, has been proved at £1,020 gross value.

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Surely the peal rung on the newly dedicated bells at Winfarthing on Saturday constitutes an easy record for the average age of the band. These six youthful ringers could muster only 90 years between them, an average of 15. The youngest was 12, and the oldest 17, and the conductor, who rang the tenor, was but 15. The band was made up of R. J. Last (aged 17), J. F. Duffield (12), E. P. Duffield (13), B. Turner (17), W. E. Duffield (16), L. E. Last (15). Well done, boys! The Exercise, and especially the Norwich Association, is proud of you.

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Members of the Sheffield District Society should note that the meeting arranged for to-morrow (Saturday) at Staveley has been cancelled.

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.

Many ringers, when they tackle London Surprise find themselves in difficulties as to the best way of learning the method. The system which I have always advocated—it may be old fashioned—has been to learn it as you would Grandsire Triples, that is to say to learn each piece of work which has to be done after passing or dodging with the treble. It may be rather a lot to memorise at first, but I have found that learnt in this way the method "sticks" in one's mind.

But my object at the moment is not to put forward my own opinion on this subject, but to give "an easy way of learning the method," which has been handed on to me from a correspondent, Mr. A. Coppock. He says: "Mr. E. A. Ridgway, of Leek, Staffs, forwarded to me a system of learning this method (London Surprise Major) which I think ought to be more generally known. If you take the first lead of London and examine the work of each bell in that lead, you will find that

The 4th bell work is the reverse of the 2nd work.

The 6th bell work is the reverse of the 3rd work.

The 8th bell work is the reverse of the 5th work.

While the 7th bell reverses its work within the lead.

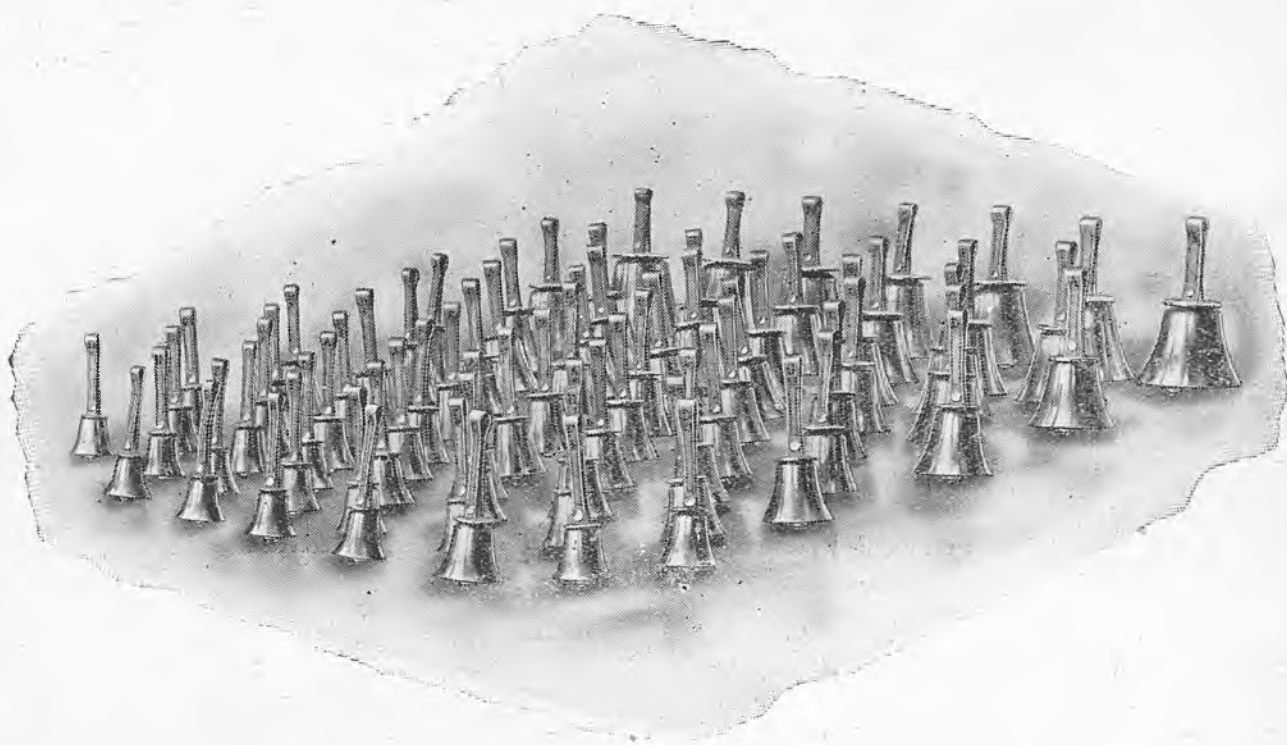
The rotation of the work in the plain course is the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 8th, 6th and 4th work in the first lead. Mr. Knights, of Chesterfield, divides the plain course into two unequal sections, the short part of which contains the 5th, 7th and 8th bell work of the former plan, and the long part the remainder of the course, the 6th, 4th, 2nd and 3rd bell work, in which the last lead is the reverse of the first, and the third lead the reverse of the second. Both systems contain similar qualities, and are highly commendable to the learner."

CONDUCTOR.

OXFORD GUILD.

A most successful combined practice of Oxford Guild ringers was held at St. James', Fulmer (six bells), on Thursday week, when the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) paid a visit to this belfry. Eighteen ringers were present, representing Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, Chalfont St. Peter, and Fulmer, and the methods practised were: Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Minor, and Stedman Doubles. The Fulmer ringers were very pleased to have the Master with them, and the Rector (the Rev. S. T. Bridges) sent a letter regretting his inability to attend, owing to an engagement in London that evening.

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THE OXFORD GUILD TOUR.

SOME INCIDENTS OF AN ENJOYABLE WEEK.

[By W. H. F.]

"Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away."

It is little more than a year ago since I had a busy time with Mr. George Williams, of Southampton, arranging a tour in Hants for the autumn of 1911, when nine peals were rung. I have reached an age in life when the years seem to spin round like the calendar months of our boyhood, and now I am asked to pen a few details of our tour of this October, when ten peals were scored, and which, thanks to the courtesy of our Editor, have been duly recorded in the proper pages of this journal. The idea of an Oxford trip arose through a desire on the part of the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, to introduce more Major ringing in the extreme N.W. end of the Diocese, and the wish on the part of our Winchester Guild friends to return the compliment paid them last year by our own members. At the outset it was not expected to get together a tip-top band of Surprise men, as a number of fellow "strings" were asked who have not as yet gone far beyond the Standard methods. Letters of regret were received from many participants of similar previous outings, all wishing us success, and who were prevented on account of illness, State insurance, and an exchequer impoverished by holidays already ended. Amongst these were the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, M.A., and Major Herbert Baker, V.D., who have vivid recollections of the Robinson country in the eighties—Mr. H. White, Mr. C. R. Lilly, Mr. Keith Hart, Mr. G. Martin, Mr. E. P. O'Meara, Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. G. N. Price, Mr. H. Hodgetts, Mr. W. W. Gifford, etc. One of my correspondent's letters came with the morning newspaper, and having heard he was no longer a director of the G.W. Railway, the following paragraph rather struck me:—"After 25 years of work in Lambeth the Rev. C. R. Lilly, Vicar of Emmanuel Church, Kennington Road, has been appointed Rural Dean."

MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS.

An excellent list of 14 towers was mapped out by the worthy Master of the Guild, who had kindly obtained the necessary permission from the several clergymen concerned, many of whom very courteously met us at the tower on arrival. I have no doubt his secretarial work was fairly heavy, whilst my own correspondence re bands, beds and boarding, amounted to 93 post cards letters and telegrams (3), dispatched, and 79 received in connection with this one affair.

Many ringers and secretaries will bear me out in the statement that ringers generally in their answers to conductors and hon. secretaries take too much for granted, and so add to secretarial work. I do not complain in this connection since I heard not long ago that no fewer than 30 odd post cards were sent out in respect of one peal attempt, and a simple arrangement last August for a week-end ringing, totalled up 43 missives out and 34 in. If one lives to be 90 years of age, life is still too short to linger upon such trifles as these. I just mention them so that we may all try to do better in the future for the good of the cause.

Saturday, October 12th. The eventful day arrived, and I found Mr. Evans, Hughendon, and Mr. Lambert, Binfield, at Reading; the three of us afterwards joining Mr. Williams, Southampton, and Mr. Preston, Christ Church, at Didcot Junction, duly reaching Abingdon-on-Thames at 3.17 p.m. We installed ourselves at the Crown and Thistle Hotel, under the care of Mr. Mardell, where we were joined by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. R. T. Hibbert, of Caversham, and Mr. A. E. Reeves, Guild secretary, of Reading, who came by motor-car, and another member from Swindon, Mr. E. Bishop also by cycle. Thus our four o'clock tea party became completed, Mr. E. Humphrey, of Abingdon, making the tenth man. We adjourned to St. Helen's tower at 5 p.m., and Treble Bob Royal was attempted, the 5th rope breaking after 3 hrs. and 7 mins. good ringing. This was a sad blow to all our hopes of peal ringing, after the weeks of preparation and anticipation. No one was more disappointed than Mr. Humphrey, who had spent 1½ hours doing duty to ropes and bells earlier in the afternoon, even splicing two ropes. We began to wonder if ill-luck was to dog our footsteps similar to the tour of 1904, when only five peals were scored.

There is a useful cupboard in Abingdon belfry, and it contains two new bell ropes, both coiled up and hanging on separate pegs, ready for immediate use. When we stopped ringing, on the floor of the room and within three feet of the new ropes, lay the broken 5th rope, broken short at the fillet hole—oh the pity of it all, and, let me add, to the sorrow. In 1904 a similar attempt then lasted the same length, the Master ringing the tenor on each occasion. The first Royal at Abingdon has still to be achieved, and four of our band have yet to ring Treble Ten. At supper in our hotel we regained our composure, and together spent a fireside hour, being joined by Messrs. G. Holifield, senr. and junr., and Old Harry Woodward, of Appleton. The frayed ends of the fickle hemp had been cut out, and were laid on the supper table for inspection and comment. Well, the evening's close brought comfort and cheer with our Appleton friends, and friends from the cellar, closing time sending us off to our beds, to rest, to sleep—perchance to dream. Ah, there's the rub!

REMINISCENCES OF DRAYTON.

Sunday, October 13th. We were early astir, the river scenery and

the town to look round, its beautiful five-aisled parish church, the numerous little courts leading out of the main streets, and the quaint old English houses. In company with the Abingdon ringers, we took part in touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters for Divine service, at 11 a.m. At dinner we were joined by Mr. Buckland, of Beaconsfield, by motor-cycle, and he helped us to do justice to a prime leg of mutton. The inn, I may just mention, is one of those old rambling half-timbered houses of the coaching days, and there is only one entrance from the main road—a high gateway leading to the courtyard at the rear. It was to the oak rafters of this gateway we first saw the dinner joint suspended by the knuckle end, and it rather reminded me of Exeter tenor, because though "well hung," it was a little too heavy for the nine below to "turn in" comfortably.

Drayton Church was visited in the afternoon, and here Mr. Harris, of Portsmouth, joined us, just in time to share in our first success, being elected a life member of the Guild before pulling off into changes, in the same manner that Mr. Preston was also elected the previous evening at Abingdon by the unanimous show of hands of all present. In a brief chat with the foreman of ringers, I learnt there was a local band of eight, but no half-pull ringing at St. Peter's. He had kindly gone to some trouble in seeing to the bells, and especially the ropes, a very old set.

Mr. Allum, of the Lion, had unexpectedly laid out a nice tea, which we sat down to at once. We enjoyed a fine evening ride home to Abingdon, and as I was on the box I found some interesting facts from our driver, better known as T. Enock, of Ten-Oak Street, Abingdon. He well remembered the ringing parson of Drayton, and frequently drove him in and out of Oxford City and most of the neighbouring railway stations at all hours of the day, but mostly night. Tom's description of his reverence was summed up in the words: "He always seemed a happy-go-lucky sort of a gentleman," but you must know Enock had never been in a belfry with him.

(To be continued.)

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, at Church Lench, on Saturday, could not have been held under more dismal conditions, there being a continual downpour of rain the whole afternoon. Although Church Lench is four miles from a railway station, and the iron "gee-gee" had to be brought into use, a dozen members put in appearance, one arriving in fisherman's oilskins, while that enthusiastic ringer, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Wolverhampton, reached the church with the water bubbling through the lace holes of his boots. Mr. F. Johnson, and his son and daughter, who recently rang a peal of Doubles on handbells, was also present.

The tower bells were set going to Grandsire Doubles for service, the local ringers taking part, the plain course having previously been their best performance. At the service which was held the Rev. C. B. Woolley gave an excellent address, taking his text from Psalm xxii, 1. "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord."

Tea was partaken of at the Rectory, and although provision had been made for thirty-five, only about eighteen sat down. The business meeting followed, the Rev. C. B. Woolley presiding, the Rector, the Rev. F. Smith, also being present.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. H. Middleton; secretary, Mr. J. Hemming; on the Central Committee, Mr. F. Jordan. The Rev. C. B. Woolley was elected an hon. member, and several performing members were also elected, including Miss E. M. Johnson, as was also her sister Ruth, aged 10 years.—It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Church Lench, with Mr. J. Hemming as conductor. Norton was selected for the next quarterly meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for presiding, to the Rector for providing such a splendid tea, and for the use of the bells, and to Miss Smith for presiding at the organ, and for looking after the ringers' wants at tea.—The Chairman and Rector briefly replied, and hoped at some future time the Association would pay them another visit, when they would all hope for better weather.—The handbells were then brought into use, Grandsire Doubles, Triples, and tunes being rung, those taking part being: Mr. F. Johnson, Master Joe Johnson, Miss E. M. Johnson, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Mr. H. Middleton, and Mr. J. Hemming.—A move was then made to the tower, where more ringing and instruction of the locals took place. Fortunately the weather had now cleared, and the visitors had a dry journey home.

SWAINSWICK, BATH.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 8th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: Miss G. Grant 1, W. Starr 2, J. Crocker 3, S. White 4, T. Grant (conductor) 5, J. Burston 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the treble and tenor, and the first 720 on the bells by a local band.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdalene Church, on Sunday, Sept. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: G. Thurlow 1, A. Hart 2, A. Turner 3, H. Brookes 4, J. Cornford (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. Pateman 6, G. Charge 7, A. Cornford 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Cornford 1, G. Thurlow 2, H. Franks 3, H. Ranzetta (conductor) 4, G. Charge 5, A. Turner 6, J. Cornford 7, W. Pateman 8.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual festival and meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Newcastle, on Saturday, and during the day ringing took place at All Saints' Church, St. John's Church, St. Stephen's Church, All Saints' Church, Gosforth; St. James' Church, Benwell; and St. George's Church, Jesmond; and at each of these places of worship full peals were rung. The committee of the association met in private in the Cathedral Vestry at noon, and at one o'clock a service was held in the Cathedral, at which the Rev. J. Hudson Barker, of Consett, delivered an address.

The annual dinner and meeting were subsequently held at the County Hotel. The president, Mr. Charles L. Routledge, of Newcastle, presided.

The toast of "The Bishops and Clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle," proposed by the Chairman, was responded to by the Rev. J. Hudson Barker (Consett), and the Rev. R. E. Shewell (Benwell).—The Rev. J. H. Barker remarked that the work of the Change Ringers' Association was highly appreciated in the two counties, and he would like to see the clergy and churchwardens generally showing greater interest in the belfries.—The Vicar of Benwell, endorsing these remarks, said they who had belfries were deeply conscious of the debt of gratitude they owed to the bell ringers.

THE REPORT.

Mr. Charles Todd, Darlington, the hon. secretary, presented the 35th annual report of the Association. In some ways, he stated, they had progressed during the last twelve months, but from a ringing standard he was afraid there had been a falling off. However, the work of an association such as theirs should not be measured alone by the number of peals rung, and although a high place in the Central Council list would be very acceptable to most of them, when they remembered that several of their noted peal ringers had been doing what should be considered better work in the coaching of other bands, this was not the time to foreshadow the doom of the Durham and Newcastle Change Ringers' Association, either as peal ringers or church workers. The number of towers in the union was now 39, the four additional towers being West Hartlepool St. Aidan's, Hexham, Jarrow St. Peter's, and the Cathedral, Newcastle. There was also an entirely new band at Wylam. Sixty-three new members had been elected during the year, but from the belfry returns they appeared to have lost about 36, and four honorary members had resigned. Financially they were much better off than twelve months ago, due chiefly to the endeavours of the treasurer, Mr. R. Stephenson. They started the year with a balance in hand of 11s. 8d., and this had increased to £4 11s. 6d. The income had been £44 16s., as against £39 1s., and the expenditure £40 16s. 2d., as against £40 4s. 7d. last year. Nineteen belfries made returns under the Sunday service scheme, and the awards were: 1st, Sunderland St. Ignatius, 2,192 points; 2nd North Shields, 1,765 points; 3rd Darlington St. John, 923 points. The certificates were presented to the successful towers by Mr. R. Plumptre, on behalf of the Association. The number of peals rung was 19, being the lowest recorded since 1899.

The report went on to refer to the recent formation of the Cathedral Guild, and added that the new ring of bells at Whitley Bay were expected to be ready very shortly, and the two extra bells at St. Ignatius, Sunderland, were to be dedicated on Sunday, February 23rd next. Regret was expressed at the loss the Association had sustained by the death of Dean Kitchen, of Durham, who had been a patron for many years.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES APPOINTED.

The report and balance sheet were adopted. Mr. Routledge was re-elected president; Mr. R. C. Hudson, Bishop Wearmouth, and Mr. J. B. Dobson, Winton, were appointed vice-presidents; Messrs. Charles Todd, Darlington, and R. Stephenson, Hartlepool, joint hon. secretaries; and Mr. Robson, West Hartlepool, hon. auditor.

The places of meeting for the next year were arranged as follows:—February 1, Tanfield; Whit-Monday, North Shields; and the Summer meeting (July 26), Staindrop. On Whit-Tuesday, it was announced, the Central Council of the Association would meet in Newcastle. To encourage the outer districts, district secretaries were appointed to arrange practices, etc., and encourage Sunday and peal ringing.

5088 WATERLOO REVERSE BOB MAJOR.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

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Four times repeated. The bracketed bobs are omitted in the first part. Rung at St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E., on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, 1912, conducted by Frank Bennett.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

MEETING AT RUGBY.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Rugby on Saturday last, and it was unfortunate that, after such a long spell of fine autumn weather, a dismal November-like rain should have picked out this day for its unwelcome visit. The number of members attending naturally suffered in consequence. However, some twenty or so braved the elements, and the Parish Church bells were set going about 4 p.m. Tea was partaken of at the Campbell Coffee Tavern, and the members sitting down represented Rugby, Allesley, Coventry, Berkswell, Nuneaton, Lutterworth and Stratford-on-Avon. The visitors included Mr. F. Wilford, of Northampton, and one of the Monk's Kirby ringers.—The business meeting was held after tea, the Rev. Claude M. Blagdon, the new Rector of Rugby, presiding, supported by Messrs. G. E. Over and W. Brooke, Churchwardens of St. Andrew's, the Ringing Master, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary.—Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, was chosen as the place for the January meeting, and, providing no obstacles are in the way, this will be the first visit of the Guild to Birmingham City for a meeting.—The Ringing Master had the congratulations of the meeting on reaching his five hundredth peal.—The Rector of Rugby was welcomed by Mr. W. G. Dickens, on behalf of the Guild, and was elected an hon. life member and a vice-president of the Guild. Mr. W. Brooke also became an hon. life member, and three other ringing members were elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and churchwardens for permission to use the bells, and for their presence at tea, and the Rector, in reply, said that it had been an unmixed pleasure to be present on that occasion. He had enjoyed being in such company, and although he was only an amateur in ringing matters, he was willing to be instructed as far as possible by his local ringers, and would do all he could to further their interests and those of the Guild.—The tower was again visited afterwards, and various methods from Triples to Surprise kept the bells in action for the remainder of the evening.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater Branch was held at Huntspill on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Bridgwater, Huntspill, Chedzorg, Enmore, Wembdon, Burnham, and South Brent. Service was held in the church, at which the Rev. J. Le Brun, Vicar of Alderney, officiated, in the absence of the Rector, and gave a very interesting address from the words: "I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord." After service, tea was kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Pizey, in the church school-room.—The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. J. Le Brun. Two new members were elected, and votes of thanks were accorded the Rector and Mrs. Pizey for their hospitality, to the Rev. J. Le Brun for presiding, and to Mr. H. Bastard for arranging a full choral service. The members subsequently returned to the tower, and the bells were kept rolling in various methods during the evening.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Etwell, on Saturday week, when nearly thirty members and friends attended. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, and Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale. Other ringers were present from Derby, Etwell, Rolleston, Uttoxeter, Wolverhampton, Horninglow, St. Modwen's, Burton, and St. Paul's, Burton.—Touches in various Double and Minor methods were rung on the six bells in the tower of the Parish Church. By the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Harris) tea was provided in the parish room.—The Vicar, who presided at the business meeting subsequently held, gave a hearty welcome to the ringers present, and said how pleased he was to allow his bells to be rung by visitors who understood change ringing.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Repton, on Saturday, November 23rd.—Mr. W. W. Worthington proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells that afternoon, for so kindly providing such an excellent tea, and for presiding at the meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. W. C. Wakley, and carried unanimously.—A vote of thanks to Mr. J. C. Hunt for making the necessary arrangements brought the meeting to a close.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern Branch was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Charlwood, on Saturday week, members attending from Buckland, Burstow, Horley, Nutfield, Redhill, Reigate, and the local tower. Tea was provided at the Half Moon Inn, and Mr. Songhurst presided at the subsequent business meeting.—It was reported that two peals had been rung: Bob Major, at Bletchingley, as the quarterly peal, and Bob Royal, at Reigate.—Six new members were elected, Betchworth was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and it was decided that the quarterly peal be attempted at Burstow.—Different towers in the district were selected for monthly combined practices.—A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Wickens for having all in readiness, was passed. The methods rung were: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine, College Exercise, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Notwithstanding the very wet weather, a good number of ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district, at Bishop's Waltham, on Saturday. The bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor throughout the afternoon, and a short service was held in the church, the Rev. E. H. Rycroft, the Rector of Bishop's Waltham, officiating. The Guild's own service was used, and the Rector, in the course of an address, very clearly showed the connection between the Church and ringers, and paid a very high tribute to his own ringers. He said not only did they ring for service, but attended it also. He gave the Winchester Guild a very hearty welcome, and hoped that they would make Bishop's Waltham their place of meeting again.

The party then adjourned for tea, kindly provided by the Rector, upwards of 40 sitting down, the following towers being represented: Farcham, Titchfield, Swanmore, Curdridge, Portsea, Wickham, North Stoneham, etc. The subsequent business meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master), supported by Messrs. J. Whiting (district secretary), E. J. Harding (representative), Mr. Geo. Williams (hon. general secretary), and Mr. A. T. King (Southsea).—Two probationers were elected, and other business of a routine character transacted.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for taking the service, and also for so kindly lending the Church Hall for the meeting and giving the tea.—Further touches of Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob brought a successful meeting to a close.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting for the Archdeaconry of Ely district was held at Cottenham, when about a dozen members attended from Cambridge, Ickleton, Royston, Fulbourn, Wilburton, Stapleford, Fen Ditton, and the local tower. During the afternoon the bells were kept going to touches in the various Minor methods, and just before service a 720 of Cambridge Surprise was successfully brought round, after one failure, it being the first in the method for two of the band. Service was held at 5 p.m. in the church, which was prettily decorated for the harvest festival.—The Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Moline) officiated, giving an interesting and practical address.—An excellent tea was provided at Pond Villa, through the generosity of the Vicar, who presided.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his kindness in entertaining the members to tea, and for the use of the bells.—Four new members were elected.—Some discussion took place as to the venue of the next meeting, and it was eventually decided to hold it at Fulbourn early in the new year.—The tower was then revisited, and a short touch of Kent, and courses of London Surprise being among the touches, brought round.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The autumn meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, when in spite of a very wet afternoon, 26 members attended. Amongst touches in the usual methods rung, it is pleasurable to record a well-struck touch of Stedman.—Tea was partaken of in the old schoolroom, at which Mr. A. H. Saxby presided, and also acted as chairman for the business meeting which followed.—Upon information supplied by Mr. Hiscock, it was decided to affiliate St. Peter's with the Association, and, upon the proposition of Mr. E. G. Buesden, to include also St. Dunstan's, Canterbury.—Mr. Trinder reported upon the condition of Northbourne.—After much discussion, it was decided nem con. to arrange for Divine service at all meetings held by the district.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the schoolroom, and to the Chairman, concluded the business.—A return to the tower was then made, and the bells kept going till about 9 p.m.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Wrotham, 65 members from various parts accepting the kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Aston Gwatkin. There was ringing in the afternoon, followed by a short service and address, Mr. Allen (Rochester district secretary) presiding at the organ. The ringers, in the absence of the Rector, were invited to tea in the hall by Mrs. Aston Gwatkin, who is an hon. member.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. G. R. Pascoe was voted to the chair.—Mr. S. Hazelden proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Aston Gwatkin for the splendid reception they had given the ringers at Wrotham, and asked the chairman to convey the resolution to the Rector.—The Hon. Secretary referred to the record attendance, saying that it beat all previous records for a half-yearly meeting in the district. He had no doubt it was due to the fact that the bells had recently been rehung, and he felt it was only right to say that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had carried out the work of rehanging most satisfactorily, the "go" and tone of the bells being beautiful, and that the ringers present ought to have no hesitation in recommending them when their bells wanted rehanging.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aylesford, on Saturday, January 18th. There was keen competition for the place to hold the annual meeting, Maidstone, Lenham and West Malling being proposed.—On being put to the vote, Maidstone was selected by six votes.—The Hon. Secretary then proposed a hearty vote of thanks

to the Chairman for presiding, and in reply, the Rev. G. R. Pascoe promised to become a member of the Association. This brought the proceedings to a close. The visitors again found their way to the tower, where some good ringing was indulged in.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

GLOSSOP.

On Saturday, October 12th, the ringers of St. James', Whitfield, Glossop, had a most enjoyable afternoon's outing to Manchester. Arriving about 2 p.m., they visited St. John's, Oldham Road, where there is a grand peal of eight. Short touches of Kent, Stedman and Bob Major were completed. Tracks were then made for the Town Hall, where, though the ringing was not so good, the party was delighted to meet that renowned campanologist, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, senr. After a short stay with the policemen ringers, tea was partaken of, and the visitors then went on to Pendleton, where touches in various methods were rung, and an hour or so spent in company with the ringers. The party tender their thanks to "brother strings" at the places visited for their kind reception, and to those in charge for the use of the bells. P.C. Richard Newton, of the City Police, fulfilled the duties of captain, and greatly assisted to make the outing so enjoyable.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

The members of this society, who had their outing on Saturday week, made a tour through the district by brake, visiting first Arkesden, after a drive of eight miles through lovely scenery. At St. Margaret's Church, where little ringing is done, and signs of neglect are visible in the steeple, the authorities would be well advised to act upon the old adage of a stitch in time. A few six-scores of Doubles and a touch of Oxford Bob were brought round. The peal of six has a tenor of about 7 cwt. The next place of call was Clavering, where at the Church of SS. Mary and Clement, is a nice peal of six, but three require bell hanger's attentions. It is satisfactory, however, to note that a fund has been started to renovate the bells. Several 120's were brought round, as well as a good 720 of Oxford, and then the visitors were kindly provided with refreshments by Mr. Rolfe, one of the churchwardens. Newport, the headquarters for the day, was next reached, and at the Star and Garter, kept by Mr. W. J. Pratley, himself a ringer, the visitors found an excellent dinner awaiting them. At the conclusion of the repast, a few toasts were honoured, and then the village constable made his appearance, and, as our correspondent puts it, showed that he could "turn a tenor in" as well as he could "run a man in." Various touches, including 360 Bob Minor, with the policeman on the tenor, were rung on the parish church bells, a peal of 18 cwt., and then Wenden was visited. Here, on a ring of six, with 8 cwt. tenor, all in good going order, touches of Doubles and Minor were brought round, and, the brake having been previously dismissed, tracks were made for the railway station, all agreeing that it had been a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Vicars of the respective churches for the use of the bells, and all ringing friends for their kindness. Throughout the day the handbells were brought frequently into use, and touches rung upon them.

NEW ZEALAND RINGERS.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL TO CELEBRATE FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

To celebrate the first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in Auckland, the ringers of St. Matthew's Church held a social gathering on Sept. 19th, and about 150 guests accepted the invitation of the ringers. A splendid programme of songs, tunes on handbells, instrumental solos, humorous recitations, etc., was provided, among the most noteworthy items being the ringing of Mr. W. Gordon's arrangement of the Spanish Chant, with variations, for the handbells, performed by the members of St. Matthew's Guild, and also a flute solo by Mr. C. Throssell, who hails from North Leach, Gloucestershire. The Brothers E. J. and S. C. Hamblin, of Hersham, Surrey, were to the fore, and assisted very materially in the success of the evening. The party broke up at 10.30 p.m., after a hearty vote of thanks had been proposed by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Gilliam, and suitably responded to by the secretary, in the absence of the Master. It was the most successful social gathering ever held in connection with St. Matthew's Guild, and everyone expressed themselves delighted with the evening's entertainment.

WEDDING CELEBRATION.

Mr. George Wilkins, one of Brading, Isle of Wight, ringers, was recently married, and to celebrate the happy event he invited Canon Bluckin, his brother ringers, and one or two friends to a capital spread. The Canon spoke a few words, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins good health and a long life, and after the cloth had been removed there were songs by Mr. C. Price, Mr. George Wilkins and Mr. Simmonds; handbell ringing by H. Jennings, H. Kilby, M. Pink and J. W. Pain, and, with the gramophone, a very happy evening was spent.

As a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, after their wedding trip, 1008 Grandsire Triples were rung by: M. Pink 1, F. Chaffey 2, E. Squibb 3, H. Kilby 4, J. W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, A. Pain 8.

THE LATE MR. JAMES HINTON. COMMEMORATION DINNER AND MEMORIAL.

In memory of the late Mr. James Hinton, a large number of ringers from Bristol, Bath, Thornbury, and the neighbouring towers, met at the Admiral Duncan Hotel, St. Nicholas Street, Bristol, to spend an evening together. A sumptuous repast was provided by the hostess, Mrs. Walker, and Mr. F. Howell, of Thornbury, one of Mr. Hinton's oldest friends was voted to the chair.—Mr. F. Howell spoke very feelingly of his departed friend, emphasising the good work he had done in the service of campanology.—Mr. G. Staddon, the father of the Bristol ringers, in a felicitous speech, spoke of his old friend's first visit to Bristol, describing how on coming to the Old Haymarket and hearing St. James' bells, he proceeded to the belfry to have a ring, and how, learning from one of the ringers of a suitable situation, he obtained it the next day, with the result that he settled down in the city, and from that time change ringing in Bristol had never looked back.—Mr. Knight, secretary of the committee for the memorial, also referred to Mr. Hinton's many good qualities, and expressed gratitude for his instruction in change ringing. He gave an account of the sums received for the memorial.

It was unanimously resolved that the commemoration dinner should be an annual event.

After the speeches, change ringing and tune ringing on handbells followed, and many good songs, etc., were very much appreciated.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman and to the committee, and others responsible for the memorial, and to those who had contributed to the enjoyment to the gathering.

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

The following is the list of subscriptions to the memorial: St. Stephen's Guild, £2; St. Stephen's vestry, £1; J. Cockerill, £2; St. Nicholas' Guild, £1; St. Michael Juniors, Gloucester, 10s.; H. Middleton, 10s.; Worcester Cathedral, 10s. 6d.; Rev. Tilney Bassett, 5s.; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5s.; W. A. Cave, 5s.; Rev. C. D. P. Davis, 2s. 6d.; W. W. Gifford, 5s.; J. Holman, 5s.; G. Iles, 1s. 6d.; T. King, 2s.; J. D. Matthews, 2s. 6d.; F. Price, 1s.; J. H. Sheppard, 5s.; A. Thomas, 1s.; Mrs. Walker, 5s. Birmingham: J. Bradley, J. Carter, W. H. Golden, J. E. Groves and J. Jones, 6s. 6d.; Bridgend Ringers, 2s.; Cardiff, St. John's, 5s.; Llandaff Cathedral, 5s. Minehead: J. R. Jones and J. Passmore, 4s.; Newport, All Saints', 3s. 6d.; Painswick Youths, 5s.; Bath Ringers, 12s.; G. Ployce, 5s.; J. Flint, 2s. 6d.; J. Gould, 2s.; St. Emanuel Ringers, Bristol, 2s. 6d.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. MEETING AT MISSON.

The Parish Church of Misson, in the diocese of Southwell, is situated on the boundary of the county of Nottingham, about three miles from Bantrey. The church, which dates back to the twelfth century, was restored in 1886 at a cost of about £400. On Sunday, July 2nd, 1893, the Vicar, whilst at his Sunday School, was struck by lightning and seriously injured. On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, the day he was returning to resume duties after convalescence, the church was struck and fired by lightning, the tower being completely gutted, two pinnacles hurled down, the clock destroyed, and the four bells broken and partly melted. The lightning in its course fired the whole of the woodwork of the nave roof. The church was thoroughly restored in 1894, and a new ring of six sweet-toned bells (tenor, 12 cwts.) were added to replace the old four, and it was here the ringers of the above Association held their recent quarterly meeting. There was a fair attendance of ringers from Blyth, Everton, West Stockwith, Haxey, Bantrey, Workson and Misson, and some good ringing was done in Plain Bob, Grandsire, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Violet. The Blyth ringers turned up at 5.0 p.m., after having had a motor tour to Tickhill, Haxey, and Epworth, and succeeded in ringing a 720 of Treble Bob in three methods, conducted by Mr. J. H. Hind. About 25 sat down to tea at the White Horse Inn, presided over, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Keene), by Mr. E. W. Law (churchwarden), who was also supported by his colleague, Mr. Needham.

The business meeting followed, Mr. Law giving a very hearty welcome to those assembled.—The Hon. Secretary, in replying, made suitable allusion to the death of the late Mr. Robert Pinder, one of the Misson ringers, and paid the highest tribute of respect to his kind and genial disposition, and his willingness to do anybody a good turn. A resolution that the same be recorded on the minutes, and that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow, was carried, the members rising in silence.

The Rev. A. L. Phillips and the Rev. F. W. Keene were elected vice-presidents of the Association, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ordsall, in January. It will be advertised in due course in "The Ringing World."

Votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and to his colleague Mr. Needham for his presence, brought the meeting to a close, and tracks were again made for the tower, where ringing was indulged in until late in the evening. Some of the ringers who had got lost in the fog did not arrive until 8.0 p.m., and when the writer of these notes was leaving the place the Everton ringers were well advanced towards the completion of a good 720 of Violet.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LIGHTCLIFFE, HALIFAX.—On the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. Naylor to Miss M. Oates, a 720 Bob Minor was rung after the ceremony by the following members of the Halifax and District Association: T. Sharman 1, H. Wilmot 2, J. Cotterell (conductor) 3, F. Bradley 4, H. Hudson 5, G. Whittaker 6.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Beesley 1, W. Robinson 2, G. Basford 3, R. Christian 4, C. F. Faulkner 5, W. Sharp 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, T. Denney 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Bishop 1, W. G. Lancaster (first touch in the method) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, F. Looker 4, G. W. Townsend 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

FULBOURNE.—On Sept. 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Scotcher 1, H. Badcock 2, L. G. Mallion 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, J. Page 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge by all. Messrs. Mallion and Hibbins hail from Fen Ditton, the rest belong to the local company.

SUDBURY.—The Ely Diocesan Association.—On Sept. 3rd, on handbells, 1152 of Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss Bell Symonds 1, F. A. Poulson 2, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 3—4, R. J. Poulson 5, Rev. R. L. Gardner 6, A. Symonds 7—8. The ringer of the treble is the first lady to ring a touch of Treble Bob Major in the Ely Diocesan Association. This was also the longest touch by the Rev. R. L. Gardner.

FENTON, STAFFS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Hill 1, T. Salt 2, A. Jackson 3, B. Snow 4, J. Beech 5, A. Smith 6, A. E. Sherratt (conductor) 7, H. Tufnell 8.

LONGBOROUGH, GLOS.—On August 28th, 720 Bob Minor: *T. Pethrick 1, *J. H. Keyte 2, E. Pardon 3, F. Davis 4, *T. Williams 5, W. Stratford (conductor) 6. * First 720, and believed to be the first 720 of Plain Bob on the bells.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, 504 Stedman Triples: W. States 1, W. S. Wise (conductor) 2, J. Talbot 3, A. Clark 4, A. Jones 5, W. Groves 6, S. Roper 7, T. Verral 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, on handbells, at the residence of A. Clark: A. Clark 1—2, W. S. Wise (conductor) 3—4, S. Roper 5—6, T. H. Colburn 7—8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 8th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Edgerton 1, J. Jones 2, H. Jones 3, F. Bennett (conductor) 4, J. Hopkin 5, W. G. Ellis 6, W. Davies 7, C. Allen 8. For evening service, 377 Grandsire Caters: A. Edgerton 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, J. Hopkin 4, H. Jones 5, C. Dalton-Potter 6, F. Bennett (conductor) 7, P. Laffin 8, W. Davies 9, C. Allen 10. The ringer of the 6th hails from Barnsley, and this was his first touch of Caters.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. E. Wathen 1, J. T. Perry (conductor) 2, G. A. Taylor 3, J. B. Collett 4, A. T. Scrivens 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. Porter 7, T. Pearce 8. Arranged for W. E. Wathen, who hails from Tewkesbury.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Brierley 1, S. Astbury 2, T. Horta 3, R. Hall 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, J. Bird 6, J. Bant 7, J. Ford 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, at St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service, and on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. Lucas to Miss B. Simms: A. Bullock 1, G. B. Lucas, senr. (conductor) 2, G. W. Cooper 3, C. J. Bartlett 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, H. Rumens 6, H. F. Hull 7, W. J. E. Jones 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, for morning and evening services, 720 and 240 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by F. W. Naunton, and 216 of Plain Bob, conducted by J. Spencer, the following taking part: G. Bertram, J. Spencer, N. R. Bailey, A. J. Naunton, G. E. Naunton, L. Naunton, F. W. Naunton.

MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, August 25th, at St. John's, Deansgate, as a welcome home to Mr. W. Bellamy on his return from Ibadan, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Brown (conductor) 1, G. Smethurst 2, W. Bellamy 3, J. Hampson 4, J. Morgan 5, W. H. Cooper 6, A. Wolstenholme 7, A. Diamond 8.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 1st, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Middleton 1, J. Morgan 2, W. Bellamy 3, G. Smethurst 4, W. Brown 5, W. H. Cooper (conductor) 6, A. Wolstenholme 7, A. Diamond 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, E. Manton 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, J. Tuckwell 5, G. Lancaster (conductor) 6.—On Monday, Sept. 2nd, 720 Double Oxford: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, R. W. Hyner 3, F. Looker 4, W. G. Lancaster 5, G. Lancaster (conductor) 6. First 720 of Double Oxford on the bells.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sept. 5th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Harper 1, E. Hortin 2, J. Adams 3, T. Lowe 4, J. Foster 5, F. Colclough (first quarter-peal away from the treble) 6, J. A. Brown (conductor) 7, T. Justice 8.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Hendry 1, J. Pettit 2, W. B. Meadows 3, H. Meadows 4, G. Lines 5, H. Chapman (Pendleton), conductor, 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 15th, 720 College Exercise: J. Hendry 1, H. W. Gayton 2, C. W. Clarke 3, P. Inskip 4, A. Henman (first in the method away from the treble) 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6. First in the method on the bells.

STRANTON (WEST HARTLEPOOL).—On Sept. 10th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins.: F. Robson 1, W. Webster (age 15), first 720, 2, A. R. Webster, senr., 3, Rob Webster 4, F. P. Howcroft 5, W. T. Robson (conductor) 6. Preceded by 360 and two 120's.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.—The Yorkshire Association.—On Sept. 11th, on handbells, in the belfry of St. Matthew's Church, 352 Bob Major, 504 Grandsire Triples, 336 Stedman Triples: J. R. Kemp 1—2, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 3—4, F. R. Cundale 5—6, W. T. Powell 7—8. These touches were rung as a farewell to W. W. Powell, who left Leeds on 14th Sept. for London, carrying with him the best wishes of his fellow ringers. A peal would have been arranged, but owing to very short notice it had to be abandoned.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 14th, at the Parish Church, 480 changes Grandsire Doubles: C. T. Lynch 1, S. Smith 2, E. Footer (conductor) 3, B. Footer 4, R. Outtin 5.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 15th, 360 and 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. T. Lynch 1, S. Smith 2, E. Footer (conductor) 3, G. Petch 4, R. Cutting 5.

BIRLING, KENT.—The Kent County Association. — On Saturday, Sept. 14th, 336 and 432 Double Norwich, 192 Stedman Triples (three times), 224 Kent, 112 Bob Major. On handbells, courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Bob Major, the following taking part: W. Haigh, W. Easter, W. Cook, F. A. Holden, E. Sells, W. Walker, R. Paine, J. Kidd, T. Hills, J. Tullett, J. Rayner, and T. Mannering and H. Moore from Maidstone. This ringing was arranged as a combined practice.

CHATHAM.—On Sept. 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) was rung at St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, in 47 mins.: H. Springate 1, J. Hunt 2, P. J. Spice 3, H. Hogarth 4, S. Shellock 5, E. Sills 6, F. Holden (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8. First quarter-peal from Holt's Original by a local band.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN. — At St. Iltyd's Church, for evening service, on Sept. 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Hardwick (first quarter-peal) 1, T. J. Evans 2, R. Davies (Cowbridge) 3, J. Evans 4, D. R. James (conductor) 5, R. Evans 6, W. Smith 7, R. Gregory 8. Rung for the occasion of the baptism of the infant daughter of D. R. James, which took place in the afternoon.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, Sept. 15th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, Middlesbrough, 1232 Double Norwich: C. Laverick 1, C. Pollard 2, F. Laverick 3, W. Pollard 4, W. H. Thomas (Bristol) 5, J. Wedgewood 6, J. H. Blakiston (conductor) 7, T. Lancaster 8.

SALTBURN.—On Sept. 18th, at the Parish Church, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. T. Graves 1, J. Appleton 2, F. Barker 3, G. A. Peck 4, E. Milburn 5, N. Kidd 6, J. H. Blakiston (conductor) 7, Rev. R. L. B. Oliver 8. Also 352 Plain Bob Major: N. Kidd 1, J. Appleton 2, E. Milburn 3, F. Barker (conductor) 4, G. B. Kidd 5, J. T. Graves 6, J. H. Blakiston 7, Rev. R. L. B. Oliver 8.

BLADON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Chamberlain (conductor) 1, H. Trim 2, J. B. Holmyard 3, L. H. Moore 4, G. H. Gale 5, T. E. Francis 6, W. Farley 7, H. Farley 8.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): L. Powel 1, J. Withers 2, P. C. Dowding 3, T. Pritchett 4, A. Chambers (conductor) 5, F. Withers 6, W. Palmer 7, J. Betterton 8.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.—Yorkshire Association.—At the Minster, on Sunday, Sept. 15th, 521 Grandsire Caters: T. Southwick 1, C. P. Bradley 2, G. Osgerby 3, C. G. Constable 4, A. Sellars 5, J. Constable 6, G. Ford 7, W. Gibson (conductor) 8, W. Middleton 9, G. Daggit 10. 180 Grandsire Caters and 395 in the same method, conducted by W. Middleton.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 38 mins.: D. J. Hunt 1, A. Roberts 2, W. H. Brunsdon (conductor) 3, C. Freeman 4, E. H. Johnson 5, W. T. Cox 6, J. H. White 7, F. Pervin 8. This is the quickest quarter-peal on the bells.

PONTEFRAC (YORKS).—On Sunday, Sept. 15th, at the Parish Church, 1056 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Spurr 1, J. E. Pickard (longest length in the method) 2, J. Carter 3, W. Pearson 4, H. Walters 5, J. Jackson 6, T. Holder 7, A. Walker (conductor) 8.

PRESTBURY.—On Sept. 15th, at the close of the evening celebration of Harvest Festival, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: J. Major 1, W. Compton 2, C. Tovey 3, J. James 4, W. Yeend (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 5, R. Court 6, T. Pendery 7, J. Harrison 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1312 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins.: H. Shepherd 1, R. Darlow 2, J. Rookwood 3, H. Walker 4, B. Wilson 5, C. Wing 6, W. Payne 7, A. King (conductor) 8. Arranged for Mr. R. Darlow, of Bushey, Herts, who was on a visit to Luton.

DERBY.—On Sept. 15th, at St. Alkmund's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Francis 1, A. Brains 2, J. Vickers (conductor) 3, S. Vickers 4, C. Draper 5, G. Robinson 6, S. Dawson 7, C. Bradley 8.

ILMSTER.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 19th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Victor Crabb (a member of the band) and Miss Lily Marshallsea, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Hallitt (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Sibley 2, P. Barley (first on an inside bell) 3, W. Coombes 4, S. Coombes 5, D. G. Taylor (conductor) 6, F. Baker 7, H. Raison 8.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—Worcester and Districts Association.—On Tuesday, Sept. 17th, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1260 changes): A. E. Parsons 1, C. W. Bassano 2, G. Bird 3, W. Bird 4, O. Pearson 5, A. Greenfield 6, A. Davies (conductor) 7, L. Johnson 8.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for morning service, 240 of London Surprise, and a course of Cambridge Surprise: W. L. Darlow 1, W. Watts (Stansted) 2, E. Bonnett 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 of Treble Bob (240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Oxford): H. G. Wilkerson 1, W. L. Darlow 2, R. Wilkerson 3, A. Gilbert 4, E. Bonnett (conductor) 5, R. G. King 6.—On a previous date, 720 Cambridge Surprise: E. Bonnett 1, W. L. Darlow 2, P. C. A. Lawrence (North Mymms) 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6. Also two courses of London Surprise, A. Lawrence's first 720 of Surprise.

WHITBOURNE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sept. 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Lewis 1, J. Woodyatt 2, T. Howell 3, W. Ranford 4, A. Greenfield (conductor) 5, J. Howell 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor, conducted by J. Howell; and 120 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by G. Soley.

PULHAM ST. MARY.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Sept. 8th, for evening service, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major: Edwin Whiting 1, C. Brice 2, F. Borrett 3, H. Garnham 4, A. Smith 5, C. Baker 6, C. Tann 7, Ernest Whiting 8.

PLYMOUTH.—At Charles' Church, on Sept. 10th, 420 Stedman Triples: Miss Edith K. Parker (conductor) 1, Walter H. Marsh 2, Warren Hornbrook 3, G. Stroud 4, W. Rundie 5, W. Hiscott 6, F. Hockaday 7, F. Purse 8.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At a well-attended quarterly meeting of the Biggleswade branch, at Eaton Socon, about thirty ringers were present from Clifton, Potton, Sandy, Northill, St. Neots, Bedford, and the local tower.—The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (curate of Sandy) presided at the business meeting, at which it was decided to leave to the committee the arrangements for the annual meeting of the branch at Biggleswade on December 26th, or near convenient date.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells, etc., was unanimously passed, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m., the touches including three 720's. The methods rung were: Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse College Single and Single Court.

DEATH OF AN OLD BELL HANGER.

It is with sincere regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Charles Fluck, of Birmingham, who passed away at his home on Saturday week, after a short illness, at the age of 68 years. Mr. Fluck, who was a church bell hanger, had been in the employ of Messrs. James Barwell, Ltd., Birmingham, for nearly 40 years.

He was sent to rehang a peal in Herefordshire on September 30th, but was taken ill a few days later on, and had to return home, when it was found he was suffering from pneumonia, to which he eventually succumbed.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday week in Aston Parish Churchyard, very close to the grave of the late Mr. Henry Johnson. Mr. Fluck was a member of St. Martin's Guild, and had rung about 20 peals of Triples and Caters on the tenor.

PEAL TABLET UNVEILED AT STONE.

A handsome peal board has been unveiled at St. Michael's Church, Stone, Staffs, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on May 18th, in which five of the local ringers took part, namely: F. Chell, senr., T. Chell, J. Goodall, P. Preston and A. Abberley, and three ringers from Stoke-on-Trent, viz.: E. Page, E. Landon and S. Churton, the last-named, who has acted as instructor at Stone, being the conductor.

The tablet, which is of marbette, was unveiled after the morning service. It is the joint gift of the Rector (the Rev. C. P. Ford) and Mr. A. S. Marsh. Mrs. Marsh, wife of the churchwarden (Mr. J. S. Marsh) performed the ceremony, in the presence of the Rector, Canon Ivens, the Rev. F. W. Walker (curate), Churchwarden Marsh, and several ladies and gentlemen, as well as the ringers.—The usual thanks and acknowledgments were exchanged, speeches being made by Mrs. Marsh, the Rector, Mr. J. S. Marsh, Mr. P. Preston and Mr. S. Churton.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples were rung for evening service by: F. Chell, junr., 1, T. Chell 2, E. Cope 3, J. Goodall 4, C. Page 5, S. Churton (conductor) 6, P. Preston 7, A. S. Marsh 8. First quarter-peal by T. Chell, junr., and A. S. Marsh. Messrs. S. Churton and C. Page desire to thank Messrs. C. Preston and E. Cope for their hospitality during the day.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Boxley Church bells will be re-opened on Friday, November 1st. Service at 7.30. Ringers welcome. The tower will also be opened for ringing on Saturday, November 2nd, at three o'clock.—G. Moore, Honorary District Secretary, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, November 2nd, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, November 2nd. The Abbey bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 5.30. Tea at the Temperance Hall at 6 o'clock, and business meeting immediately after.—James W. Elkins, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, November 2nd, 1912. Tower open at 3, service in church at 5. Business meeting after tea.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. James', Leyland, on November 2nd. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hersham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—G. B. Edser, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells open at 3; short service with address by the Vicar at 5. Tea at Shaftesbury Hall, 5.45. Business meeting after.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Preb. Sanders) on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at the Rose and Crown at 5.30, at the small charge of 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid as early as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Norfolk House, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on November 5th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 7th and 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 12th and 26th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at the

London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to the secretary. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, November 9th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Election of branch president. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

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, November 16th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the N.W. Division will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Chequers Hotel at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at the tea will kindly oblige by notifying me not later than Wednesday, November 13th.—W. Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, November 16th. The Vicar and churchwardens kindly provide tea.—B. H. T. Drake, District Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Staveley meeting is cancelled. Another meeting is being arranged, notice of which will follow.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. James E. Davis has removed to 167, Liverpool Street, Walworth, S.E.—Mr. G. Cleal has removed to Castle Mills House, Carlow, Ireland.—The Rev. E. V. Cox has removed to 24, Pershouse Street, Walsall.

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