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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.
Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

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.

BELLS AND RINGING ABROAD.

It has often been said, and with truth, that bell ringing is essential an English science and pastime. Nowhere outside this country has it taken firm root-hold, for even in Wales, Ireland and Scotland, with a few noteworthy exceptions, there is no district in which it is generally practiced as it is almost throughout England. One frequently hears the question asked by the curious, "Why is it?" There are probably a variety of causes, but the chief is the lack of bells hung in peals for ringing. Even in the Colonies the Art has not established itself, except here and there in a precarious manner. Transplanted from its native soil, it does not seem to flourish long in any place, as we have seen from recent reports sent from overseas.

Most of the colonial cities are, of course, of comparatively recent growth, they are the products of the modern methods of civilisation, where everything is done by hustling and money is spent only upon that which is going to bring a return in money. The result is that the Church, in its efforts to expand with the increasing populations, has barely enough to carry out its spiritual functions, let alone provide for the places of worship such expensive luxuries as peals of bells.

Even at home the bells are the last consideration, while in the Colonies they are still less thought about, and the towers, when erected to give architectural dignity to the buildings, are of such a character that they would be totally unfit to stand the swing of a peal. The result is that when, under a generous impulse, some beneficent person desires to add a ring of bells to a colonial church, the conditions usually only permit of them being hung for chiming. Several peals in recent years have been sent to Canada to be erected in towers far too fragile to allow of the bells being rung, and those from the old country who might thus have the opportunity of planting the Art in a new centre are thus debarred.

Under these circumstances it is very pleasing to learn from Dr. Nicolls, of Boston, U.S.A., that the recent installation at Hingham, Massachusetts, has stimulated a movement to place English bells in two other towers of New England. The new peal in the lofty tower of the Perkins Institution for the Blind will shortly be dedicated, which will make the fifth belfry at or near Boston available for half-pull ringing. There is at present, however, a deplorable dearth of ringers, but that is a difficulty more easily surmounted than the obtaining of ringable peals of bells. If Dr. Nicolls could get round him from England the nucleus of a good change ringing band, much might perhaps be done to spread the Art under the Stars and Stripes. At any rate, it looks as if there is a field here for work, if only the men can be found.

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Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Four Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.

HENRY PORCH Treble	HENRY PRING 7
RAYMOND JOHN WILKINS ... 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 8
HENRY BROWNJOHN 3	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ... 9
ALBERT STOWELL 4	WILLIAM STOWELL 10
RICHARD CLARK 5	JOHN A. BURFORD 11
ALFRED E. REEVES 6	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. Bateman-Champain and Mrs. Bateman-Champain, daughter of the Bishop of Kensington, who were married at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, on December 28th, 1912.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt., in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble	* ROBERT W. GREEN 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	† CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	† FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 8
WILLIAM TRUSS 4	EMANUEL HALL 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	GEORGE BARRELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters with an inside bell. ‡ Fiftieth peal.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs.

WALTER S. WISE Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 6
GEORGE F. HOAD 2	* EDWIN L. MILES 7
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER 3	ARTHUR DEAN 8
CHARLES DEAN 4	* CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 9
* DAVID WRIGHT 5	LEONARD F. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal on the bells.

ASTON MANOR.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

ARTHUR EDGERTON Treble	JAMES HOPKIN 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS 2	WILLIAM F. WEBB 7
JOHN JENNINGS 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
JOHN CORRIGAN 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	CHARLES ALLEN Tenor

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOHN W. DAUGHTON ... Treble	HARRY BISHOP ... 5
*THOMAS HOWARD ... 2	*HERBERT TAYLOR ... 6
ISAAC C. SLATTERS ... 3	FREDERICK TAYLOR ... 7
*GEORGE COLEMAN ... 4	WILLIAM BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WM. BARKER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since the rehanging by Messrs. John Warner & Sons.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, January 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt., in F sharp.

JOHN CARTER ... Treble	ALBERT WALKER ... 5
THOMAS J. BRATTON ... 2	SAMUEL GROVES ... 6
JAMES E. GROVES ... 3	THOMAS MILLER ... 7
HARRY WITHERS ... 4	WALTER GOSSAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. BRATTON.

Rung for the conductor's 50th birthday which took place on the 7th and is the first conducted by him since 1898. He wishes, through the medium of this paper, to thank those eminent practitioners who so kindly consented to take part in the peal.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE PIGOTT ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT ... 2	WALTER PIGOTT ... 6
HORACE HOWELL ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7
JOHN BASS ... 4	SAMUEL GROVE ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of treble, 4th and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Pigott.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND THE
HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BRUNDELL ... Treble	WILLIAM W. GOODBOURN ... 5
JOHN FREEMAN ... 2	FREDERICK W. CURTIS ... 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	CHARLES W. BULLEN ... 7
ARTHUR C. TYRRELL ... 4	JOHN E. BURTON ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS, and

Conducted by JOHN E. BURTON.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

THOMAS L. SIMMONS ... Treble	GEORGE N. PRICE ... 5
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 2	WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 6
FRANK T. MARTIN ... 3	HUBERT EDEN ... 7
HENRY HODGETTS ... 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by GEO. N. PRICE.

First peal in the method in the county, by the Association and by all the band.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANCIS R. KENNETT ... Treble	GEORGE WATSON ... 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE ... 2	ERNEST GOWER ... 6
ARTHUR K. GOWER ... 3	JOSEPH SHARP ... 7
WALTER ALLCOCK ... 4	HARRY DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

This is G. Howse's 50th peal of Stedman Triples.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

*LEONARD F. TAYLOR ... Treble	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 5
WALTER S. WISE ... 2	*EDWIN L. MILES ... 6
DR. A. B. CARPENTER ... 3	DAVID WRIGHT ... 7
CHARLES DEAN ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Sen. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and

Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wright, wife of the conductor.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS GASSON ... Treble	GEORGE LEWRY ... 5
WILLIAM VINCENT ... 2	*ERNEST ATTWATER ... 6
ARTHUR AESOLAM ... 3	FRANK ATTWATER ... 7
GEORGE APPS ... 4	GEORGE WOODS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST ATTWATER.

* First peal as conductor. Messrs. Appis, Woods and the brothers Attwater hail from Cuckfield, the rest belong to the local band.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... 5
WILLIAM STORY ... 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 6
ERNEST E. FERRY ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... 4	ROBERT RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the 3rd, 6th and 7th. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Story. It was arranged to ring Erin Caters, but meeting short, the above was rung instead.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY ... Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
HAROLD BURTON ... 2	FRANK HAIRS ... 6
WILLIAM HEWETT ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Armiger Trollope.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
LEONARD OSBORNE	Treble	*CHARLES HIGGS	5
*MISS ETHEL M. GOODSHIP ...	2	†FRANK GRIFFIN	6
ARTHUR E. BAILEY	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	7
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE	4	*LEONARD SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Miss E. M. Goodship is the first young lady in Reading to ring a peal.

LONG STANTON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr.	
REV. E. BANKES JAMES	Treble	REV. H. LAW JAMES	5
WILLIAM D. JAMES	2	REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE ...	6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORNE ...	7
*FREDERICK BARKER	4	REV. H. B. WOOLLEY	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman.

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

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

NORMAN A. TOMLINSON	Treble	ERNEST BRETT	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	JOHN E. MILLER	6
HERBERT ARMSTRONG	3	JOHN ARMSTRONG	7
JOHN W. CORNFORD	4	ALFRED G. CRANE	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

The company wish to thank Miss Parker for taking part in the peal at short notice and so preventing a disappointment.

HULME, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILLIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.			
WALTER BROWN	Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	5
THOMAS BOTTRILL	2	WILLIAM COOPER	6
*WILLIAM HOLBROOK	3	ROBERT DAVIES	7
RICHARD NEWTON	4	HARRY CHAPMAN	Tenor

Conducted by R. DAVIES.

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

LEAMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12½ cwt.			
WALTER MALINS	Treble	WILLIAM T. COX	5
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	CHARLES W. WHEELER	6
ALFRED J. HESSIAN	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
REV. C. CAREW COX	4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK PITSTOW, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 28 cwt.	
HARRY BARTON	Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	5
WILLIAM MOTTS	2	WILLIAM H. BALDRY	6
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	4	CHARLES CUTTING	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged and rung previous to the members attending a quarterly meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Ufford. The brothers James and William Motts hail from Ipswich, R. H. Hayward from Marlesford, H. Barton from Southwold, E. Symonds from Framlingham, W. J. Nevard from Great Bentley, Essex, and W. H. Baldry from Hazelwood, while C. Cutting belongs to Woodbridge.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
WILLIAM A. PYE	Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
JOHN DALE	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
*EDWARD H. HAWKINS	3	ALFRED PYE	7
*ERNEST J. BUTLER	4	CHARLES BARLOW	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED PYE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANCES ;

HERBERT STANSFIELD	Treble	GEORGE GARNETT	5
THOMAS JAKEMAN	2	BENJAMIN GILL	6
CHAS. BOWER	3	SAMUEL BOOTH	7
SAMUEL WOODS	4	BENJAMIN THORP	Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOODS, and
Conducted by SAMUEL BOOTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Benjamin Gill.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 8 cwt.			
†GEORGE A. ANDREWS	Treble	†PERCY ALMEND	5
*HARRY COWELL	2	JOSEPH BOWELL	6
†ALFRED ANDREWS	3	†GEORGE JENNINGS	7
*ERNEST EADY	4	†WILLIAM J. NEVARD	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. NEVARD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method, also the first peal in the method on the bells, and rung at the first attempt. ‡ First attempt as conductor on eight bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
OSWALD J. HUNT	Treble	CHARLES FREEMAN	5
JOSEPH H. WHITE	2	WILLIAM T. COX	6
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON	3	WALTER MALINS	7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	4	FRANK E. PERVIN	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*VICTOR H. SMITH Treble	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 5
*WILLIAM MOOREY 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
WILLIAM HOOKER 4	*ROBERT PAMMENT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal. The treble, 2nd, 4th and tenor ringers belong to the local company. It is 15 years since W. Hooker rang his last peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER Treble	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 5
HENRY W. WILKES 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... 4	OWEN H. GILES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

MIDDLEHAM.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKELD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*SQUIRE CROFT Treble	CHARLES E. HOWROYD ... 5
JAMES BAXTER 2	JAMES METCALFE ... 6
DR. HENRY C. PAULI ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
HARRY PARISH 4	*CHRISTOPHER CLARKSON ... Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIS, and

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells. The tenor ringer is 72 years of age, and he rang the tenor in a most able manner.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
GEORGE A. CARD 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 6
*WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 3	JAMES PARKER ... 7
GEORGE RADLEY 4	GEORGE PAICE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE TANDY Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
†GEORGE FREEBREY ... 2	GEORGE BASSOW ... 6
ERNEST H. CLARKE ... 3	CHARLES DRAPER ... 7
WILLIAM BATES 4	†BART. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal as conductor.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

SIDNEY J. HOWELL ... Treble	*WALTER GOODAY ... 5
WILLIAM HEARD 2	*CHARLES W. LEE ... 6
GEORGE TATUM 3	†CHARLES W. F. CLARKE ... 7
*ALFRED PERRY 4	*WILLIAM C. B. CROSS ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY J. HOWELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor. Messrs. W. Gooday and C. W. Lee were elected members previous to starting.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	JOHN WYATT 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 6
EDWARD F. GROVE 3	ALFRED B. PECK ... 7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 4	CHARLES E. READ ... Tenor

Conducted by A. B. TECK.

This is believed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

MIDSOMER NORTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER FARLEY ... Treble	JOHN HAMBLETON ... 5
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD ... 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 3	THOMAS F. KING ... 7
*FREDERICK SPEED ... 4	ROBERT JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal with a bob bell.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BARROW ... Treble	GEORGE E. DANN ... 4
JOHN BRETT 2	GILBERT BRETT ... 5
GEORGE BARROW, Junr. ... 3	EDGAR JARVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT BRETT.

First peal on the bells.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR NASON ... Treble	†GEORGE D. ACTON ... 4
GEORGE ACTON 2	WILLIAM SHORT ... 5
†WILLIAM F. PEACHEY ... 3	WILLIAM R. NASH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. This peal was specially rung as a farewell to Messrs. G. and G. D. Acton, who are shortly leaving for Canada, their brother ringers wishing them every success and happiness in their new work and surroundings. It was also rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Francis S. Wilson, of Ludlow, in honour of the 10th anniversary of their wedding. All the ringers hail from Ludlow, with the exception of Wm. Short.

NEWICK, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 5 cwt., in C.

*GEORGE RICHARDSON ... Treble	JOHN FEIST 4
ERNEST E. BISH 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 5
GEORGE H. STURT 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, which are the lightest ring in Sussex, and were augmented to a peal of six in 1867.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WALTER HUGHES ... Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
THOMAS JENNION 2	JOHN TURNER 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on six bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Turner.

MALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(MALDEN AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH ... Treble	FREDERICK WHITE 4
ALFRED SOUTH 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
HAROLD FINCH 3	FRED CHALK Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

JOHN BAILEY Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL 4
HARRY PRICE 2	ALBERT HENLEY 5
GEORGE FULLER 3	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

WILTON, TAUNTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

WALTER FUDGE Treble	HENRY J. CREED 4
THOMAS J. LLOYD 2	*ARTHUR WHEADON 5
TOM W. CREED 3	ISAAC CREED Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss A. Creed and Miss W. Osmond, the daughter and niece respectively of the conductor, on their coming of age; also to Master Lilley, son of Mr. C. R. Lilley. The band wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. Mockridge for getting permission, and Mr. Wright for having everything ready.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROYSTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt., in F flat.

*HARRY BONNETT ... Treble	ROBERT WILKERSON ... 4
ERNEST BONNETT 2	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS ... 5
WILLIAM L. DARLOW ... 3	ROBERT G. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BONNETT.

* First peal and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss F. L. Fordham, of Royston, and Mr. H. Hunt, of Farnborough. It was also a birthday compliment to W. L. Darlow.

BENTLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

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

CHARLES EDWARDS ... Treble	HUBERT CHAFFEY 4
*PTE. J. HALL 2	GEORGE UPSHALL 5
*ALFRED CROUCHER ... 3	*THOMAS UPSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a farewell to Pte. J. Hall, who, to the regret of all, is leaving with his regiment (2nd Suffolk) for Egypt on the 23rd inst.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY ISON Treble	WALTER J. HORTON ... 4
EDGAR VALLANCE 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 3	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

The ringer of the treble was made a member in the tower, and this was his first peal.

THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*FRED BALL Treble	*EDWARD GEARY 4
VICTOR GEARY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
GEORGE H. GEARY 3	*FRED STANFORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. First peal on the bells by this Association.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS LAW Treble	† WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... 4
*JOHN DUNKLEY 2	GEORGE PARKER 5
HARRY CLARKE 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, and the conductor's fiftieth peal for the above Association.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	JOHN W. BARKER ... 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 2	REGINALD GARDNER ... 5
HARRY TYSOE ... 3	HERBERT SHARP ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being six Six-Scores each of Stedman's Slow Course, St. Simon's Chase, Canterbury, Old Double, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HORACE PATRICK ... 1 treble	ROBERT BLACK ... 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... 2	EDGAR READ ... 4
CHARLES COOPER ... Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

This is the first peal of Doubles in seven methods by all except the conductor.

BEACHAMPTON.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND ANTELOPE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lbs.

PERCY GRANT ... Treble	HARRY RIDGWAY ... 3
EPHRAIM WYATT ... 2	PERCY WARNER ... 4
LEONARD SMITH ... Tenor	

Conducted by EPHRAIM WYATT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Percy Grant on his 21st birthday. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and for his kindness in providing tea.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 5-6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3-4	ERNEST PYE ... 7-8
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire: W. HEWITT.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

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

Composed by F. BENNETT, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung in honour of the 10th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow. Mr. Wilson is a life ringing member of the Winchester Guild, and a great friend of the Guildford handbell ringers.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF OLAVE BROVD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

GEORGE PANNELL ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4
OLAVE BROVD ... 5-6	

Conducted by OLAVE BROVD.

Umpire: HARRY W. CATTERWELL.

First double-handed peal by all, and rung at first attempt.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, January 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON ... 1-2	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire: WALTER S. WISE.

The conductor of the peal at Charing, on Jan. 11th, was C. L. Prior

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Northampton district was held at Weston Favel on Saturday week, about 20 members being present from Boughton, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, Easton Maudit, Flore, and the local tower.—Tea was provided at the Trumpet Inn, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. E. H. Terry (Rector of Weston) presided.—It was resolved to hold a special meeting at Easton Maudit, in April; Guilsborough, in June; and the next quarterly meeting at Brixworth, in July.—Several new members were elected, including the Rev. E. H. Terry as an hon. member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the arrangement of the meeting.—Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THRAPSTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Thrapston district was held at Lowick on Saturday last. Touches of Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening, and about 40 sat down to tea from Raunds, Thrapston, Addington, Twywell, Woodford, Islip, Denford, Irthlingborough and Lowick.

A short business meeting was held, presided over by the President (the Rev. St. George Coldwell), Rector of Islip, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), and the district secretary (Mr. F. Stubbs).—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Raunds.—Several new members were elected.—The President made a feeling reference to the death of Mr. Bert Perrett, of Woodford, and a collection, amounting to 15s. 2d., was taken for the widow.—It was also resolved that the general secretary be asked to bring the matter before the next two meetings, which are to take place at Isham and Irthlingborough.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to those who had made the necessary arrangements.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, but was poorly attended, only four visitors, three from Scunthorpe and one from West Stockwith, putting in an appearance, in addition to the local company. However, various touches were brought round during the afternoon and evening, in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. Shortened evensong was held in the Parish Church, and an address given by the Rev. A. C. P. Burles.—Tea was provided at the Coffee Tavern, and followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. C. Tinker presided. The whole of the district officers were re-elected, and the following places selected for the district meetings for the ensuing year: March, Owston Ferry; May, Stow; July, Brigg; September, Kirton Lindsey; November, Upton; January, 1914 (Annual), Gainsborough.—A hearty welcome was given to the Scunthorpe visitors and duly acknowledged.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the Rev. A. C. P. Burles, Mr. Montgomery (organist), and the choir boys for assisting at the service, and Mr. J. C. Tinker for presiding at the meeting.

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Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinquses by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th 1912.

Stedman Cinquses by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinquses by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE NEW MASTER OF THE CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The change in the mastership of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths has brought into the office a ringer whose name has for many years been well-known in the Exercise—Mr James Parker, of Edmonton. Those who remember the performances of the band at Crawley twenty and more years ago will recollect him as the moving spirit in the tower of the little Sussex town and as the conductor of Surprise methods, at a time few local bands were ringing peals of this intricate character, he had few equals. With equal enthusiasm he has since been largely responsible for the success of the Edmonton



MR. JAMES PARKER.

band, and now that he has been elected to the chair of the Cumberland Youths we may look for further efforts in re-establishing this ancient society in its former high position.

Mr. James Parker was born at Pulborough, Sussex, in 1866, and learned to ring on the six bells at Charlwood under the late Mr. F. Wickens at the age of 15. Afterwards he went to the village of Storrington, where he taught a "stoney" band to ring Doubles on the five bells there. In 1890 he removed to Crawley. There was no ringing there at that time, but he formed a local band, and, after a few practices, he rang his first peal (Kent Treble Bob Major) at Warnham. This was followed a few months later by 10,176 in the same method at the same church. He then started in earnest with the Crawley band, and within four years they rang peals from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, and in 1894 rang

the then record peal of Superlative (9312 changes) which Mr. Parker conducted, as he had done most of the peals in the Crawley tower. During these years the local band rang Stedman, Double Norwich, Alliance, Superlative, Cambridge, New Cambridge, New Cumberland and London Surprise. At that time there were not more than five bands in the country who could ring all these methods.

Moving to London in 1896, Mr. Parker found that Surprise men were by no means easy to get together, and there were several years in which very little ringing was done. After settling at Edmonton, however, a band was at last got together which could ring Superlative, since which time the company has never looked back, and they are now capable of ringing any Surprise method and ringing it well. In the last 13 attempts for London Surprise not one peal has been lost, and in the year 1912 only every peal in a Surprise method attempted was brought round with one exception.

Although fond of peal ringing, Mr. Parker's main object has always been to get peals rung by local bands, or by those who ring for the services on Sundays. Particularly is this the case with new methods, and all his first peals in Surprise methods have been rung in this way. He considers—and many ringers will agree with him—that a peal of Grandsire Triples by a local band is worth more than all the peals of London by a mixed band of experts.

Mr. Parker is a conductor of great ability, and, while some may think him somewhat stern in his manner when ringing, there can be no question that implicit obedience to the conductor is the key-note of success in peals. Those who do not realise this when ringing with Mr. Parker sometimes hear "something to their advantage" afterwards. Of nothing in regard to ringing is Mr. Parker prouder than the success of his talented daughter, who has unquestionably inherited some of her father's skill as a method ringer.

In addition to his connection with the Cumberland Youths Mr. Parker is a member of the following societies: Sussex Association, Winchester Guild, Salisbury Guild, Middlesex Association, Hertfordshire Association, Lincolnshire Guild, Midland Counties Association and St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. He has rung 290 peals, on tower and handbells, and these have been spread over 75 churches in 15 counties. Appended is the list:—

	Tower Bells. Rung.	Bells. Con.	Handbells.
Seven Minor Triples	6		
Grandsire Triples	7	5	5
Plain Bob Triples	1		
Court Bob Triples	2	2	
Oxford Bob Triples	1		
Canterbury Pleasure Triples	1		
Stedman Triples	38	17	
Bob Major	2	2	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	28	14	
Alliance Major	1	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major (including 10,176)	14	5	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major (including 9312)	115	85	
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	8	1	
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1	1	
Gloucester Surprise Major	1		
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	1	

Bristol Surprise Major	5	4	
London Surprise Major	35	21	
Cumberland Delight	1		
Grandsire Caters			2
Stedman Caters	2		
Forward Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	3	
Stedman Cinques	2		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	1	
Total	283	164	7

ODD CHANGES.

Owing to the pressure on our space this week several reports have had, unavoidably, to be held over, including the Romney Marsh Guild's annual meeting and the Fressingham Anniversary.

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The peal of eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.) of the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eckington, near Sheffield, having got into an unringable condition, are to be retuned and rehung in a new steel frame, with all the most modern fittings. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London.

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Congratulations to the Bristol men on their peal of Cambridge Maximus on the magnificent bells of St. Mary Redcliffe. They are, we believe, only the third company to ring a peal in this complex method. Ipswich and the College Youths are the other bands who can claim success up to the present, although we may hear of others ere long, for at least two other bands are in practice.

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We have received a letter from "A Sympathiser" calling into question the peal of Bob Minor rung at St. Nicholas, Wallasey. He says "Great credit is due to the lads who took part in the performance for having made such progress under Mr. G. R. Newton's guidance, with assistance from many others, including Mr. Wilcox." He adds, however, that "Mr. Wilcox has condemned it as not being a true peal." Apparently there has been some correspondence with the conductor on the subject, but as our correspondent does not wish his name published, and as portions of one letter only are sent, we refrain from inserting them. If we are enabled to give both sides we shall, as always, be pleased to insert the correspondence.

ROBINSON MEMORIAL SCREEN DEDICATION.

The dedication of the screen at St. Peter's Church, Drayton, to the memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson will take place (p.v.) on Saturday, February 8th (instead of February 1st, as previously announced). The ceremony will be performed by the Ven. W. M. G. Ducat, Archdeacon of Berkshire, at 4 p.m. Will all those interested kindly take this as an invitation to be present. Clergy are requested to bring their robes.

The bells will be available for ringing between 2 and 4, and possibly later in the evening. Tea will be provided, after the service, free for all those who send me their names by Wednesday, February 5th.

Drayton is two miles from Abingdon Station, and the same distance from Steventon.—Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham.

THE BRISTOL SURPRISE RECORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I see in your last issue, Mr. Winney makes a very unfavourable "dig" at the above record, which is very misleading, and may lead some people to believe that the peal was not rung in the manner it should have been. I wish to inform Mr. Winney that the band who took part in it met together last Saturday, and were by no means pleased with his remarks, and I am requested to ask Mr. Winney what explanation is forthcoming. At present I ask him one question only, and providing a satisfactory reply is forthcoming, the matter will drop, but failing this I shall put one or two questions to him that he may experience some difficulty in answering, but will be compelled to do so in his own defence. The question I ask him is: Did he, while outside Hornchurch tower, hear anything that he would term a muddle?—Yours truly, W. PYE.

Sir,—I see in your last issue a letter from Mr. C. F. Winney, which I think calls for reply. First as to the question of advertisement. I can assure Mr. Winney that I did not ring 114 peals in one year for that purpose. I simply ring peals for pleasure, which, I believe, most ringers do, but I think if I wanted to "advertise," I could do it in a different way to that. I do not get my living out of ringing, but I know several who make a big meal out of it. As regards his next statement, I have not much to say, as I believe the writer of the letter does exactly what I have done, viz., take part in peals to oblige others. We cannot all arrange peals; if we did we should not be able to get bands to meet us. The third matter, however, is the most important. Now I am not going round the corners after Mr. Winney, or any of his clients, who have backed him up in this. The first question I ask Mr. Winney is, did he hear anything approaching a "muddle" in the long peal of Bristol rung at Hornchurch? Of course, I know what he was there for, and he had a perfect right to be there, as he rang the treble to the previous record. But they should send a man who knows the method so that he can take off the peal in a proper manner. There were ringers there, who heard all the peal, far more advanced in the method than Mr. Winney, and who can strike a bell equal to him or anyone else, and they never heard anything approaching a "muddle." If Mr. Winney wants my opinion of what a muddle is, I can soon tell him. If he just looks back to a few peals which have been published in "The Ringing World," I can tell him that they were not rung without a muddle. He should practice these things before he preaches. I should have very much liked to have seen another signature to Mr. Winney's letter, because I know who has put him up to this. Why does he not try and get another band together and beat the 15,264 like we did the Knebworth peal, only ring the next one on some metal. Then, if possible, we will come and hear it.—Yours, etc., Haggerston.

A. W. GRIMES.

AUTHORSHIP CLAIMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hattersley, in his letter, says that the first and second peals of New Cambridge Royal, published in their first letter, are not the same, and likewise the third and fourth peals. Therefore, if No. 1 is not the same as No. 2, it is absurd to say that it is the same as their 6048 Superlative Surprise Major. The same can be said of the third and fourth peals.

A little further on he asks whether I copied or reproduced his figures. "His" mind you, when he admits that twelve of the fourteen courses that I used were as much mine as his. Then take away the course that contains the key of the whole situation, which does not appear in his peal.

No, I no more reproduced Mr. Hattersley's peal than he reproduced J. Reeves', when he composed that peal of Treble Box Maximus I had the pleasure of ringing in Sheffield some years ago. Are we to take it that the three gentlemen who have taken up this matter have one code of morals for themselves, and a second code for other people?—Yours faithfully, G. LINDOFF.

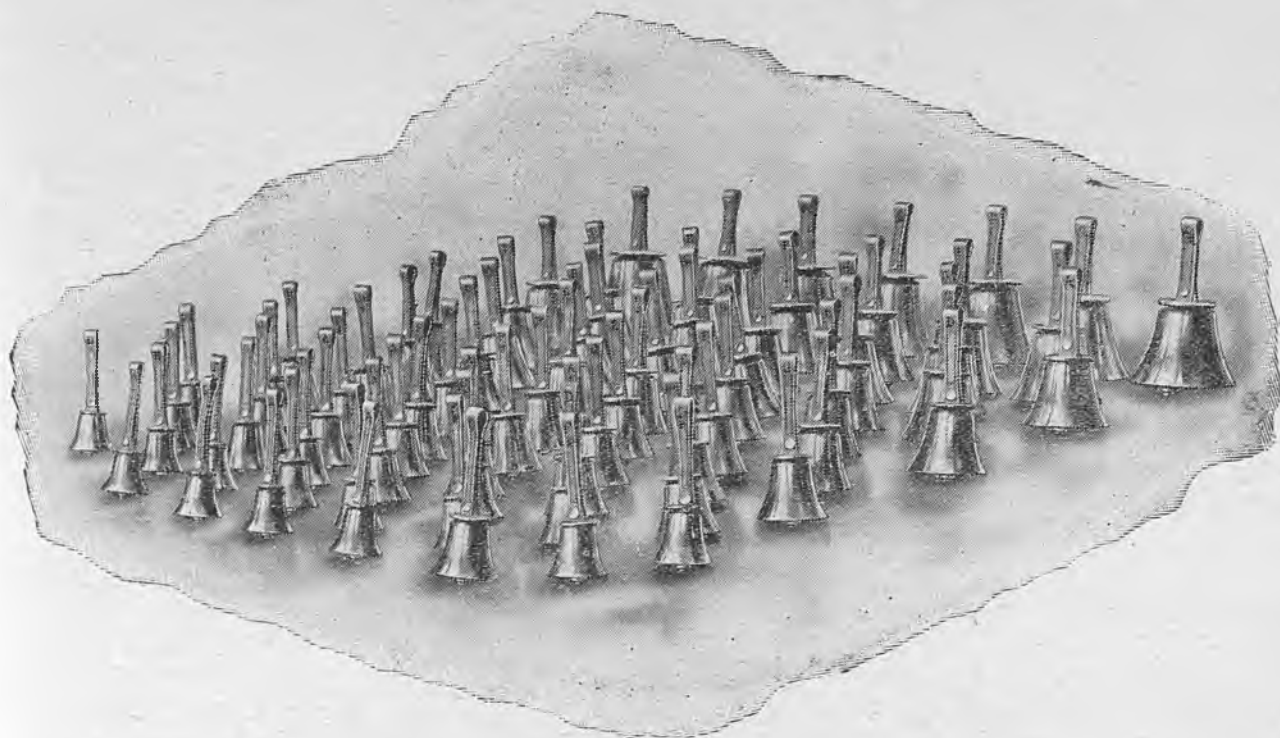
Dublin, January 14th.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The last quarterly meeting of the Society's year was held at Perry Barr, on Saturday, when a fair number of members were present from Birmingham, Coseley, Lichfield, Perry Barr, Rushall, Smethwick, Lipton, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Wordsley, Wolverhampton, and Wood Green.

During the afternoon, the bells were kept going in various methods, and at the committee meeting four new members were enrolled.—A short service was held in church, when the Vicar gave a helpful address. The Rev. E. V. Cox assisted by reading the lesson.—A substantial tea was provided in Christ Church Schools, after which a vote of thanks to the Vicar (proposed by the Rev. E. V. Cox, and seconded by Mr. W. R. Small) for the use of the bells and room, as well as for his kindly address, also to the Rev. —. Knight for presiding at the organ, was accorded.—The Vicar, in reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome those present, and the hope that he would meet all again ere long.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**HOSPITABLE WELCOME FOR PRESTON BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Penwortham on Saturday last, and was excellently attended. The bells were well utilised in a variety of methods during the afternoon. Following their usual custom, the ever-hospitable Vicar and his wife had invited all who attended to tea, and a company of 38 were present in the West End School. Full justice was done to the good things provided, and afterwards the Rev. Burton made a racy speech, in which he complimented the Preston branch on making such a good muster on a wet day. Referring to the recent Bi-centenary celebrations, he said it was surprising what an interest it had awakened in their parish in regard to its church bells. He mentioned the fact that they now had an enthusiastic band of learners, and, visiting the tower on a recent Sunday, he found there were more men than ropes. He had seen some of these ardent recruits jotting figures down in pocket books in all sorts of places, and he hoped they would keep it up. Finally, he gave one and all a hearty welcome, and said what a pleasure it was to himself and Mrs. Burton to see them all on these occasions.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Burton was proposed by Mr. J. Miller, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and was carried with acclamation.—At the business meeting, Coppull (a new ring of six by Messrs. Taylor) and Whittle-le-Woods were decided on as the next meeting-places. One new member was elected, and the meeting closed with the best thanks of the meeting to the authorities and local ringers for the use of the bells. Ringing was afterwards indulged in during the evening. The towers represented were: Chorley, Brindle, Preston Parish, Goosnargh, Eccleston, Leyland St. James', Samlesbury, and the local men.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

A very well-attended meeting of the above branch was held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday last, members being present from Manchester, Ashton-under-Lyne, Eccles, Worsley, Pendleton, Stockport, Hyde, Reddish, Birch, Prestwich, Miles Platting, New Mills, Darley Dale, etc.—Mr. J. Barratt took the chair, and gave a hearty welcome to all present.—Mr. Higginbottom, warden at the Cathedral, honoured the meeting with his presence.—Three members of the Manchester police force were elected members, viz.: J. Wilson, W. Spicer, J. Turner.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to the authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers.—The following methods were rung during the day: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**COMBINED PRACTICES SUGGESTED.**

The first quarterly meeting for the year in connection with the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Oldbury on Saturday. The attendance was not so large as expected, but it was full of enthusiasm, and the members were very pleased to see amongst them once again, after his long and severe illness, Mr. William Painter. The following towers were represented: Oldswinford, Stourbridge, Rowley, Smethwick, Netherton, Clent, Wollaston, Kidderminster, Northfield, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Old Hill, Halesowen, Wordsley, King's Norton, Oldbury and Selly Oak.—At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. P. H. Birley) officiated, and delivered a very instructive and practical address.—Mr. Johnson, of Old Hill, presided at the organ, and his services were much appreciated.

In the absence of the Vicar, who was unable to be present, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. H. Mason. Bromsgrove was selected for the next quarterly meeting, and Oldbury for the quarterly peal attempt. Four new performing members were elected.—Mr. H. Smith, of Kidderminster, suggested that it would be a great advantage to the Association, if it could be arranged to have two or three ringing practices during the year, and it was resolved to bring the matter before the annual meeting at Stourbridge on Easter Monday.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. H. Mason for presiding.

A return to the tower was afterwards made, and the bells were kept going in various methods, including attempts in London and Bristol Surprise Major.

ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.

At the sixth annual meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Norwich, the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Meyrick) presided, and the hon. secretary, in his report, referred to the continuity throughout the year of the splendid work of regularly ringing the bells for Sunday services, including the early mornings on all festival occasions. At present there were fourteen performing members on the books, and as this was somewhat below the average, the Guild had taken in hand six recruits, who were making good progress.—The Treasurer (Mr. D. O. Holme) submitted the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £6 10s. on the right side. This balance was earmarked for renovating peal boards, some of which are amongst the oldest in existence.

Mr. H. J. Borrett was elected Master; Mr. F. H. Phillips, hon. secretary; and Mr. D. O. Holme, treasurer.

At the close of the business, the Chairman thanked the members for all the ringing they had done during the year. It gave him great satisfaction to know that the bells would be rung on any special occasion he might ask for.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**ROBINSON MEMORIAL AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.**

Successful and well-attended, the annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday. At evensong, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, Rector of Sulham, preached from St. Matthew v, verse 16, an appropriate sermon to the large congregation of ringers. After high tea, held in the Parish Room, the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who is recovering from illness, presided over the annual business meeting. The general secretary of the Diocesan Guild, Mr. A. E. Reeves, the Rev. E. E. Broome, hon. secretary of the branch, and several other clergy, were also present.

The Hon. Secretary reported a balance in hand of some £5. The membership stood at 113 change ringers, 10 life subscribers and 16 probationers, with five life members and 30 honorary members, an increase of six on last year. Ten peals were reported as having been rung during the year, while "combined practices"—a great help to the members—had numbered twelve.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and a vote of sympathy with the Rev. R. H. Davis was unanimously carried.—The chairman and hon. secretary were unanimously re-elected, as were the usual committees.

Mr. Reeves gave some interesting details of the Guild report for the past year. Three new towers—Simpson, Beechampton and Shinfield—had been admitted, while one, Wood Eaton, had dropped out. One hundred and twenty peals had been rung during the year, fifteen of them in the Surprise methods, which showed advancement all round the Guild.

The Chairman then announced that the memorial screen to the memory of their late Guild Master, the Rev. Francis Edward Robinson, had been completed at Drayton Church, and that the dedication ceremony was fixed for Feb. 8th. Archdeacon Ducat (of Berks) had consented to perform the ceremony, and to preach. A tablet to their late Master's memory had in the last week been affixed in the cloisters at Christchurch (Oxford), recording that it was "erected in the memory of Francis Edward Robinson, sometime Vicar of Drayton, and Master of the Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers."

Sonning had re-hung their peal of eight bells, while Twyford expected by Easter to have a peal of eight.

The Rev. B. Long, Rector of All Saints', Wokingham, gave a cordial welcome to the Guild in advance for the July meeting. — Votes of thanks to the Rector of St. Paul's, the Rev. H. M. Walter, who was represented by the Rev. S. J. Richards, and to the organist, workers and ladies of St. Paul's for their kindness, concluded a very successful meeting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held on Saturday last. The tower of St. Mary's, Islington, was open in the afternoon and evening, and some good touches in various methods were rung.

The business meeting was held at "The Olde King's Head," and was very well attended. Mr. A. Barker was again chosen to fulfil the duties of Master for the present year; and Messrs. Cornford, Walker and Porter were appointed to the offices of secretary, treasurer and steward respectively. The progress of the district for the past year has been very encouraging, both as to finance and membership; but it is hoped this year to do decidedly better. A very pleasant time was spent at the close of the meeting, enlivened by handbells, songs and recitations.

The annual meeting of the Southern District took place at St. George's, Southwark, on Saturday last. There was some good ringing in various Standard methods, and many notable ringing members were present. The business meeting was held at the Southwark Tavern, the Master, Mr. H. S. Ellis, presiding.—It was decided to hold the next meeting on April 19th, at Battersea, or, failing that, Hammersmith.—New members were elected, and the balance sheet adopted. There was a contest for the office of Master between Mr. E. A. Reeves and Mr. H. S. Ellis, the latter being re-elected. The secretary, Mr. F. A. Smith, and the treasurer, Mr. H. Mance, were unanimously re-elected. There was also a contest for the stewardship, and Mr. C. H. Hughes was re-elected.—A pleasant evening was afterwards spent with touches on the handbells, etc.

OLD KEIGHLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

A well-known Keighley ringer of former years has passed away, in the person of Mr. Asa Smith. The deceased was a ringer at the Parish Church for upwards of 30 years, although he had not taken an active part for the last twelve years. There were present at the funeral, in addition to members of the family, representatives of the Engineers' Society and other bodies in the town, as well as a number of ringers. At the conclusion of the service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside on handbells, by: J. Edmondson, R. W. Jennison, S. Bateman and T. Bancroft. The effect was solemn, and at the same time pathetic and sweet. On Sunday week, at the Parish Church, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect to the ringers' departed comrade.

NOTICES.**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.
PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**

The Second Session of the Eighth Council (23rd annual meeting) will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Whitsun Tuesday, May 13th, 1913. Reports of committees and notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, April 12th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in the ringing papers. Hon. secretaries of the Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that affiliation fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me without delay. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year or in that of any of their representatives, or of any change in the representation itself.—Charles D. P. Davies, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. N.B.—Please do not make Postal Orders payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles distant.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, in the Hartland Road Mission Hall at 6, followed by business meeting. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4; tea (1s. each) at 4.45, both in the National School. The committee request that all subscriptions up to the end of 1912 be paid in at once.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting. Committee meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on January 25th. Ringing from 3 to 8 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock; tea and meeting after service. Will secretaries kindly note subscriptions for 1912 are overdue and those for 1913 are now due.—Geo. H. Howse, Honorary Division Secretary, "Kenilworth," Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peploe, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Members

and friends cordially invited. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1913 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3.30. Divine service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.30.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at noon. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Grantham Dairy Co., Westgate, at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting after. Members and friends will be given a hearty welcome.—A. Markwell, District Secretary, Ingoldsby.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at the Chequers at 5.30 at 9d. per head. It is hoped that members will endeavour to be present. All ringers welcome.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division, 43, Heath Road, Oxhey, Hertford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 4. Service in church at 5. Tea in the Oddfellows' Hall at 5.45, followed by the general meeting. — W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

VISITORS at the annual meeting of the Tonbridge district, held at Edenbridge on January 25th, are invited to save money by taking advantage of J. W. Steddy's **ANNUAL SALE**, which will be on at that time. Clothing and boots of every description at lowest prices, catalogue on application. Two hundred men's overcoats, worth 25s., all sizes, carriage paid, 15s. 6d. — J. W. Steddy, Edenbridge.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on January 25th, when the bells will be available at 3.30. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5.45, members 6d., others 9d., business meeting after. All will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Honorary District Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Room, followed by business meeting. Service at 6 p.m., with address by the Rev. T. R. H. Sturgess. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 30th at 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 28th at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Evensong 5.30. Tea in the Vicarage Hall at 6.15. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by January 28th?—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Malins Lee on

Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Bells at 4. Tea and meeting at King's Head 5.30, 8d. each. Kindly send notice for tea not later than Wednesday, the 29th inst. — Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, February 1st. Tower open 2 p.m. to 9. Retford Station seven minutes' walk from church. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. All intending to be present please write Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, not later than January 28th. A good attendance is desired.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, February 1st. Parish Church bells (8) open at 2.30, St. Peter's (10) at 3.30. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 at St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting after. — Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, February 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at the Pack Horse Inn at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please notify Chas. Todd, Bracken Road, Darlington.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 1st. Tea and meeting at the White Lion at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, before January 30th?—B. H. T. Drake, District Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; business meeting at 5. The annual meeting of the district for the election of officers, etc., will be held in St. Modwen's belfry on Tuesday, February 4th. Bells ready at 7 p.m. Meeting at 8.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The annual meeting of this society will be held at the Parish Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Tower open at 4 p.m. — J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Gedney on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Dinner will be provided in the Church End Schoolroom at one o'clock, tickets 2s. 3d. Short service in the church at 3.30. Miss Banks has kindly invited the members to tea.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, February 1st. Church of St. Mary, 8 bells, tenor 14 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be plenty of excursions to Barnsley on this date from all parts, owing to the Barnsley-Blackburn Cup Tie, which is to be played in

the afternoon, and it is hoped that ringers will take advantage of these.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Havelock Street, Sheffield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, February 1st.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Branch Secretary.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A practice meeting will be held at Bishopwearmouth on Saturday, February 1st, 4 to 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alresford and Bishop Sutton on Saturday, February 1st. Bells of both towers available from 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5.30. Old Alresford bells not available. Winchester Cathedral tower will be open from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, February 1st. St. Cuthbert's bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Cathedral (10) from 5 p.m. Service at St. Cuthbert's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers invited.—W. Farley, Honorary Secretary, Mill Street, Wells.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, by kind permission of the Vicar on Saturday, February 1st. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Gentlemen are cordially invited. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Miss E. Belcher, Mereside, Fleet, Hants, before January 29th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, Berks, on Saturday, February 1st. Service, with sermon, by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, at 4.15; tea in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock; business meeting at 6. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided for any member who sends in his name before January 29th to R. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Snaefell, Priory Road, High Wycombe.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Walton on Saturday, February 8th, commencing at 4 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—G. B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, West Norwood.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on February 8th. The towers of St. Sepulchre's and St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30 at the King of Denmark, 7d. per head, business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

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To the Editor.

Sir,—The figures published in this week's "Ringing World," and called Double Worcester Bob Major, are not a legitimate method. The lead given is not a Plain Lead, because it breaks the rule of method construction that a Plain Lead must be symmetrical; secondly, it is not Double. If Mr. Pigott will get Rules and Decisions of the Central Council published in 1904, and study the Legitimate Methods report on pages 16, 17 and 18, and the figures on page 24, he will see where his figures fail, and if he wants any further explanation and likes to write to me, I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Ufford, on Thursday week, when the bells of the Parish Church, and also those at Wickham Market and Pettistree, were at the disposal of visiting members throughout the day. Dinner was served in the Church Room by Mr. A. Ward, of the Lion Hotel.—The Rector (the Rev. W. J. Wyon) presided, supported by Mr. W. Ward (churchwarden), Messrs. F. R. Borrett, W. L. Duffield, J. Motts and C. E. Borrett (secretary), and representatives from a good many towers in the neighbourhood.—After the loyal toast, the Chairman gave a very cordial welcome to the visitors, expressing the hope that they would make the best use of the time and bells at their disposal.—The Secretary gave a brief account of the position of the Association, and the business meeting terminated with the election of new members. Various touches were afterwards brought round on both towers and handbells.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday week, five members of the above society journeyed from Peterborough and Yoxley to the village of Alwalton, where there is a nice ring of five bells, upon which they rang a well-struck date touch of Grandsire Doubles, in 1hr. 8 mins.: Oswald Richardson 1, William Waldron 2, Hugh Beechy 3, John Jutson 4, George Jutson (conductor) 5. This was the longest length for ringers of the treble and 3rd bells. After this the bells were lowered, and the band walked to Overton Station, and took train to Castor, where they were met by one of the Castor ringers, who wished to ring his first 720 of Bob Minor. The bells were raised, and then 1188 of Bob Minor was brought round by: H. Fitzjohn, W. Waldron, J. Jutson, H. Beechy, O. Richardson and G. Jutson (conductor). This was the first 720 for the ringer of the treble, and the first on an inside bell by ringer of the 4th. This concluded a very pleasant afternoon, and two of the band had a five miles' walk home.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Northern District Practice held on January 8th, at North Shields, was attended by ringers from four towers. Some rang their first touches in Grandsire and Treble Bob, and good practice was also put in at Stedman Triples. One of the objects of the Durham and Newcastle Association is to secure the recognition of ringers as Church-workers; it was consequently a satisfaction and a pleasure to receive a visit in the belfry from the Vicar of North Shields. He expressed his interest in the proceedings, and informed the ringers that he is connected by marriage with the late Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon, whose name is familiar to every ringer as the author of many works on ringing.

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