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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
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' PEAL TABLET.

The fund for erecting a tablet to commemorate the peal rung at Cubitt Town by ladies has now been closed, and, as will be seen by the list of subscriptions given elsewhere, the amount received is a sum of over £8. The response to the suggestion put forward by Mr. H. O. White, of Rugby, in these columns a few weeks ago, has thus been extremely gratifying, and fully justifies the anticipation that the members of the Exercise, if only they had the opportunity, would be ready to show, in a practical way, their appreciation of a remarkable performance. This peal is one that will stand out for all time as one of the most remarkable accomplishments in the annals of ringing, and the men not only of England, but of Wales and of Scotland as well, consider it an honour to be allowed to subscribe towards a memorial, worthy of the occasion, which will fittingly and permanently record the first peal ever rung by a company of ladies.

The letters which have accompanied the contributions have shown how willingly the ringers have fallen in with the scheme, and the admiration which they feel at the success which, not without perseverance and a remarkable exhibition of grit, attended the efforts of those eight members of the fair sex. Congratulations and good wishes have been profuse, and, it must be agreed, the encomiums have been richly deserved. The tablet which is to find its way into Cubitt Town tower will, however, be more than a mere record of a notable achievement. It will symbolise the ringers' appreciation of a task well performed and the readiness with which they welcome the ladies into the Exercise—a realm that, until quite recent years, was looked upon as exclusively the domain of "mere man."

It goes without saying that the peal tablet will be one worthy of the occasion. That is assured by the amount subscribed, which represents the donations of roughly some 1,200 ringers throughout the length and breadth of the land. But the assurance is doubled by the exceedingly generous offer made by the well-known firm of Messrs. Caspar and Co., of King's Road, London, who have promised to provide a tablet in marble at half the usual price to "help to stimulate and encourage ladies to further efforts" in the direction of peal ringing. Thus there is the promise of the memorial being one that will do justice to the unique event. The ladies may ring many peals in the future, but there can never be another quite like the first.

Now that the fund has been closed, the work will be placed in hand at once, and, by way of reply to many inquirers, we may add that a photograph of the tablet, when complete, will appear in these columns, in order that the whole Exercise, and particularly the subscribers to the fund, may be able to see what sort of a memorial has been raised.

CHARLES CARR, LTD.



OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford,
February 19th, 1912.

Dear Sirs,

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

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

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

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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Kindly ask us to inspect, Report and Tender before deciding your Contract,—we may be able to assist you.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
THOMAS J. BRATTON 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
ALF PADDON SMITH 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
EDMUND J. HYLAND 6	WILLIAM DAVIS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

WILLIAM G. ANKER Treble	WILLIAM F. WEBB 6
*WILLIAM J. MEERS 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
WILLIAM PALMER 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 9
WILLIAM H. JONES 5	WILLIAM H. HUNT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters with bob bell.
† First peal of Grandsire Caters. W. Meers and W. Palmer were
elected members previous to starting. W. G. Anker hails from
Bollmere, Meers from Erdington, Palmer from King's Norton, and
Saunders from Coalbrookdale, the remainder belong to Birmingham.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	THOMAS KING 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	BART MITCHELL 8
ERNEST PYE 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
E. MAURICE ATKINS 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on St. Andrew's Day, and as a birthday compliment to
James George.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
BENJAMIN MORRIS 3	*GEORGE SPENCER 7
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB COMPOSITION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS... .. Treble	FRANK JACOBS 5
FREDERICK E. SMITH... .. 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
GEORGE DAVIES 3	WILLIAM J. THYNG 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

This composition is now rung for the first time in the county, and by the M.C.A.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GEORGE H. SPICE Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM E. SPICE 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
FREDERICK S. MACEY 4	THOMAS JULL Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by W. SPICE.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(St. Peter's Society, Caversham.)

On Thursday, November 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ALFRED SHEPPARD Treble	GEORGE CLEAVE 5
CECIL P. OLIVER 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 6
OWEN W. PORTER 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
WILLIAM WICKS 4	JESSE HISCOCK Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

SYDNEY CARTER Treble	HENRY C. CHANDLER 5
*HENRY W. COWLEY 2	CHARLES I. EDWARDS 6
THOMAS J. BARKER 3	GEORGE A. GLADMAN 7
CHARLES S. BIRD 4	ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and
Conducted by ERNEST R. GLADMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob away from treble. Rung by the local band from Heston.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 2	HERBERT HURDMAN 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	JOHN HOUGH 7
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 4	JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING, and
Conducted by J. HOUGH.

Rung on St. Andrew's Day. It is the first peal of Oxford Major on the bells, and by all the band except the ringers of the 5th and tenor.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	ROBERT SANDERSON 5
E. ROGER MARTIN 2	JOHN WATSON 6
EDWARD ARMSTRONG 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG 4	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

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

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
*THOMAS RUSSAM 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
FREDERICK DICKENS 3	JAMES L. WELLS 7
ALF. PADDON SMITH 4	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church, Edmonton,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES PARKER Treble	WILLIAM HEWETT 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	*GEORGE CARD 6
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER 3	ALFRED GRIMES 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of old Cambridge, also the first in the method on the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

H. W. WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	*BENSON W. MILLARD 5
CHARLES GREEDY 2	*JAMES PIPPIN 6
JOHN BUTLER 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	JOHN GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MORGAN.

* First peal in the method.

NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edward the Confessor,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY W. WILKES Treble	ELI WATERS 5
ALAN R. MACDONALD 2	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 6
FREDERICK PHILLIPS 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
CHARLES E. FORFITT 4	OWEN GILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, are members of St. Peter's, Bourne-mouth, Society.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.		Tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.	
MRS. R. WHITTINGTON	Treble	W. STANFORD	5
R. WHITTINGTON	2	W. SHORT	6
A. GREENFIELD	3	W. DENYER	7
P. H. DOICK	4	J. COOK	Tenor

Conducted by W. SHORT.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittington belong to Cranleigh, Messrs. Greenfield and Doick to Pulborough, Stanford and Short to Slinfold, Denyer to Ewhurst, and Cook to Warnham. First peal on the bells with a lady taking part.

HURST, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs.			
*ALBERT PIERCE	Treble	*JOHN RANCE	5
CHARLES GILES	2	HARRY BUNGAY	6
WALTER A. WEBB	3	ARTHUR W. PIKE	7
*JOSEPH WHITE	4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	Tenor

Composed by I. G. SHADE, and
Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TEN-PART (No. 27.)		Tenor 21 cwt.	
*WILLIAM G. ELKINS	Treble	GEORGE UPSHALL	5
HUBERT CHAFFEY	2	EDWARD CLAPSHAW ...	6
ALFRED J. LE CLERCQ	3	THOMAS UPSHALL	7
CHARLES EDWARDS	4	ALFRED R. ELKINS ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 17. First peal in the method on the bells and first in the method by all the band except the conductor. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

DANIEL JONES	Treble	JOHN BASS	5
*ALBERT LITTLE	2	HERBERT KNIGHT	6
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	7
CHARLES E. PERKINS	4	WILLIAM FISHER	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM G. HALL, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.			
JOSEPH W. PARKER	Treble	WILLIAM SMALLWOOD ...	5
*MICHAEL F. HARRISON ...	2	†JOHN PICKERING	6
†WILLIAM A. CARR	3	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ...	7
†JOHN WALKER	4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal of Major with a bob bell. † First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th extent "home" and is an extension of a three-part touch of 4992 changes, which has only 4, 5 & 6 in 6th place at course ends.

PRESTWICH, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.			
JOHN T. BOTTRILL	Treble	ROBERT DAVIES	5
FRANK BARLOW	2	HARRY CHAPMAN	6
WALTER BULLOUGH	3	HERBERT BERRY	7
HARRY ECKERSALL	4	ROBERT H. BENT	Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by HERBERT BERRY.

Frank Barlow is only 15 years of age. First peal by all except treble, 5th and 6th. First peal as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th, 7th and tenor are members of the C.E.M.S.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.			
GEORGE MARTIN	Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
WILLIAM WELLING	2	JAMES BLACKMORE	6
HERBERT COX	3	GEORGE ALLDER	7
JOSEPH J. PARKER	4	JESSE ELDRIDGE	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by G. MARTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. George Hanbury, of Blythwood, near Burnham; also to a son of one of the local ringers. The peal was originally arranged as a birthday compliment to G. Alder.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.			
GEORGE WELLBURN	Treble	WILLIAM BROADLEY ...	5
WILLIAM HOLMES	2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ...	6
WILLIAM LETTY	3	JOHN G. HALL	7
THOMAS METCALFE	4	THOMAS LEYBOURN	Tenor

Composed by JOHN HERON, Junr., and
Conducted by GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED NEWSON	Treble	FRED A. POULSON	5
ALFRED MACRO	2	SYDNEY ANNISON	6
FRED A. SALTER	3	THOMAS FITZJOHN	7
PERCY FORDHAM	4	CHAS. CARTER	Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE, and
Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

This peal was rung for evening service, also in honour of Queen Alexandra's 68th birthday. It was also the birthday of the ringer of the 6th.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.			
GEORGE H. CROSS	Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN	5
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL	2	FRANK COPEMAN	6
ALBERT G. WARNES	3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	7
FREDERICK MIDDLETON ...	4	BEN. S. THOMPSON	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Queen Alexandra and Frederick Middleton.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... Treble	REV. E. C. POWELL ... 5
WILLIAM C. HART ... 2	GEORGE ADES ... 6
RICHARD STREDWICK ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
JOHN CAPP ... 4	TRAYTON JEFFREY ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DIXON ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER WARD ... 5
WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 2	WALTER H. WOOD ... 6
ARTHUR ANDREWS ... 3	JOHN T. HOLMES ... 7
HARVEY BOWCOCK ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE, and
Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung with the bells half muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late John Hilton, for many years a ringer and member of the church choir, who was buried that day.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of four 720's of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob.

ARTHUR TITMUSS ... Treble	CHARLES JEFFS ... 4
JAMES PAYNE, JUNR. ... 2	ERNEST HUNT ... 5
JOHN MALYAN ... 3	FREDERICK JEFFS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

First peal by all in two methods. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 of each Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, College Single and Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PAGE ... Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4
DAVID HORNE ... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
CHARLES LAYTON ... 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

W. Page was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In seven methods, viz.: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Beverley Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY HILL ... Treble	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 4
WALTER J. HORTON ... 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
ROBERT C. CLIFFORD ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the occasion of the Marriage of Mr. O. L. Thompson and Miss E. R. Cooper of Stoke Golding.

RICKINGHALL.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDGAR BAILEY ... Treble	*FRED FRANCIS ... 4
*CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 2	*CHAS. CHENNER ... 5
ARTHUR BAILEY ... 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

* First peal in six methods. First peal as conductor.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr., in E.

DAVID JOYNSON ... Treble	JAMES R. GRIFFEN ... 4
ALBERT SPARKES ... 2	THOMAS A. ROGERS ... 5
*GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	JOHN GREASLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* Fiftieth peal as conductor. Rung on the first anniversary of the consecration of the church and dedication of the bells. First peal by all except the conductor and rung at first attempt.

CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

FREDERICK BARKER ... Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 4
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5
JOHN STALLEY ... 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

First peal in five methods on the bells. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.

*W. TOM JEANES ... Treble	HENRY J. CREED ... 4
TOM W. CREED ... 2	*GERALD LOCK ... 5
†THOMAS J. LLOYD ... 3	ISAAC CREED ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell. First peal of Minor on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Mr. Sully and go splendidly. H. J. Creed hails from Taunton, and I. Creed from Norton Fitzwarren. The rest belong to the local band.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK LAMBERT, JUNR. Treble	JOHN LARTER ... 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	JAMES HOWARD ... 5
CHARLES MOSS ... 3	HERBERT PRATT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung on St. Andrew's Day.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, one of Grandsire Minor and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F sharp.

GEORGE C. COLLINS Treble	JACK BURLS 4
GEORGE A. JONES 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
GUY R. AMBROSE 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung as a birthday peal to George A. Jones, this being his first peal; also first peal and first attempt by George C. Collins.

WATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

ERNEST W. FISHER Treble	HERBERT MASON 4
EDGAR HUNT 2	JOHN MURRELL 5
WILFRED ALLEN 3	WILLIAM J. ADCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ADCOCK.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Friday, November 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE ABBOTT ANSLEM INSTITUTE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 1-2	FRANK J. LEVITT ... 5-6
HARRY A. TURNER ... 3-4	ARTHUR E. MOORE ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire: W. W. KEMP.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WALTER RADLEY ... 1-2	FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 5-6
HARRY A. TURNER ... 3-4	FRANK J. LEVITT ... 7-8

Composed by J. BURTON, and

Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.

Umpire: ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Dewell.

CLAPHAM, LONDON, S.W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT 58, MANOR STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT ... 1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: JOHN I. HAIRS.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Hairs, parents of the ringer of 7-8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 1-2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	WILLIAM SMITH ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: THOMAS W. RADFORD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Giles, of Reading.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

GEORGE R. PYE ... 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5-6
ERNEST PYE ... 3-4	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 7-8

ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9-10

Composed by J. REEVES, and

Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

Umpire: J. HUNT.

This was the conductor's 200th peal. It is the first peal in the method on handbells by the ringers of 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and was rung at the first attempt.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 1-2	*JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	*WILBY J. HAZELL ... 7-8

Composed by J. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT NORFOLK HOUSE, WOOD STREET, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5-6
WILLIAM PYE ... 3-4	ERNEST PYE ... 7-8

ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires: REUBEN SANDERS and CHARLES T. COLES.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in One Hour and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1-2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3-4
*FREDERICK BARKER ... 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First handbell peal. This is the first peal in Cambridge by undergraduates and the quickest peal by the Guild.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six scores, called in ten different ways.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4
*RUTH JOHNSON ... 5-6	

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpires: JAMES HEMMING and FREDERICK JORDAN.

Witness: FREDERICK J. JOHNSON.

* First peal. This is the first peal ever rung by three children, and was rung at the second attempt. The ages are respectively, E. M. Johnson 12 years, J. D. Johnson 13, R. Johnson 10.

The peal of Erin Triples at Wood Green, Wednesbury, on Nov. 25th, was rung in two hours and fifty-six minutes, and not two hours and forty-six minutes as published.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Harrietsshaw on November 10th was Charles H. Sone, not Lane as published.

BEDS ASSOCIATION AT LUTON.**INTERESTING CEREMONY.**

A district meeting was held at Luton, on Saturday week, and was attended by about 20 members.

The bells were available during afternoon and evening, and were kept busy in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

During the afternoon a very pleasing ceremony took place, Mrs. Chapman unveiling a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by an entirely local band on December 23rd, 1911, in commemoration of the Coronation of King George V, and the first year of the vicariate of the Rev. A. E. Chapman, M.A.

The Vicar also made a presentation, on behalf of the Luton ringers, to Mr. H. Shepherd, who has recently married, of a framed photograph of the exterior of the Luton Parish Church, and good wishes were extended to him and Mrs. Shepherd.

It is with regret, however, that the local company have heard of the early departure of their friend, who is leaving for North Wales in about a fortnight's time, as he was a very enthusiastic member, and although residing $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the church, was always in his place twice on a Sunday.

A business meeting was held afterwards, when one member was elected, Mr James Wing, aged 16, of Luton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Eastern District was held at Sible Hedingham, on Saturday last, members attending from Braintree, Coggeshall, Earl's Colne, Halstead, Gestingthorpe, Yeldham, and the local company. Tea was provided at the White Horse, the cost of which was defrayed by a generous lady resident in the parish, to whom the company present extended their sincere thanks. Six new ringing members were elected, all of whom belong to the local company. Touches were rung in various methods, including Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court and Bob Minor.

The bells have been recently rehung in a new iron frame, headstocks, etc., and a new treble added, bringing the peal up to six, the tenor being 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. Space has also been left for two new trebles to complete the octave at some future time. The work was carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, to the general satisfaction of all who have had the pleasure of ringing them, and the whole cost borne by a munificent gift from two ladies of the parish. Hopes were freely expressed that a fund would shortly be started for adding the two trebles. The local ringers are making rapid progress in change ringing, having already rung several 720's of Bob Minor without outside help.

"SANDIACRE" SURPRISE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I notice your remarks in "Odd Changes" this week, re the Surprise Minor Methods, being rung by the Bacup and Sandiacre bands, but I cannot see how they can claim to name these methods, for if they refer to "The Ringing World" of August 18th, 1911, page 366, they will see where these have all been rung by the St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, band, while some have been named by them, and some by the Bourne, Lincs, band.

I have asked them, through your paper, before, and again I ask the Whitley Bay ringers to finish naming these methods, in order to save a lot of disappointment to the bands that bother to learn and ring them, only to find they have already been rung and named. I have all the methods named and dated where possible, that have been rung since the "Legitimate Methods" came out, and I trust this appeal will be responded to, so that this matter can be settled once and for all. I could give a list of those that have been rung if it would do the Exercise any good by doing so.—Yours truly,

Biggleswade.

F. BLOOD.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Before I proceed further with reference to the Cambridge peals, I ask our friends the following questions: 1st, do they, or one of their number, claim to have invented the system of working the 6th her extent by means of two portions, either equal or unequal? 2nd, will they kindly tell us whether the two compositions given below bear any relation to one another?

23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
43652	—	—	—	52436	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	34625	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	62345	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	36245	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	23645	—	—	—

Yours faithfully,

G. LINDOFF.

Dublin, Dec. 2nd.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

This society met at Rolvenden, on Saturday week, Stone, Tenterden, Rye, and the local tower being represented, and a number of touches of Grandsire Triples rung in first-class style. The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) was unable to attend owing to business reasons. —Mr. A. Allen, of Tenterden, was voted to the chair, and was duly elected a member.—Tenterden was chosen as the place for the December meeting.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs) read a communication from Mr. W. H. Lambert, inviting the Guild to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples at Benenden, which was readily accepted. The secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. E. G. Buesden, of Canterbury, with a view to securing his services as conductor. Failing arrangements with Mr. Buesden, Grandsire Triples will be the method.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar, on the motion of Mr. J. J. Manktelow, seconded by Mr. A. Blackman, terminated the business.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 8th (Hospital Sunday), 1008 Stedman Triples and 640 Kent Treble Bob. —On Sept. 22nd, 672 Double Norwich: A. F. Bailey 1, J. M. Bailey 2, W. Button (Colchester) 3, E. H. Bailey 4, F. W. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, C. Samson 7, G. Hardy (Kelsale) 8. —On Sept. 28th, 504 Stedman Triples: A. F. Bailey 1, J. M. Bailey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, C. Samson 5, E. H. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey 7, J. M. Button 8. Also 672 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. P. Bailey 1, F. W. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, E. H. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey 5, E. S. Bailey 6, C. Samson 7, J. M. Bailey 8. —On Sunday, Sept. 29th, for the harvest festival, in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. H. Bailey 1, J. M. Bailey 2, F. W. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, G. Wilson 5, E. S. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, L. P. Bailey 8. For evening service, 704 Oxford: P. Potter 1, A. Keeble 2, L. P. Bailey 3, J. R. Bailey 4, F. W. Bailey 5, G. Wilson 6, E. H. Bailey 7, C. F. Bailey 8.

WORKSOP.—On Sept. 28th, for the birthday of the Duke of Newcastle, a 5040 Bob Major was attempted at the Priory Church, but after ringing 2 hrs. 32 mins., the peal was lost. The bells were fired at intervals during the afternoon, and other short touches were rung: F. Hind 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, C. E. Peck 6, T. Wilson 7, T. Bartholomew 8. —On Sunday, Sept. 29th, 432 Bob Major and 210 Union Triples.

BILLINGBOROUGH.—For evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 15th, three 120's Grandsire and 120 Stedman Doubles, the following taking part: C. Glenn (Sheffield), F. Wilford (Northampton), J. T. Holmes (Heckington), Rupert Richardson (Surfleet), J. Osborn (Bourne), J. W. Lake (Bourne). —On Wednesday, Sept. 18th, five 120's Grandsire Doubles (all conducted): Clement Glenn, R. Richardson, J. T. Holmes, A. Andrews, F. Wilford.

BATH.—At St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: R. Whately 1, C. Densley 2, R. J. Cousins 3, A. E. Alexander 4, W. Seers 5, N. E. Lewis 6, A. E. Seers, junr. (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8. —At St. James' Church, on Monday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: W. Seers 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, A. E. Seers, junr., 3, A. E. Alexander 4, C. Densley 5, N. E. Lewis 6, R. J. Cousins (composer and conductor) 7, G. Crisp 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. H. D. Disbrowe, curate of St. James', who was leaving Bath for Durham.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—For harvest festival, at St. Martin's Church, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins., conducted by A. Rowley. —On Sunday, Sept. 29th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Bratton, and 209 in the same method, conducted by A. Rowley. The following took part: J. Faulkner, R. Round, *A. Round, W. Massey, A. Prestidge, *J. Screen, W. R. Small, A. Rowley, H. P. Smith, H. S. Smith, T. Bratton, J. Smith, G. Williams, and J. Whereton. * First quarter-peal of Kent Major.

HUNTLEY, GLOUCESTER.—The Hereford Diocesan Guild. — At the Parish Church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins.: J. Williams 1, J. B. Tyler 2, E. Summers 3, C. L. Sadler 4, J. Clark 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of treble and second, and on the bells.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTER.—The Hereford Diocesan Guild.—At the Church of "The Ever Blessed Virgin," 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: J. Williams 1, J. B. Tyler 2, E. Poston 3, W. Poston 4, J. Clark 5, C. L. Sadler (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells since their restoration. At the morning service, 360 Bob Minor. First by A. W. Ford, W. J. Roberts, J. Byard, and J. Williams.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association. — On Thursday, Sept. 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Foster 1, T. Hind 2, W. Spencer 3, A. Harrison 4, T. Jennison 5, W. Wadsley (conductor) 6. On Sept. 29th, for early morning service, 360 Plain Bob. For afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob: G. Tyers 1, E. Foster 2, W. Spencer 3, A. Harrison 4, T. Jennison 5, W. Wadsley 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: T. Jennison 1, T. Hind 2, W. Spencer 3, A. Harrison 4, E. Foster 5, W. Wadsley 6. All conducted by W. Wadsley.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on handbells: T. Taylor 1, Miss Nora Taylor 2, G. Thompson 3—4, A. T. Morris (conductor) 5—6. A 720 in the same method, by: T. Taylor 1, J. Bernard 2, G. Thompson 3—4, A. T. Morris (conductor) 5—6.

IS HE ENGLAND'S OLDEST BELL RINGER?

A SOMERSET WORTHY.

Mr. Thomas Hawkins, of Street, Somerset, has just celebrated his 90th birthday with a few pulls on the bells of his parish church. He was born at Street on November 22nd, 1822, and claims to be the oldest bell ringer in England. He started ringing at the age of 17 years, and although he gave it up for a brief space, he has remained a ringer for the long stretch of 67 years. Mr. Hawkins was married in 1843, and he still lives in the same house that he moved into at that time. Mr. Hawkins, who has rung in most of the towers in his neighbourhood, tolled the bell at West Pennard, where he happened to be working, at the time of the death of the Duke of Wellington. He once climbed to the top of the pinnacle of the tower of St. John's, Glastonbury, to remove the weather-cock, and he refixed it after it had been regilded. He also helped to fix the tenor at this church after it had been recast. Once, while working at Windsor, he had the privilege of talking with Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's Consort, although at the time he was unaware of his identity. Mr. Hawkins has 25 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Our readers will join in wishing him "many happy returns of the day."

MARKET WEIGHTON RINGERS.

On Saturday evening last, a party of five ringers from Nunburnholme paid a visit to Market Weighton, where, with the help of some of the local company, they rang several courses of Grandsire and Bob Doubles on the bells of the Parish Church, which are a peal of six, with tenor about 10 cwt. The Nunburnholme ringers greatly enjoyed their visit, more especially so as they are unfortunately deprived from either practice or Sunday ringing at their own church for some weeks, owing to the illness of the Rector, whose rectory joins the churchyard. The usual Christmas ringing, however, will commence at Market Weighton, on Monday, December 9th, and will be continued every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evening, from 7 to 8 o'clock, up to New Year's Eve, when any ringers will be made welcome. A card, addressed to John W. Kneesham, Northgate, Market Weighton, will bring any further particulars.

RINGERS BEAT RIELEMEN.

SHOOTING SUCCESS AT YATELEY.

The ringers of Yateley, Hants, have distinguished themselves in a direction outside the art which they follow in the belfry. On Saturday week they challenged the Yateley Rifle Club to a rifle match, the conditions (on a miniature range) to be ten shots at 25 yards. The club, having learned a little of the prowess the ringers had with the rifle, placed practically their strongest combination against them. Shooting was very close all through the match, but the keenness and exactness demanded of method ringers triumphed in the end, and the band vanquished the club by the narrow margin of two points. Scores:—

Club.—Miss E. M. Stilwell 95, Mr. H. R. Prier 95, Mrs. Birch 93, Miss Smurthwaite 93, Miss M. Mills 92, Mr. Chapman 90, Miss Hadwin 88, Mr. E. Ives 84; total, 730.

Ringers.—Miss B. Stilwell 96, Mr. W. G. Bunch 96, Mr. S. Riddell 94, Mr. G. Butler 93, Mr. J. R. Bunch 92, Mr. C. Bunch 91, Miss A. E. Stilwell 85, Mr. C. Butler 85; total, 732.

It was another triumph for the ladies, a member of the fair sex topping the scores in each team.

USEFUL WORK.

Interchange of visits between the ringers of Battle and Salehurst, Sussex, has resulted in useful and pleasant gatherings. The Salehurst men visited Battle on November 13th, and on the 27th the Battle men paid the return visit, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Freeman, of Lincoln. The touches of Grandsire Triples brought round included three 168's and 210, while the ringing was concluded by a well-struck quarter-peal, in 49 mins., by: W. H. Freeman 1, W. Thomas 2, W. Cramp 3, A. Mills 4, T. Booth 5, W. Road 6, W. Franks (conductor) 7, S. Goodsell 8. This is the longest length by the ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Others who took part in the evening's ringing were: F. Morgan, H. Edwards, C. Peacock, W. Robinson and P. Carter. Visits of this kind do much to encourage out-lying towers to take up the art, and deserve to be more practised than is generally the case.

ST. MARY'S, SCARBOROUGH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As the St. Mary's Voluntary Guild of ringers at Scarborough has been dissolved by the Vicar, may I make it known, through your paper, that the bells are not now rung, and that all communications with regard to them should be made to the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, The Vicarage, Scarborough.—Yours truly,

H. FERGUSON.

BECCLES VETERAN'S DEATH.

LIFE-LONG INTEREST IN RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association has lost a highly respected and honoured member, and the Beccles company a much-beloved friend, by the death of that veteran ringer, Mr. Henry Hopson, who passed away peacefully on November 16th, at his residence, Pretoria Villa, Station Road, at the advanced age of 81 years. He had been a member of the Beccles company of change ringers practically all his life, and his father the same before him, having taken part in ringing a peal of Bob Royal in the Suffolk campanile when Queen Victoria ascended the throne in 1837. Mr. Henry Hopson was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association from its formation, in 1877, and was secretary for the Beccles district from the beginning until January of this year, when he was obliged to relinquish the office on account of his advanced age. He was well known and greatly respected throughout the diocese, and it was very rarely that he had missed either a quarterly or half-yearly meeting for many years past. He was wonderfully interested, and glad when he knew that bells were being rehung and others added anywhere, but his crowning work was when he undertook to raise a fund to put in a new frame, re-hang the ten bells and recast three of them in his native tower at Beccles a few years back. They have been re-opened just three years, and it was through his persistent efforts that a sum of nearly £700 was raised in about six months for carrying out the work. It was more money than had been spent on any other tower in the diocese since the association had been formed. It gave him great joy in the evening of his days to think that the money was not only raised, but that his life was spared to see the work completed. Since the restoration of the bells he has taken part in several touches on them, at the light end. He was ringing for Divine service as late as the Sunday before he died, and on the Saturday (Mayor's Day), after a peal had been rung, he entertained about 15 ringers to tea at the Temperance Hotel, and enjoyed himself wonderfully. On the Monday he caught cold, which developed into bronchitis. With a weak heart he gradually got worse, and died on Saturday morning. He had rung only one peal since 1877, but he had rung two before that date. Mr. Hopson had been a teacher in the Sunday School for over 50 years, and superintendent for about 40 years of that time, while for many years he was also sidesman at the church.

The deceased was laid to rest on Wednesday, Nov. 20th, and ringers came to pay their last tribute of respect from Framlingham, Eye, Diss, Yarmouth, and Bungay, while very kind letters of sympathy were received from Ipswich, Halesworth, Leiston, the Pulhams, and other centres. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung at the graveside by: H. Reynolds 1—2, G. Baxter 3—4, G. E. Symonds 5—6, H. Ling 7—8, W. Spalding 9—10. AM were members of the Beccles company except Mr. Symonds, who resides at Framlingham, but for ten years was a member of the Beccles company until three years ago. The tower bells of St. Michael's Church were rung fully muffled, half-muffled, and open, finishing with the ringers' farewell, after which the deceased's age was tolled on the tenor. The methods included Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal.

By a sad coincidence, Mr. Hopson's wife only survived him by one week. She passed away, after a long and painful illness, at the age of 73 years, and the funeral took place on Wednesday week.

At Chediston, Suffolk, on Sunday, November 24th, the bells of St. Mary's Church were rung half-muffled, to the memory of Mr. Hopson. Touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire were brought round by the local company, and ringers from the following towers in the Halesworth district also took part in the ringing: Halesworth, Wissett, Rumburgh and Huntingfield. The late Mr. Hopson was a subscriber to the Coronation Bell Fund, and took part in the opening touch rung on the bells last year at the dedication service, held by the Bishop of Norwich.

At Wissett, Suffolk, half-muffled touches were rung upon the bells of the Parish Church. Several 120's of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor being brought round by: Miss Garforth, Messrs. W. Kemp, A. Kemp, L. Kemp, A. Head, J. Nunn, F. Smith, H. Pratt, T. Crane and L. Hammond (conductor).

Muffled ringing also took place at Bungay, and, as recorded in our last issue, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern district was held at Hertford, on Saturday, November 23rd, when a good number of ringers attended, and spent an enjoyable time with the two rings of eight and ten at their disposal. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob and Plain Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich.—Tea was partaken of in St. Nicolas Hall kindly lent for the occasion by the Rector (the Rev. Killin Roberts), who honoured the gathering by his presence at tea, and the association to the town. He remarked how much he appreciated the services of ringers and chorismen, and considered them a great asset to the church.—Members were present from Hatfield, Kitchin, Bennington, Walthamstow, Broxbourne, Deptford, and some from the bands of AM Saints' and St. Andrews'.

THE RINGERS' JUG AT WITNEY.

[By W. H. F.]

"Fill me, then kill me, but keep me clean,
"Don't spill me, but fill me, and eat well between."
—"Old Upton."

In the course of conversation with Mr. Monk, of Witney, I heard there was a Ringers' Jug in Witney, but that it would take careful negotiation to see it, Mr. Monk not having set eyes upon it for 30 years or more. Accordingly, Mr. Preston and I made a call upon the holder, Mr. Moses Fowler, of Church Green, Witney, and after much preamble on the doorstep the jug was kindly brought down from upstairs somewhere, and placed upon the footpath paving, to which the front door of the house abuts, without a garden or forecourt. This jug is of semi-glazed earthenware make, and was coated in cobwebs and dust. It looked quite the age it was stated to be—by hearsay, of the oldest local ringers, handed down for generations. It is reported to be now about 250 years old. Its total capacity is 16 quarts, the neck alone taking one, but how many human necks have taken one from it I cannot guess. At one time it was in serious jeopardy of destruction, concerning which there is a tale to tell, and I will try to set it down as I heard it.

"Fred Evans," so the story went, "was getting married—many years ago; he was one of the old bell ringers here, and he filled the pitcher. Charlie Nobes kept care of the jug then, and the band was: Bill and Harry Lambourne, Charles North, Robt. and Wm. Gould, Charles Nobes, Neville, H. Broome, T. Haley, Cuff Haley, Howell,



and "Hookey" Ball, the ringers' house being in Corn Street. After we had killed it, I noticed Charlie was a little tottery on his feet, when trying to step up the foot kerb, so for fear of accident, I carried it home, and it's never been out of my possession since."

"Was that when the jug was broken, Mr. Fowler?"

"Oh, no, Hookey Ball had charge of it then—he got his nick-name because he had a stump foot. He met with the accident to our pitcher, 'after a filling.' He tried to plead the lame foot, but we wouldn't have it, and he had to mend it, or be 'bunked the company.' Yes, he did it himself. He was a clever tinsmith, and he put the iron bands (3) round it, jointed the pieces, and rivetted them together with brass wire. It's always been sound and water-tight since."

"How do you know its the ringers' jug, Mr. Fowler?"

"Why, it was always kept in the belfry ever since anyone can remember, and would have been there now but for a bit of a game up there. It was like this: One day, Mr. Charles Clinch—the brewer—came up in the tower with a friend of his, while we were ringing for a wedding. Tom Haley was kneeling over the pitcher with clasped hands, as if in prayer. On being asked by the visitor what Haley was doing, he was informed by 'Hookey' Ball that 'he was praying to have the jug filled.' Mr. Clinch then had it filled, but some little time after, the Vicar, Mr. Cunningham, heard what had happened, and at once ordered the jug to be removed, with strict orders that no one was to bring it into the churchyard even, on pain of instant dismissal. After that we had to appoint one of us to mind it, and a rough time it has had, too. Mr. Norris, who came after Mr. Cunningham, tried hard to get it back again for the tower (for preservation, as an object of local interest), but I won't let it go; its to go into the care of Evans or Broome, as I've promised 'em, if anything happens to me. For many years after I first kept it the old hands used to

come here once a week and ring handbells with the old jug filled—nice and handy. The handbells were claimed by 'Hookey's' father. I'm not a-going to let anybody claim this, there's a lot 'em would like to get it."

There is every probability that this means of "filling the pitcher" on ringing days, especially royal birthdays, etc., was often resorted to at Witney. I may add that Mr. Fowler has sung in the choir of the Parish Church for over 40 years. He is quite a character in his way, hard and determined—rather bitter with the new band of change ringers, under Mr. Monk—one of the few survivors of the old school, yet he inquired very heartily—"how Mr. Washbrook was getting on."

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, a very successful meeting of the Manchester branch was held at St. John's, Miles Platting.—The Rector (the Rev. A. Anderson) presided over the meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the Association. Members were present from Manchester, Pendleton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Stockport, Reddish, West Didsbury, Middleton, etc. Mr. Denis Taylor, of Loughborough, also graced the meeting with his presence. The bells have recently been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and made into a lovely ring of eight. Ringing was indulged in till a late hour in the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative.—A vote of thanks to the Rector, wardens and ringers brought to a close a very successful meeting.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Easton Neston, on Saturday last. Touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening on the fine peal of bells. An admirable tea was served in the Conservative Club, Towcester, and thoroughly enjoyed by about 40 members and friends. Ringers were present from Towcester, Milton, Green's Norton, Bradden, Cold Higham, Flore, Weston Favell, All Saints' and St. Giles', Northampton, and the local ringers.

A short business meeting was presided over by the Rev. W. B. Sleight (Vicar of Towcester), supported by the Rev. E. A. Penson, Mr. James Clarke, Mr. Edwin Hunt, and the general secretary (Mr. Frank Causebrook).—It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Blakesley, some time in February.—Messrs. A. S. and W. Starmer, of Flore, were elected members of the Association.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. James Clarke for his kind hospitality in providing tea on that occasion, in celebration of his 71st birthday.—The proposition, having been carried unanimously, Mr. Clarke said it always gave him much pleasure to do what he could for the church and ringers. He hoped they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and thanked them most heartily for the kind words that had been said of him.—Mr. C. Tack (Milton) said that now they had a little balance in hand, he considered that some remuneration should be given to the secretary in recognition of the excellent way in which he had carried on the work, and it was agreed to bring the matter forward at the next annual meeting.—Mr. T. Law proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Misses Collins (daughters of the Vicar of Easton Neston), and to the other ladies for so kindly assisting with the tea.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, was also carried, and the Vicar, in reply, took the opportunity of congratulating the members who had rung the first peal on the Towcester church bells a short time before.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough district was held at Higham Ferrers, on Saturday last. Touches of plain courses of Bristol, London, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening on the fine peal of eight, and an admirable tea was served in the Parish Room by the local ringers and their wives. About 40 members were present, from Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Finedon, Earl's Barton, Northampton, Rothwell, Thrapston, Bedford, Raunds, Rushden, and the local tower.—A short business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. H. K. Fry), supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), and the district secretary (Mr. W. Perkins).—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Irthlingborough.—The Rev. H. K. Fry was elected as hon. member; Mr. H. Coles, of Northampton, a ringing member; and Mr. G. N. Price of Watford, an out-county member.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to those who had made the necessary arrangements, the Vicar and Mr. G. Randall replying.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Oct 8th, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. R. L. Hodson (late curate of St. Peter's) to Miss M. G. Corker, 359 Grandsire Caters, with 8, 10, 12 covering, and a course of Grandsire Cinques: F. Darrell 1, H. Farlow 2, J. Purser 3, W. Lawley 4, B. Clark 5, W. G. Hall 6, H. Knight 7, T. O'Connor 8, R. Cartwright 9, H. Mitchell 10, A. Little 11, E. Mitchell 12.

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The secretarial duties involved in conducting the affairs of a large association are not light, nor, if the organisation is to be a success, can they be discharged in any perfunctory manner, but it falls to the lot of few of our ringing associations to have installed in the all-important office a man more capable of managing its business than has the Chester Guild, whose hon. secretary is the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills. Mr. Beeston brings to bear upon the work all the advantages of an early business training, and the prestige and dignity which an honoured position as a priest of the Church gives him. The Chester Guild is more than fortunate in possessing such an officer and one who is such an able ringer to boot.



THE REV. A. T. BEESTON.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston was born at Wirksworth, Derbyshire, on December 2nd, 1861, and his earliest recollection connected with ringing is of attending morning service at a village church in South Derbyshire when he was very young, certainly not ten, and being set to ring in company with three members of the tower. He bumped the bell very little, and rang through the whole time of ringing. This was really remarkable, for Mr. Beeston has no recollection of ever having been taught to handle a bell, and he often says he thinks he must have been born a ringer. Natural interest in ringing led him to voluntarily ring at his Parish Church. Often has he rung the Curfew bell, and chimed three bells for the 8 a.m. service. For the ordinary services the general rule was to chime, with occasional round ringing and call-changes, but his interest gradually left him under such conditions.

It was his original intention to follow a commercial career, which he did for five years at home, and in London after he was 19. He did no ringing, however, while in London—in fact, never thought of it, and never, as far as he can recollect, was reminded of it, though he regularly attended every Sunday once or twice either St. Michael's, Cornhill, or St. Paul's Cathedral. In 1888 he entered upon a three years' course of preparation for Holy Orders. Ordained at Advent, 1890, in Durham Cathedral, he served in the parish of St. John, Hebburn, for five years, and while there became acquainted with the late William Harrison, of Jarrow, as tune ringer on handbells. In his day he was, though Mr. Beeston knew it not, a well known heavy bell ringer.

In 1895 he moved to New Mills, and his interest in ringing was revived by a gift to the Parish Church of a ring of six bells in 1898, in connection with which he paid a visit to Loughborough, where his attention was drawn to change ringing by method. At the beginning of 1899 a company of seven commenced to learn change ringing unaided. Sir Arthur Heywood advised them to begin with Plain Bob, and they first tackled Bob Minimus with treble leading and tenor covering (which proved a good plan), and then went on to Minor. Mr. Beeston often marvels now that they stuck together as they did in face of the difficulties they met with. He seized all opportunities (and made a good many) of going ahead himself by visiting towers (distance was rarely considered) where there was a band of change ringers.

In October, 1900, they rang a 5000 in four Minor methods, Mr. Beeston having meanwhile rung his first peal—Bob Triples—at Wirksworth in the March previous, and his second, an 8288 Kent Treble Bob, at Bolsterstone in May. His first peal of Double Norwich followed in December of the same year; Stedman Triples and Superlative in 1901; Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Cambridge in 1902, and Yorkshire and London Surprise in 1903.

During these years Mr. Beeston went about a good bit, and became acquainted with some of the Masters of the Art at Chesterfield, Sheffield, Burton, Loughborough and Brighton, all of whom helped him much to make progress. It was in 1904, through Mr. A. T. King's kindness, that he first met Mr. W. Pye and rang a peal of London with him. Each year since he has joined in Mr. Pye's annual ringing tour, and rang his first peal of Bristol under his conductorship at Fenton, Staffs, during the 1906 tour. Previously to this Mr. Beeston had had no practical acquaintance with the method.

Mr. Beeston has taken part in the first peals of Yorkshire and Peterborough Surprise and Double Oxford Bob Triples ever rung, and in the first clerical peal of Superlative. He has always found the diagram the best way in which to learn a method.

Mr. Beeston was appointed Honorary Secretary of the Bowdon and Stockport branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild in 1904, and in recognition of his work the members this year presented him with a gold watch. He was appointed General Secretary of the Guild in 1907, and of the success of that appointment none know better than the members themselves. Mr. Beeston is also a member of the Midland Counties, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Devonshire, Salisbury, Sussex, Norwich, Lincolnshire, Durham and Newcastle, Gloucester and Bristol, Middlesex, Irish and Stoke Archidiaconal Associations, and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Just recently Mr. Beeston completed his third century in

peals, and has now rung 301 out of 661 attempts which he has made. It is not everyone who scores such a large proportion of successes as this. The peals, which have been rung in 129 towers in 29 counties in England, Ireland and Wales, are made up as follow :—

Minor—

Three Methods	...	...	...	...	...	1
Four Methods	...	...	...	...	...	1
Five Methods	...	...	...	...	...	1
Six Methods	...	...	...	...	...	1
Seven Methods	...	...	...	...	...	6
Ten Methods	...	...	...	...	...	1

Treble Bob Minor—

Seven Methods	15
Eight Methods	1
Fourteen Methods	1

Surprise Minor—

Seven Methods	1
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Triples—

Plain Bob	1
Grandsire	24
Oxford Bob	1
Double Oxford Bob	2
St. Clement's	1
Stedman	...	...	...	...	...	40

Major—

Plain Bob	...	...	...	...	...	16
College Single	...	...	...	...	...	1
Double Bob	...	...	...	...	...	1
Double Norwich	...	...	...	...	...	25
Double Oxford Bob	...	...	...	...	...	1
Kent Treble Bob	...	...	...	...	...	42
Oxford Treble Bob	...	...	...	...	...	7
Forward	...	...	...	...	...	2
Duffield	...	...	...	...	...	1
Albion Treble Bob	...	...	...	...	...	1

Surprise Major—

Superlative	...	...	...	...	...	26
Cambridge	...	...	...	...	...	5
London	...	...	...	...	...	19
Yorkshire	...	...	...	...	...	7
Peterborough	...	...	...	...	...	2
New Cambridge	...	...	...	...	...	4
Bristol	...	...	...	...	...	13

Caters—

Grandsire	...	...	...	...	...	2
Stedman	...	...	...	...	...	16

Royal—

Plain Bob	2
Double Norwich	1
Kent Treble Bob	7
Oxford Treble Bob	1

Cinques—

Stedman	1
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Total 301

CHEPSTOW TOWER KEEPER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret that the Chepstow ringers have to announce the death, from paralysis, on Nov. 23rd, of their old tower keeper and foreman, Mr. Jas. Morley, after nine years' illness. Mr. Morley, who was 66 years of age, was well known round the district, and, although not a great peal ringer, he was never so happy as when teaching a young band.

He was interred at Chepstow Cemetery, on Wednesday week, four of his brother ringers acting as bearers. In the evening, touches were rung at the Parish Church, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect by the Chepstow Parish Church ringers.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We record elsewhere in this issue a remarkable peal performance—the first peal rung by children—the son and two daughters of Mr. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton, near Evesham, having rung 5040 Grandsire Doubles, called in ten different ways. Ellen, who rang 1-2, is 12 years of age; Joseph, who was the conductor and rang 3-4, is 13; while Ruth, who rang 5-6, is a maid of only ten summers.

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Ellen and Joseph, it may be recalled, rang a peal with their father a few months ago, and some question was raised as to the peal being admissible by the Association on account of the absence of umpires, although we believe the matter has been satisfactorily settled. There can be no question, however, about the peal rung by the children on Sunday. It is testified to by two competent umpires, and this young family will be warmly congratulated by the Exercise upon a splendid performance—congratulations which will be extended also to their father, who has taught them.

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In reference to the peal of Royal at Taunton Mr. J. Burge replies to Mr. J. H. B. Hesse that the band still claim it as the first peal of Royal by resident members of the Bath and Wells Association. As far as he could see there was scarcely one resident member in the Wrington peal of 1911. The footnote to the Taunton peal, he adds, should have read "First peal in the county and for the association by resident members of that county." This alteration of the footnote, we think, makes all the difference.

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There is great credit due to the band who rang the peal of Bob Minor at Wallasey, Cheshire, last Friday. The peal was rung on the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and was the first by all the band except the conductor (Mr. G. R. Newton). The band have learned their ringing during the past twelve months, and there are as many more attached to the tower who are equally proficient and only waiting for an opportunity to ring their first 5040.

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Another "name" peal was rung last Saturday, when ten Williams from the Midlands scored a peal of Grandsire Caters at Aston.

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Re-dedication of the bells at Stokes Poges, Bucks, lately re-cast and re-hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place during the morning service on Sunday, December 8th, when the Rev. Canon Eliot, Rural Dean of Slough, will dedicate the bells. Short touches will be rung after the service and during the afternoon.

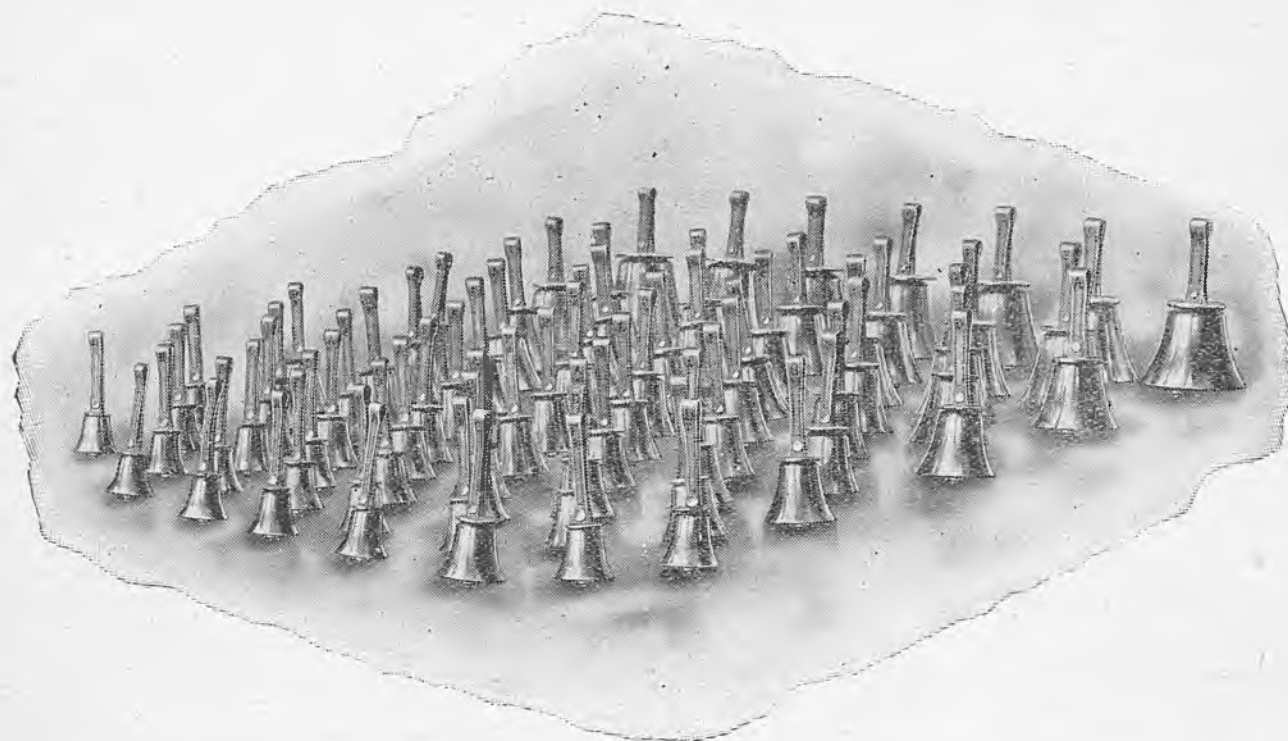
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The new peal of ten at St. Peter's, Croydon, also re-cast and re-hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Croydon on Saturday, December 21st, and ringers are invited to attend.

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We are pleased to hear that the Wisbech band are again ringing in their own tower, and trust they will make satisfactory progress under their new conductor, Mr. Horace Banham, who conducted his first 720 of Bob Minor last Sunday evening.

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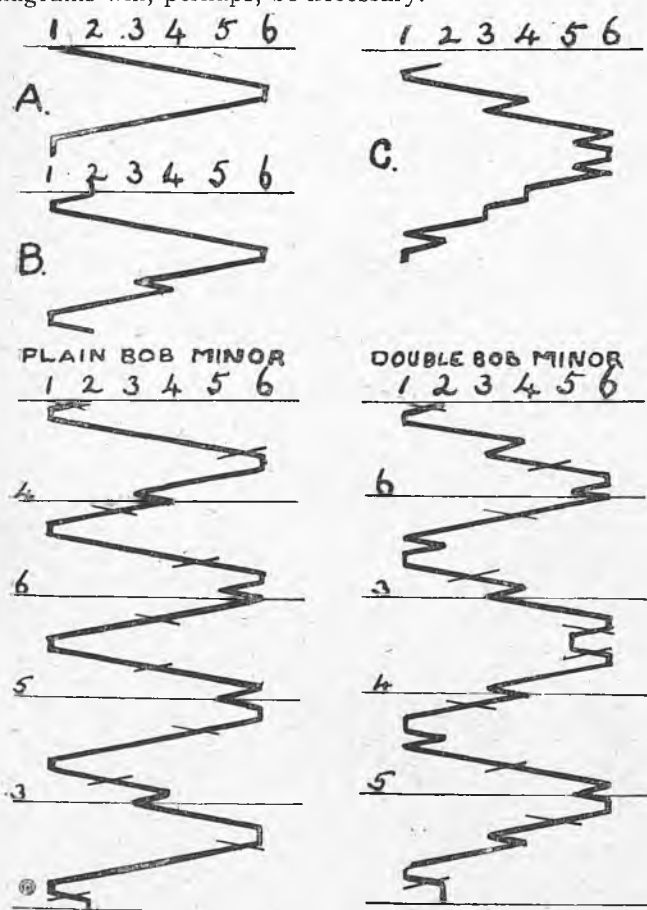
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RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

With this article we begin a series of illustrations of methods, which, we believe, will be of great service to ringers of all grades. The use of a diagram is one of the most effective ways of learning a fresh method, particularly when that method happens to be a very intricate one, involving a more or less lengthy and obscure "table" if memorised in the ordinary way. Diagrams are adopted largely by ringers of Surprise methods, and they have considerable advantages over the old fashioned and more laborious task of committing a long tabulated statement to memory. For instance, a ringer can carry the illustration of a particular piece of work in his mind's eye, if he has seen it in a diagram. He can also observe at a glance how one piece links up with another; where one section is just the reverse of some other section; or where the place-making in one place is repeated in another. By the means of diagrams many ringers have rung peals in Surprise methods without ever seeing a single figure, and rung them with an ease and certainty which is not always secured when mere tables have been depended upon.

Before proceeding to give, as we propose to do, a series of methods, from Minor to Surprise Major, a few notes of explanation in order that beginners may understand the diagrams will, perhaps, be necessary.



First of all, at the top of a diagram we have the figures representing each place in the method. Plain hunting is shown by straight lines; place-making by a perpendicular line (under a figure), and dodging by the zizzag between two figures. A short line through the diagram shows

where the path of the treble crosses. Fig. A represents plain hunting work. Fig. B is the work of the 2nd in the first lead of a course of Bob Minor. Fig. C shows a lead of Kent Treble Bob, with the place-making. The lines across the methods show the division of the leads, and the figures on the left the point at which the different bells start their work.

We hope from the series of diagrams we intend to give that ringers will be able to acquire many fresh methods and to put them successfully into practice.

The first methods we give are Plain Bob Minor, and Double Bob. Next week we shall illustrate Oxford Bob Minor and Double Oxford.

THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

The fund for the peal tablet to record the first peal by ladies closed on Tuesday, and, as will be seen by the list below, now amounts to over £8. In addition to this representative sum Messrs. Caspar and Co., the famous "marblette" peal tablet makers, have generously offered to provide the tablet at half price, so that a memorial befitting the performance will be erected. We have to thank the subscribers to the scheme and all the secretaries who have kindly forwarded the contributions, for their interest and help in the matter.

The following amounts have been received: Already acknowledged, £6 5s.; St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, 1s. 4d.; St. Martin's, Birmingham, 1s.; Smethwick, 9d.; Carhampton, 8d.; Killamarsh, 6d.; St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, 1s.; East Retford, 10d.; Widnes, 1s.; Bradfield, Berks, 9d.; St. Peter's, Liverpool, 4d.; Caerphilly, Glamorgan, 1s.; Lettenhall, 1s.; Beenham, 9d.; Rev. E. Hartley, Cubitt Town, 2s. 6d.; Cubitt Town ringers, 2s. 9d.; Raunds, 1s.; St. Mary's, Lewisham, 1s.; Mr. C. Crawford, Newton-on-Trent, 6d.; Rotherham (Parish Church and Eastwood), 1s. 6d.; Penwortham, 1s.; Winchester Cathedral, 2s.; per Mr. H. O. White, Rugby (Sidney C. Small, Salisbury, Rhodesia, South Africa, 1d.; Alcester ringers, 6d.; Silbourne, 10d.; Monk's Kirby, 7d.; Church Lawford, 4d.; Clifton-on-Dunsmore, 7d.; Newbold-on-Avon, 8d.; Churchover, 4d.; Brawnsover, 1d.); 4s.; All Saints' Guild, Newport, Mon., 1s. 3d.; per H. Scrivens, Stroud, 3d.; Dalton-in-Furness, 8d.; Goldhanger, Essex, 7d.; Cavendish, Suffolk, 6d.; Easton Neston, Northants, 1s.; St. John's Society, Leicester, 1s.; St. Ignatius Guild, Sunderland, 1s.; Ripley, Derbyshire, 1s.; Weston Favell, Northants, 8d.; Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Wolverhampton, 2s. 6d.; All Saints', Hull, ringers, 1s.; Scunthorpe, Lincs., 1s.

Per Miss Alice White (Basingstoke band, 6s.; Whitechurch, 1s. 6d.; Overton, 6d.; Dummer, 6d.; O. Smart, Andover, 6d.; W. Hunt, Oakley, 6d.; A. F. Shepherd, Hershaw, 6d.); 10s.; A. Barnes and Miss E. R. Barnes, St. Elisabeth, Reddish, 6d.; St. Peter's Guild, Belton, 1s.; Aldershot, 1s.; Middleton, Lancs., 1s.; total, £8 16s. 1d.

DEATH OF AN ILMINSTER RINGER.

RESULT OF A GAS EXPLOSION.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Fred Baker, of Iminster, who died on Sunday evening, November 24th, at the age of 39, as the result of a gas explosion, which took place about three weeks before. Deceased was a painter, and was working, with others, in the renovation of a house belonging to Mr. W. H. Sheppard. The house was locked up on the evening of October 31st, the gas being turned off. Next morning, when Baker went in and struck a light there was a loud explosion, which blew out the windows and caused a fire.

Deceased did not appear, at the time, to be much injured, and helped Mr. Sheppard to put out the fire. Dr. Munden attended him for the burns, which turned out to be worse than at first thought. He appeared to be making satisfactory progress till Wednesday, Nov. 20th, when erysipelas and blood poisoning supervened, and proved fatal. A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest.

The funeral took place on Thursday, November 28th, four of the ringers acting as bearers, and the rest walking as mourners, as did a number of his fellow club members. Amongst other wreaths was one from his fellow ringers, expressing their sorrow at his loss. At the express wish of the widow, the muffled peal was not rung.

Deceased had been a member of the local band since 1892, and was a safe and steady ringer. Though he only scored one peal, it was not from want of ability nor the desire to ring peals, but solely from lack of opportunity. He was most regular in his attendance at both practices and Sunday ringing, and will be sadly missed in the tower. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn their loss.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD TOUR.

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BLEWBURY.

Saturday.—We breakfasted with bare train margin. Leaving Faringdon in bright sunshine, at 8 a.m., we changed at Uffington, the White Horse Hill just beginning to reveal the outline of the chalky quadruped carved upon its grassy slopes. Didcot we reached at 9.5 a.m., and a pre-arranged conveyance quickly delivered us at the old-world village of Blewbury, some 4½ miles across the Berkshire Downs.

If you were a stranger driving within a mile or two of the place, you would never believe that such a village existed amongst the clump of diminutive trees in the distance, yet there are about 300 inhabitants nestling in a rectangular hollow of about a half-mile square. The place is honey-combed with footpaths and cartways, so that even a well-trained cockney would be lost in the day-time. Most of the houses are built of timber and wattle plastering, with tiles, and, in the majority of cases, old heavy thatching, for a roof. About six new houses have been erected in about a century, for when one falls down, or is too bad to occupy, it is seldom replaced. A coat worn by the Rev. Morgan Jones, who became known as the Blewbury Miser, is still existing. This gentleman was curate, 1781–1824, and had worn the coat in question for 43 years, dying worth £18,000. There is an inn here known as the "Load of Mischief," the only one of its name. The sign, beautifully painted many years since, some say by Hogarth, represents a woman and a monkey bound together upon a man's back. The church is exceptional, from an architectural point of view, and possesses a chained Bible of great age. Many years ago the place was famous for sheep fairs, which lasted a week sometimes, when several thousand head changed hands in the course of a single day.

A LUCKY NINTH.

After an hour's waiting with seven men, we gave up Buckland, learning afterwards that he was kicked over machine and all, by a racehorse, while riding via Wantage, on the main road for Blewbury. There was no serious injury to man or motor bike, except to the carrier, but it was a narrow shave, and meant a severe shaking. During the wait, we spliced a rope or two, oiled the bells, and refilled some home-made lubricators, small inverted medicine bottles filled with oil, and arranged to drip on the gudgeons, and very effective they were, too. This gave me a chance to look at the inscriptions, that on the tenor serving as a very good motto for all peal ringers:—

"Nil Desperandum."

A Blewbury story says that one of the bells was cast in a blacksmith's shop at Cholsay. The local tenor man at last came to our rescue, and pulled off with us for a "touch" only, at last promising that he would not stop if we kept going, and thus we scored our lucky ninth peal at Blewbury—a heavy task for the backenders, as the bells are not going well. In the restoration of this peal, in 1906, the old frame was allowed to remain, and it's now giving way a bit. The tenor only was lowered for the clock hours to strike upon it at the finish, and its ringer (a tenor man who proved his worth all the time) just hooked up the rope-end to its usual nail on the wall, leaving the bell swinging while he put his coat on. He then steadied the sally to stop the bell dead, before freeing the clock hammer, when the whole rope came down about his feet, and he stood in astonishment, with the sally in his hand. I mention these two facts because the rolling stream of time was in our favour this day, whilst last Saturday a peal and a life were sadly cut short. The Catherine Wheel, kept by Mr. W. Grace, foreman of the ringers, provided us with a nicely served hot dinner, consisting of roast leg of mutton, making the fourth leg we had tackled during the week, and luckily for the band there was no sheep fair on.

THE LAST LAP.

I am on the last lap, and I hope, patient reader, you are not tired of all this medley of matter about our outing. It has been one of the most enjoyable I have ever attended, and whilst our Editor has enabled me to mention a number of friends who have, individually, in several ways, helped to make the outing so happy and successful, he has also enabled me to give to you something more than the bare particulars of the actual peals scored.

The last tower of our tour, Hagbourne, was two miles distant, and having been rejoined by Mr. Buckland, and, later, by Mr. Hibbert and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, we arrived at the village ten strong, making the ringers' house—the Fleur de Lys, kept by one of the famous Napper family—our house of call. Here three of the first to part from us were the two well-known local scullers, Truss, of Marlow, and Preston, of Christchurch, and that ardent golfing cyclist, Mr. Bishop, of Swindon, whom we had to entice away from Frilford, a fine golf course in the neighbourhood.

Assembled in the belfry, Major was declined, as the back bells are not kind just now. Mr. T. East, captain of the Hagbourne Society, ably stood in, having previously done his best to put the bells in order for us. The old tenor bell appeared to open his mouth wider than ever, smiling with joy, when it was suggested that Tom Hibbert should call Thurstans' Four-part. Well, called it was—our tenth and

last performance—and rung, rung to a finish, to our satisfaction, and to the credit of the Guild. An hour or so later, beneath the creeper-clad sign of the "Fleur de Lys," in the darkness of a country bye-way, was heard the farewells of our party, and upon their behalf I will conclude my report by saying to all those kind friends who helped our joyous round.—"THANK YOU."

W.H.F.

HEPTONSTALL BELLS.

DEDICATION OF NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.

The scheme for recasting, augmentation and rehangings of the bells of Heptonstall Parish Church has been carried to a successful consummation, and on Sunday week, the Rev. Dr. Burn, Vicar of Halifax, dedicated the fine and beautifully toned peal of eight, which have come from the Loughborough foundry. The work, which has cost between £500 and £600, has been carried out, as a result of the munificent offers of Messrs. Sutcliffe, solicitors, Hebden Bridge, to defray the cost of the two additional heavy bells in memory of their father and mother, William and Betty Sutcliffe, and also of their cousin, Henry Murgatroyd-Thomas, and also that of Mrs. Fruhe, Roys House, to bear the cost of the recasting of the fourth bell in memory of her father and mother, the Rev. T. Sutcliffe, M.A., former incumbent of the parish, and Mrs. Sutcliffe. A fund was opened towards the balance required, and met with most generous support, the extent of which places the committee somewhere near the amount required. The work necessitated the removal of the old peal of six bells to Loughborough, but Messrs. Taylor carried these preliminaries through in an expeditious manner, and a short period of about three months saw the renovated and augmented peal of eight bells successfully hung in the massive tower. Messrs. Taylor have imparted to the peal a full, rich and exquisite tone, and it affords one a musical treat to be within sound of their sweet, melodious notes.

The dedication service was attended by a large and representative congregation. The Rev. E. O. Williams, M.A., Vicar (to whose energies the movement owes much), and the Rev. J. F. L. Orton, M.A., officiated. The choir rendered the anthem, "Sing praises" (Gounod), and just after the anthem the dedication ceremony took place, when, the whole congregation devoutly kneeling, there was a procession of clergy and churchwardens and secretary and treasurer of the bell fund from the chancel to the foot of the tower, under the bells, where the specially prepared dedication prayers were said by Dr. Burn.

At the conclusion of the prayers, the bells pealed out while the procession returned to the chancel, and this was, perhaps, the most impressive moment of a very impressive ceremony. The ringing was done by T. Robertshaw (conductor) treble, J. Ingham 2, W. Ingham 3, J. Armstrong 4, F. Robertshaw 5, J. Nowell 6, R. Nowell 7, J. Robertshaw tenor. The ordinary service was then proceeded with, and the appropriate hymns were sung with much heartiness.—Dr. Burn preached a powerful sermon from the words, "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord." He congratulated the parishioners upon the completion of the renovation scheme, although it came at a rather sad time when their Vicar was about to leave them, and go to fresh work in a new sphere. The bells, he continued, were interesting from a historical point of view. The parishioners would feel that, the old metal having been recast and the old inscriptions put upon the re-made bells—inscriptions beautiful in their quaintness and in the thoughts which they expressed—alongside these two new bells which had been so generously given for the service of the tower, they had a link with the past. If these were not exactly the same bells they were the metal of the same bells that rang out the old-time message which had again and again put into the people's hearts thoughts expressed by the text. One inscription spoke of the invitation which the bells gave to public worship, and another of the importance of making the service of bell-ringing a real bit of church work and work for the Master, instead of following it for the mere physical and intellectual pleasure to be derived from it. It was not from the scientific side of bell ringing that it was his duty to speak, though he might say it was most interesting from such a point of view, and he had for a long period taken a deep interest in it, so much so that he would be glad of the opportunity to bring the Halifax ringers up to Heptonstall. He would rather direct thought on that occasion to the personal message which the church bells gave out from childhood to old age. He instanced the occasions in individual and national life when the bells played their part, and, in conclusion, said one should be thankful for the opportunities of instruction which a church service afforded, but the great thought must be that one came to church to give to God what was due to Him—to praise Him. He advised them to carry away this thought of praise into their daily lives, and as a result serve Him more faithfully and rejoice more fully in the glad message which the beautiful bells would bring them from week to week and year to year.

As the congregation left the church, the bells again rang out merrily, and the dedication festival was continued during the afternoon and evening. Touches of Kent Treble Bob were rung during the day.

A VISIT TO SELLINGE.

The peal at Sellenge recorded last week has brought us a lengthy descriptive article of the outing from E.L., and we regret, owing to the pressure on our space, we are unable to give more than a few extracts from it. The party, who were cyclists, joined forces at Goudhurst, and then started on a 30-miles' ride, which was accomplished in safety, only to find that one of the band had not turned up. Eventually the missing man arrived, dripping wet, but just in time for tea, which had been very kindly provided at the Vicarage, the Vicar's wife attending to the wants of the visitors. Returning to the belfry, the band soon set the bells going to the tune of Oxford Bob, and from this they turned into Canterbury Pleasure. While this was in progress, says the writer of the story, in came the Vicar, and after a glance round, inquired of our "odd-man," who had seated himself in one of the pews, how long should we be ringing, as he had a service on. On being told that we should be some time yet, if we had good luck, he replied, "It is such beautiful ringing I can't think of stopping it." Now, there's a Vicar for you! But now, let me give you a little idea of my own feelings during this period. In the first place, none of us knew about any service, and the belfry is on the ground floor, and open to the church. To make matters worse, we had a "youngster" on the 2nd, but, luckily, he had his back to the whole proceedings, or disastrous consequences might have followed. During the Vicar's conversation with our odd-man, I happened to overhear the word service, and, thought I, there's a service on. Oh, dear, 30 miles for a peal of Minor, and then have it cut short (as I concluded it would be) like this, was enough to make one's heart break. But, no, the Vicar appeared in his surplice, went to the far end of the church, and quietly proceeded with the service. As I was conducting this peal, I thought I'd return the compliment by lowering my voice as much as possible, when making the necessary calls, and I sincerely hope my subdued tone did not disturb the reverend gentleman in his meditations.

The service did not last long, however, and we were soon left to our own resources, and were now sailing along very comfortably, and continued so till we were just over half-way through the sixth 720, when our "youngster" missed his sally, and forgot to make 3rd's place at the single. Just at this moment, too, one of the others must also lose himself, and a serious commotion ensued for a few pulls. A few sharp words from the conductor, coupled with the help of the others, who kept their heads cool, soon put them right, and in a minute up came the correct part end. When nearing the end of the peal in came the Vicar again. "He'll stop us now, sure enough," thought I, "it is just on nine o'clock, and he's had enough of it." But no, he stayed and listened, and in a few minutes, when the bells came round, "Beautiful, marvellous," he exclaimed. "It's glorious. I never heard such ringing. We must have a board for this," he added to his right-hand man (Mr. White). "A black and white one. You can do that, White?" "Yes, sir." "Very well, then, get on with it, I'll pay for it out of my own pocket." Well, upon my soul, here were we ringers, fairly gasping for breath in astonishment. Here's a Vicar actually ordering a peal board before we have lowered the bells. Talk about the clergy beginning to take interest in the bell ringers, why, this beats everything. But we had not finished yet. "Now," says he, "come along into the house and have some coffee and something to eat." So we lowered the bells, and made our way to the Vicarage once more.

There they stayed over coffee, cakes, and the fragrant weed, until past ten o'clock, and then with farewells and many thanks to the Vicar and his good lady, the cyclists went back to the belfry for their machines. There was a burst tyre before the start, sundry punctures on the 30 miles' journey home through the rain, and a lamp that caused trouble, until its reservoir was filled from a pond, which one of the party discovered by putting his foot into it to a depth of about six inches. At two o'clock in the morning they were struggling with a recalcitrant tyre some miles from home, but at 3.15 a.m. the cyclists reached the shelter of their respective roofs, after a journey full of incident.

Sellinge Church, says our correspondent, is a snug little building, and possesses a nice little ring of six, a little "tricky," perhaps, if you don't watch them. The Vicar is a right down good sort, and is anxious to have a band of change ringers of his own, and is doing all he can to get one. He tells me three or four young hands have just joined, and I'm certain that with a little help there would soon be a competent band at Sellenge. So now, you Ashford district men, buck up, and look after the young hands. They are worth it. It may be a little out of the way, perhaps, but you will be fully repaid for any little help you may give to the Sellenge party. And to the Vicar and the good lady of the house, we offer sincere thanks for the kind manner in which we were welcomed there.

TURVEY, BEDS.—The Bedfordshire Association.—At All Saints', on Oct. 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Cockings 1, V. Cockings 2, H. Gayton 3, A. Stapleton 4, G. Allen 5, H. Stapleton 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. Robinson (longest length on eight bells) 8.

PRENSHAM ST. MARY'S.—On Oct. 10th, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor: C. Edwards 1, Alb. Croucher (first in the method) 2, A. Chuter 3, Alf. Croucher 4, H. Chaffey (first 720 as conductor) 5, W. Horne 6.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on December 31st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 19th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.

—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.

The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, December 7th. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at Great Waltham. Bells at 4 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at the Six Bells 5.45. A conveyance will leave Chelmsford Station 3.15, fare 1s. return.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.

—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Newton Longville on December 7th. Service at 3 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.

The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, December 7th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.

—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwich, Oldham, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on December 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Young's Reading Room at 4.15. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, Taunton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

Northern district meeting on Saturday, December 7th. All ringers invited. Bells: St. George's, Jesmond, afternoon from 2.30 p.m., All Saints', Gosforth, evening till 8.30 p.m. Social concert after. Committee meeting after tea. Tea provided 5.30 p.m. at Gosforth for those notifying by Tuesday, 3rd prox. their intention to be present.—Robert W. Falconer, 22, Linden Road, Gosforth, District Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available from 5 to 9 o'clock. All members invited.—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m.; 4.15, service, address by Rector, Rev. H. Lawrence Phillips; 4.45, tea in schools, followed by business meeting. The Vestry will be open for handbell ringing from 2 to 9 (except 3.30 to 4.15). Lytchett Minster and Sturminster Marshall towers will also be open for ringing.—C. A. Phillips, Honorary Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—A meeting of the association will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, N.W., on Thursday next, December 12th. Tower open 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Runcorn Branch.—There will be a meeting on Saturday, December 14th, at Frodsham (8 bells). All ringers welcome. Bells ready at 3. Service at 6. Tea (6d. each), will be provided at 4.30, for those who before the 12th send word to W. Bibby, Tower Secretary, Church Street, Frodsham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chatham, on Saturday, December 14th, 1912. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, December 14th, 1912. Ringing at the Parish Church. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, December 14th. Tower open 3 till 9. Service at 6. Tea 4.45, at Parish Room, 6d. each, to those who let me know by Wednesday, December 11th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 14th, bells ready at 4 p.m., tea 5.30, meeting at 6. Members intending to be present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ST. PETER'S, CROYDON.—The new ring of ten bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Croydon on Saturday, December 21st, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 8.30. Visiting ringers will be welcome. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. John Hooke, 23, Birdhurst Rise, Croydon, not later than Tuesday, December 17th.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. H. White has removed to 72, Worting Road, Basingstoke. The address of Miss Alice White is now also 72, Worting Road.—Mr. F. A. Holden's address is now Depot R.M., Deal.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

Situation Wanted as VERGER or CARETAKER, where carpenter's and joiner's business could be added. Would teach a band change ringing in Standard methods, 6, 8 or 10 bells.—C. R. L., Linley House, Cheddon Road, Taunton.

SITUATION WANTED as CARETAKER or SEXTON, or any place of trust; change ringer and conductor on 6, 8 or 10 bells; willing to teach a young band.—Henry J. Tucker, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

FOR SALE.

GOOD PEAL 13 HANDBELLS; tenor size 17.—Apply T. Miller, 6, Windsor Place, St. Mark's Street, Birmingham.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GRANLEIGH, SURREY.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Oct. 12th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief, owing to a shift, after ringing 2½ hrs.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, H. Charman 2, Miss E. K. Parker 3, R. Whittington 4, H. Tidy 5, W. Denyer 6, T. Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8.—On Oct. 13th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, W. Streeter 2, Miss Edith K. Parker (conductor) 3, A. Charman 4, C. Charman 5, R. Whittington 6, W. Charman 7, Miss Clara Beasley 8. The Misses Parker and Beasley hail from Enfield, and were paying a week-end visit to Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington. They visited Ewhurst tower for the morning service, where 360 of Bob Minor was rung, and 120 Grandsire Doubles, with Miss Beasley on the tenor.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 28th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Thorpe 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, G. Lambert 3, F. A. Poulson 4, W. Dent 5, T. Reed 6, A. Symonds 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 13th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Owens 1, H. Brocklebank 2, J. Grant 3, J. Owens 4, R. Benhall 5, J. Evans 6, H. Martin (longest length in the method as conductor) 7, S. Mostyn 8. The conductor hails from Wolverley, Worcestershire, the rest belong to the local band.

EASTHAMPTON, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sept. 26th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 1, A. E. Reeves 2, J. Rance (conductor) 3, E. C. Lambert 4, F. Hopgood 5, A. W. Osborne 6. Also touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, with Messrs. A. Gough, W. Newton and A. Herrington taking part.—On Oct. 10th, for practice, 720 Double Court: H. Bungay 1, E. C. Lambert 2, A. Pierce 3, *W. Newton 4, *A. Gough 5, J. Rance (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method. First 720 as conductor, also first 720 on the bells.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 13th, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, E. H. Cook 3, H. Stevens 4, R. Mackrill 5, B. Morris 6, C. F. W. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGE.—On Wednesday, August 7th, in the Old School, on handbells, 120 Bob Doubles: E. Diss 1—2, A. E. Austin 3—4, T. Finch (conductor) 5—6. This is the first 120 by T. Finch, the first in the method by E. Diss, and the first 120 double-handed by all. It is also believed to be the first 120 ever rung, double-handed, by residents of Stapleford.

BIRCH, LANCS.—On Oct. 13th, after evening service, for harvest thanksgiving, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Idle 1, W. Holbrook 2, J. W. Washbrook (conductor) 3, W. E. Ryder 4, H. Washbrook 5, J. Derbyshire 6, W. H. Idle 7, R. Davies 8.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—Worcestershire and Districts Association.—On Oct. 8th, on the occasion of the Vicar's return from his honeymoon, 1638 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 60 mins.: J. Brown 1, F. Willets 2, T. Clarke 3, G. H. Detheridge 4, E. Homer 5, H. Dowell 6, A. Timmins (conductor) 7, S. Detheridge 8.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 13th, at St. Wilfrid's Church, for evening service, a date touch of Rose of England Major (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins.: S. Wheatley 1, R. Child 2, W. Popplewell (conductor) 3, W. Stanhope 4, A. Farrer (longest length in any method) 5, S. Keighley 6, E. Wheeler (longest length in the method) 7, F. Waller 8.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Oct. 8th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Cooke 1, W. Green 2, H. Green 3, F. W. Stokes (conductor) 4, J. Dawson 5, J. Foster 6. This is the first 720 by all except the conductor, and the first ever rung by a local band.—On Oct. 9th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, another 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung after evening service, the band standing as before.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—Kent Association.—At St. Dunstons' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), on Tuesday, 8th Oct.: J. A. Lambert (conductor) 1, G. Billenness 2, F. Butchers 3, A. Marshall 4, J. Beech 5, W. H. Lambert 6, F. J. Lambert 7, T. Lambert 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman, at Staplehurst.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.—Kent Association.—720 Kent Treble Bob and 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor for the harvest festival, on Wednesday, 9th October: C. Wenham 1, C. Tribe 2, H. Smith 3, A. Daw 4, F. Burt 5, C. W. Player (conductor) 6. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Player 1, C. Wenham 2, G. J. Youngs 3, A. Daw 4, F. Burt (conductor) 5, C. Tribe 6.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—Sussex Association.—For the harvest festival, on October 9th, 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: E. T. Bryant 1, G. Kenward 2, W. Cloke 3, F. Wells 4, W. R. Wood 5, G. Billenness (conductor) 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles in same order, Mr. W. R. Wood conducting. 180 Bob Minor and several more 120's of Doubles were rung.

LLANFRECHFA, MON.—Llandaff Association.—On Oct. 11th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Holmes 1, F. Boulton 2, E. Davies 3, C. Davies 4, G. L. Stafford 5, W. Large (conductor) 6. Also Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.

TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL.—On Oct. 12th, 720 Bob Minor: D. Pinney 1, H. Pinney 2, S. Rogers 3, C. Davies 4, G. Large 5, W. Large (conductor) 6.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th, for Communion service, 518 Grandsire Triples. Also 720 Bob Major. For morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Boswell 1, G. Ette 2, T. Wright 3, B. Fisher 4, W. Jacques 5, H. Pettit 6, W. Freeman (conductor) 7, R. Perkins 8. After evening service, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were conducted by W. Jacques. Messrs. Pettit and Ette hail from Wellingborough. Also their first quarter-peal of Stedman.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Mary Madgalen, on Sept. 24th, in honour of the home-coming of Mr. and Mrs. John Hare, 501 Stedman Caters: S. Wyatt (conductor) 1, C. R. Lilley 2, J. Routley 3, I. Creed 4, H. Moggridge 5, J. Fowler 6, F. Sadd 7, H. Reed 8, E. Wyatt 9, W. Knight 10. Also 305 Grandsire Caters.—On Sept. 25th, in honour of Canon Corfield's anniversary of his wedding, and of his coming to Taunton; also in honour of Mr. J. Fowler's 50th birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 53 mins.: H. Moggridge 1, S. Wyatt 2, H. Reed 3, I. Creed 4, J. Routley 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6, F. Sadd 7, J. Maddock 8, E. Wyatt 9, J. Fowler 10.

BATH.—On Oct. 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1259 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Ten-part), in 46 mins.: W. H. Seers 1, A. E. Alexander (conductor) 2, W. Starr (longest in the method) 3, A. E. Seers 4, C. Densley 5, I. E. Lewis 6, R. J. Cousins 7, R. Whitley 8.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Oct. 1st, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: A. Wilson (first 720) 1, M. Harris 2, H. Hastings (first 720) 3, H. Kettle (first 720 with a bob bell) 4, J. White (conductor) 5, W. Brunsden 6.

HILLINGDON.—For the harvest festival evening service, at St. John's Church, 846 Grandsire Caters: W. Henley 1, G. H. Guttridge 2, J. J. Parker 3, W. Lawrence 4, W. H. Joiner 5, H. Waite 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, J. J. Jones 8, W. Smith 9, A. Harding 10. Messrs. Joiner and Smith hail from Mitcham.

WEST EALING.—On the festival of St. Michael, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: W. Lawrence (conductor) 1, T. Crocker 2, J. Harbour 3, A. Harding 4, W. Lidbetter (Brentford) 5, J. W. Kelley (Chiswick) 6, G. Spencer (Isleworth) 7, C. Edwards 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Watts 1, R. Williams 2, Miss Gillingham 3, E. Knight 4, A. W. Cadell 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, A. G. Luke 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Oct. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, F. Jelf 3, C. Dille 4, H. Cornwell 5, G. Maxim 6, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 7, H. Simpson 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 13th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples: H. Simmons 1, G. Andrews 2, F. Jelf 3, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 4, H. Cornwell 5, G. Maxim 6, F. W. Elliott 7, D. Tucker 8. For the C.E.M.S. service, 168 Grandsire Triples, H. Cornwell, conductor.—On Oct. 20th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Simmons 1, G. Andrews 2, G. Maxim 3, H. Cornwell 4, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor) 5, R. Smith 6, C. Dille 7, D. Tucker 8. This quarter-peal contains the 12 4-6's and 12 7-4's.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 11th, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Minor, in 46 mins.: J. Bailey 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, H. Price 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6.—On Oct. 16th, 720 Double Oxford: J. Bailey 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Relfe 4, A. Marshall (conductor) 5, H. Price 6. First 720 of Double Oxford on the bells.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples; on Oct. 6th, 350 Grandsire, 504 Oxford Bob Triples; on Oct. 9th, 720 Bob Minor.—On Sunday, Oct. 13th, 360 Bob Major: F. Walker 1, G. Sells 2, C. Golding 3, A. Searle 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, H. Golding 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, 504 of Oxford Bob Triples: J. Floyd, junr., 1, H. Golding 2, W. Floyd 3, C. Golding 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, G. Sells 7, W. Charge 8. All conducted by H. Golding.

READING, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Oct. 13th, at St. Giles' Church, 252 Stedman Triples: L. Osborne 1, Miss E. Goodship 2, N. Cox 3, C. Higgs 4, G. Goodship 5, Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne) 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. Durman 8. Also 168 in same method.—On Oct. 14th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Osborne 1, Miss E. Goodship (first 500 as conductor) 2, G. Goodship 3, N. Cox 4, W. P. Routh 5, H. Tucker 6, A. W. Osborne 7, L. Smith 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 53 mins.: J. Wilkins 1, W. Austin 2, W. Parker 3, W. Sibley 4, G. Handscombe 5, J. Dean 6, A. Mawby (conductor) 7, W. Harris 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 6th and tenor.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, Oct. 22nd, at Charles' Church, 324 Erin Caters, conducted by the Rev. E. S. Powell.

HULL.—On Oct. 24th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. Hedges 1, H. Jenkins 2, C. Jackson (conductor) 3, F. Moulson 4, D. Meadley 5, A. B. Cook 6, T. Whitfield 7, J. B. Whitfield 8.—On Oct. 25th, at St. James' Sutton-on-Hull, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Bob Minor), in 42 mins.: L. Rodmell 1, H. Rodmell 2, J. S. Calvert 3, C. J. Johnston (Croydon) 4, C. Jackson (conductor) 5, A. E. West 6.

WOOD GREEN.—The Middlesex Association.—At St. Michael's Church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 44 mins.: Bert Horton 1, E. Davidson 2, W. Radcliffe 3, W. Powell 4, C. Ross (conductor) 5, C. Davidson 6.—At St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, N., 720 Bob Minor (42 singles), in 25 mins.: F. A. Gerken 1, T. C. Ringrose 2, A. Howell 3, C. Ross 4, F. E. Ringrose 5, W. Powell (conductor) 6.

GOLDHANGER.—Essex Association.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 26th, 720 Plain Bob: J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 1, B. Howard (first 720 with bob bell) 2, H. Lewis 3, C. J. Mann 4, G. H. Neville 5, J. Owers 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Southgate (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, H. Lewis 2, J. Owers 3, G. H. Neville 4, C. J. Mann 5, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 6.

WRAXALL.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins., with the bell muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. T. Vowles, some years churchwarden: J. Gould 1, C. Winstone 2, J. Yond 3, J. Harry 4, M. Hedges 5, J. Winsor 6, J. Bishop (conductor) 7, S. Winsor 8.

LUTTERWORTH.—At the Wycliffe Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Green 1, P. J. Rourke 2, S. Poole 3, A. J. Ross 4, F. J. Herbert 5, W. Williams (conductor) 6, E. W. Tippler 7, W. Tilcock 8. This is the longest touch by an entirely local band.

WITNEY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, E. Brown 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, A. Trinder 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On Oct. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., being the first quarter of Mr. Walder's variation of Parker's Twelve-part: A. H. Bell 1, J. E. Clarke (conductor) 2, S. Hunt 3, S. Cox (first on inside bell) 4, J. Britchfield 5, G. H. Huddleston 6, J. T. Willson 7, R. H. Baker (longest length) 8.

WRAYSEURY.—On Sunday, Oct. 27th, 630 Grandsire Triples, before evening service, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, after service: W. E. Napper (longest length) 1, A. C. Fussell 2, T. Smith 3, G. H. Guttridge 4, L. Stilwell (conductor) 5, W. Henley 6, W. Welling 7, A. Pither 8.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, Oct. 27th, at St. Luke's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins.: W. Essery 1, G. Watkin 2, H. Burton 3, F. A. Smith 4, E. A. Reeve 5, A. Newman 6, W. J. Barber 7, H. Manco (conductor) 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—London County Association.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 27th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Goddard 1, Miss Alice White 2, C. Hughes 3, G. R. Pardon (conductor) 4, T. Beadle 5, C. F. Winney 6, F. Hardy 7, E. Cassell 8. Miss Alice White hails from Basingstoke, and this was her first visit to Isleworth.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 30th, at the Parish Church, 1376 Superlative Surprise Major: *F. E. Smith 1, T. Gore 2, *G. Davies 3, A. Craven 4, *C. F. Johnston (Croydon) 5, A. Knights 6, W. J. Thyng 7, B. A. Knights (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

GEDDINGTON.—Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Oct. 28th, 720 of Doubles (one six-score each of St. Simons, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Canterbury, Chase, and Grandsire): G. Black 1, C. Swan 2, C. Cooper, J. E. Reid 4, R. Black (conductor) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Geo. Black. First 720 in six methods by the local band.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, on Sunday, within the octave of All Saints' Day, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1280 changes): H. Coote 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, R. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Eley 6, W. H. Hammond 7, E. Newman 8.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORD.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) was rung, in 43 mins., at the Church of St. Philip and St. James', on the visit of the Guild instructor, Mr. Short (Client): R. Griffiths 1, A. Vennall 2, J. Edwards 3, S. Bowen (conductor) 4, W. Short 5, J. Morris 6.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On September 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major: A. Allsopp 1, J. Jennings 2, B. Claydon 3, A. Oliver (Rugby) 4, T. Bloore 5, W. Allsopp 6, G. Roberts 7, B. Leedham (conductor) 8. For evening service the same day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Parr (first quarter with a bob bell) 1, G. Roberts 2, J. Jennings 3, B. Claydon (conductor) 4, A. Oliver 5, T. Bloore 6, B. Leedham 7, J. Reynolds 8.

BEDFORD.—At SS. Mary and Helena's, on Sept. 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: V. Cooper 1, Miss D. Steele 2, S. Hodd 3, Miss E. Steele 4, A. Steele 5, E. White (conductor) 6.

PLYMOUTH.—The Devon Guild. — At St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on October 6th, for the men's service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Smith 1, J. Gluyas 2, C. F. Johnston (Croydon) 3, W. Davey 4, W. Hambly 5, W. H. Marsh (conductor) 6, H. Bennett 7, W. Linnell 8. Also 168, conducted by H. Bennett. — At Charles' Church, several touches of Grandsire Caters and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, conducted by E. W. Marsh, and in which Mr. Johnston took part.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.—The Midland Counties Association. — At the Parish Church, on Sept. 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 48 mins.: A. Edger-ton 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, W. H. Jones 4, J. Corrigan 5, J. Hopkin 6, P. O. Laffin 7, W. G. Ellis 8, W. Davis 9, C. Allen 10. After service, 647 Grandsire Caters, both conducted by W. G. Ellis. Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Mr. J. Jones' wedding.

WALSOKEN.—At the Parish Church, for harvest thanksgiving, 720 of Bob Minor: T. Haines 1, J. Albins 2, S. Andrews 3, T. Blunt 4, R. Narborough 5, J. W. Storey (conductor) 6.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 6th, at St. Peter-at-Gowts, for harvest festival, 720 Grandsire Minor: W. Parnell 1, G. Collins 2, T. Greenwood 3, A. Andrews (of Billingboro') 4, R. H. Hurst 5, J. S. Betts (conductor) 6.

YATELEY, HANTS. — Winchester Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for Divine service, in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Bunch 1, Miss B. Stilwell 2, W. G. Bunch 3, G. Butler 4, H. Tice (conductor) 5, J. R. Bunch 6, S. Riddell 7, E. Denton 8. For evening service, 504 in the same method, C. Butler, treble. — On October 6th, for the harvest festival, 504 Grandsire Triples, for morning service, and 700 Grandsire Triples, for evening service: C. Butler 1, W. G. Bunch 2, A. Harmon 3, G. Butler 4, H. Tice 5, J. R. Bunch 6, S. Riddell (conductor) 7, C. Bunch 8.

LITTLE HEATH, ESSEX.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles (1260 changes), each called differently: A. Pye (conductor) 1, C. Weaver (first quarter-peal inside) 2, L. Pye 3, A. Staud 4, W. A. Pye 5.

WINFARTHING.—On October 6th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Mears 1, B. Manser 2, S. Anninon 3, H. Garnham 4, F. Roope 5, F. Burrows (conductor) 6. After service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Fulcher 1, H. Garnham 2, F. Roope 3, W. Mears 4, F. Burrows (conductor) 5, G. Snelling 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Fulcher 1, F. Burrows (conductor) 2, S. Anninon 3, G. Snelling 4, W. Mears 5, H. Garnham 6.

GREAT BARTON.—On Oct. 1st, a quarter peal of Minor (960 College Single and 300 Plain Bob): *P. Sturgeon 1, E. Sturgeon 2, E. W. Bishop 3, *W. J. Wright 4, *T. G. Foulger 5, H. W. Foulger (conductor) 6. * First quarter-peal.

SAMPFORD BRETT, SOMERSET.—On October 6th, for harvest festival evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins.: E. Perry 1, A. H. Jenkins 2, F. Gould 3, A. Cavill 4, W. Bennett (conductor) 5.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—The Hertfordshire Association. — On Oct. 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. H. Godman 1, A. W. Mansfield 2, J. A. Childs 3, W. Hewitt 4, G. Layzell 5, W. S. Inwood (conductor) 6, H. G. Rowe (Cheshunt) 7, T. Mead 8.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — At the Parish Church, on October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 46 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, George Farnfield 2, William Streeter 3, Robert Whittington 4, Harry Tidy 5, Horace Charman 6, Thomas Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8. This was G. Farnfield's first quarter-peal of Major, and credit is due to him for his striking throughout the quarter, as he is so deaf that he cannot at any time hear the least sound of the bells.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Pink 1, J. W. Whiting 2, A. Cummings 3, H. Barry 4, J. Churcher 5, F. L. Tull 6, S. R. Churcher (conductor) 7, A. Dye 8. — On Monday, Sept. 30th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor: H. Pink 1, A. Cummings 2, H. Barry 3, F. L. Tull 4, S. R. Churcher 5, J. W. Whiting (conductor) 6.

FINCHLEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 6th, 720 Oxford Bob and 720 College Single: G. Webb 1, W. H. Tubb 2, W. Webb 3, F. Tubb 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

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