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

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLET and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

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

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

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

BUSY FOUNDRIES.

The augmentation and restoration of bells seems to be going on all over the country at even greater pace than ever. All the principal foundries are extremely busy and in this issue we publish reports of quite a number of dedication services which have taken place within the last week or so. One very gratifying feature of all this work is that in most cases the existing numbers of bells are being increased; fives are being made into sixes, sixes increased to octaves, and eights enlarged to tens. Ringers in that progressive little association operating in the Llandaff diocese will doubtless learn with infinite pleasure that another ring of ten is to be placed in their midst. Hitherto the only tower containing that number has been St. John's, Cardiff. Now, owing to the generosity of various donors, St. Woolos, Newport, is to have a similar peal, the old eight being recast and two trebles added. Hitherto ringers in South Wales have had but limited opportunities for ringing on ten, and this addition should do not a little to advance the practice on higher numbers in the southern half of the principality.

There is, however, even a greater satisfaction to be got from the activity now prevailing in the bell foundries. It used to be a reproach that things connected with the belfry—bells and ringers alike—have been the last consideration of the church authorities. A happy change has come over the scene in regard to ringers, and, with it is undoubtedly fast coming a fuller recognition of the value and importance of the bells themselves as church property. Where, formerly, they were allowed to hang in a state of disrepair, when their condition was such that they could be no longer rung, now, with the ringers in close touch with the authorities, whose sympathy they have, the bells receive the attention and care which, as valuable instruments, they ought to be given. And when bell hangers are called in, it is only natural that the ringers should use their endeavours to get the peals increased if possible. Thus the general awakening is having beneficial effects all round, and we hope that the "boom" that just at present exists in the bell founding world will continue to the advantage of the Church and the ringers, and incidentally to the benefit of the bell founders themselves. The great activity that is prevailing is undoubtedly a sign of the times, which are imbued with a spirit of progress, and, as ringers, we ought to be and are devoutly thankful. And may we not very rightly attribute a good deal of the increase in peal ringing to all this bell restoration. New rings are springing into existence, old ones are being rehung. They all add to the opportunities for peals.

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Yours truly,

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TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5219 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	THOMAS MURRAY 6
SAMUEL WESLEY 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3	ERNEST J. OLIVER 8
GEORGE W. BEMROSE 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 9
FRED DAVIES 5	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

First peal on ten bells by T. Murray who hails from Egremont, Cheshire.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ORMESBY.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS OLIVE LUMLEY ... Treble	HENRY PARRISH 5
†FREDERICK LAVERICK ... 2	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE 6
JOHN GEORGE HALL ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
WILLIAM HOLMES 4	*CAMPION HANSON ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in any method and first attempt. † First peal in the method. This is the first peal for this Association in which a lady has taken part, and great credit is due to Miss Lumley for the way in which she rang her bell throughout the peal, she never making a single mistake. It was the first time that she had rung changes on seven bells. Rung in honour of the anniversary of the Coronation of King George V; also in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday, and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 5th. The peal was arranged for the ringers of the treble and 5th who were spending a short holiday in the district.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER Treble	JOHN C. SELF 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 2	WILLIAM BURGESS ... 6
WILLIAM FLORY 3	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 7
HOBART E. SMITH 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. W. E. Maulden hails from Guildford.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES BAILEY Treble	WILLIAM BRANT 5
RICHARD DUNN 2	GEORGE CLAYBROOK ... 6
DANIEL JONES 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
ANDREW JONES 4	CHARLES DARBY Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of the Rev. W. T. Milligan, M.A., vicar of the parish.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS R. SCOTT Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
WILLIAM SEELEY 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
CHRISTOPHER MURRAY 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
RICHARD DARLOW 4	ROBERT E. STAVERT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

Arranged for Mr. C. Murray, who hails from Dublin.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN ROBERTS Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS JENNION 2	*WILLIAM TWIST 6
EDWARD CAUNCE 3	THOMAS MURRAY 7
†JAMES R. GRIFFIN 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HENRY MORGAN Treble	JOHN BUTLER 5
BENJAMIN THORP 2	FREDERICK ATWELL 6
JOSEPH E. SYKES 3	JOHN W. JONES 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	FREDERICK STANBURY Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALBERT TOUT Treble	REV. E. V. COX 5
HENRY J. CREED 2	HENRY NORMAN 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	ISAAC CREED 7
EDWIN CHAPMAN 4	WILLIAM D. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox.

After the peal the band expressed the usual birthday compliment to T. Creed.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*CHARLES YOUNG Treble	†WILLIAM RANFORD 5
†WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 6
FREDERICK BRYAN 3	EDGAR MANNING 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	WILLIAM DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble	EDGAR VALLANCE 5
*MISS HILDA WILLSON 2	H. EDWARD NORMAN 6
THOMAS VALLANCE 3	*ALBERT H. BELL 7
WM. H. INGLESANT 4	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Mr. Bell kindly stood in after the band had met a man short. Rung for St. Thomas' garden fête. It was the conductor's 150th peal.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... Treble	JOSEPH HALL 5
ALLAN R. HICKTON 2	FRANK JOHNSON 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	JOHN OLDHAM 7
ALBERT COPPOCK 4	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

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

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART No. 1.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*PERCY BENTLEY Treble	JOSEPH CLARKE 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 6
THOMAS TUDOR 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
*ALFRED COTON 4	GEORGE HALL Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and tenor were proposed members of the above guild before starting for the peal. Rung on the eve of St. Peter's Day; also on the anniversary of Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

HARRY GIBSON Treble	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 5
HERBERT MILLNER 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
JAMES B. BUDD 3	JOHN R. BARTON 7
WILLIAM HARLAND 4	FRANK DAVISON Tenor

Conducted by T. METCALFE.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Scarborough, the Rev. H. H. Cooper, M.A., whose induction took place at the close of the peal.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
FREDERICK PROTHROUGH ... 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
RICHARD HOLDER 3	KEITH HART 7
RICHARD STREDWICK 4	GEORGE TOMSETT Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR K. HARRISON Treble	HENRY J. TRIM 5
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6
A. MARTIN DANIEL 3	FRED. G. LEAKER 7
WALTER FARLEY 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by F. G. LEAKER.

F. G. Leaker was elected a member of the association before starting for the peal.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	RICHARD KENDALL 6
HENRY S. ELLIS 3	ALFRED B. PECK 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	WILLIAM CROPLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. B. PECK.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

LOUIS SPARROW Treble	FRED JOHNSON 5
HERBERT JORDAN 2	FRANK COOK 6
JOSCELIN M. TURNER 3	JAMES ADDIS 7
FRED JORDAN 4	WILLIAM SPARROW ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D. flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM HEWETT 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JAMES MOTTS 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM HEWETT 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JAMES MOTTS 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. The band take this opportunity to thank the Vicar of Lavenham, and the Very Rev. the Dean of Bocking for the use of the bells, the latter gentleman putting off a service to allow the attempt to be made; also Messrs. Symonds and Reed for having everything in readiness.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs.

DAVID COLLINS Treble	HOBART E. SMITH 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	WILLIAM FLORY 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*HARRY WHYMARK Treble	ARTHUR KEEBLE 4
*WILLIAM GRIMES 2	*LEONARD HEAD 5
VICTOR CORNELL 3	WILLIAM STIFF Tenor

Conducted by W. STIFF.

* First peal. Messrs. Grimes and Cornell hail from Hadleigh and St. Waldingfield respectively.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. VERNALL Treble	S. BOWEN 4
J. EDWARDS, JUNR. 2	T. WILLIAMS 5
R. LONGVILLE 3	G. EVESHAM Tenor

Conducted by T. WILLIAMS.

First peal ever rung on the bells. First peal by all the band, except the conductor, who came from Ledbury. Rung as a farewell to Mr. S. Bowen, who was leaving the tower for another district.

PENGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

ERNEST TIGWELL Treble	HENRY BROWN 4
*ALBERT BRADLEY 2	FRANK J. KEECH 5
HENRY D. READER 4	GEORGE WICKENS Tenor

Conducted by G. WICKENS.

* First peal and first peal in four methods on the bells. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wickens.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of College Single, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR FRENCH Treble	GABRIEL CHALKLEY ... 4
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	†RICHARD KILBY 5
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 3	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar's son, also in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frederick Seer, one of the local ringers.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 changes each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, College Single Reverse, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*J. FRANK PROCTOR Treble	WILLIAM E. WHITE ... 4
*HARRY THORPE 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co, the "go" and tone being excellent.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

*JOHN T. BALL Treble	WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 4
*WILLIAM HAYO 2	JAMES B. HUDSON 5
FRANCIS J. BALL 3	†WALTER GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. D. H. Meggy); also as a birthday compliment to William J. Gilbert.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's of Oxford, each called differently.

ERNEST G. COOPER Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 4
GEORGE R. FINCH 2	DAVID LEGGETT 5
*CHARLES ABLITT 3	GEORGE ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

* First peal with a bob bell.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 21 Six-Scores of Canterbury Pleasure and 21 of Grandsire, 18 different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

BRYCHAN JONES... .. Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
*FREDERICK R. SPARKES ... 2	EDGAR R. JONES 5
*ROBERT E. SPARKES ... 3	†THOMAS VAUGHAN Tenor

Conducted by E. R. JONES.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal. First peal as conductor in two methods. Rung on, and in honour of St. Peter's Day. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Great House, to whom they wish, through the medium of the "Ringing World," to tender their best thanks.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT YORK VILLA,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

STANLEY E. ANDREWS ... 1—2	THOMAS HAINES 3—4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5—6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Umpire: GEORGE YATE. Witness: ARTHUR WM. NARBOROUGH.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

*MISS BELL SYMONDS ... 1	*MISS ETHEL REED... .. 4
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 5—6
*CHARLES ROBINSON ... 3	WM. R. JOHN POULSON... 7—8

Composed by F. E. MEADOWS, and

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. This is the first peal in which a lady has rung in the Ely Diocese. Miss Reed and Mr. Robinson belong to Hadleigh, Suffolk.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
IN THE PARISH ROOMS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1—2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5—6
HOBART E. SMITH 3—4	WILLIAM FLORY 7—8

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Umpire: STANLEY CLARKE.

No. 32 in the C.C. Collection. Rung in honour of the umpire's birthday.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 size, in C.

EDGAR VALLANCE 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. 5—6
WILLIAM WILLSON 3—4	H. EDWARD NORMAN ... 7—8

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This peal, in one part, has 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in consecutive order in 6th's place.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT 1—2	GEORGE R. PYE 5—6
WILLIAM PYE 3—4	ERNEST PYE 7—8
ALFRED W. GRIMES 9—10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: T. KING.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. JAMES' CLERKENWELL SOCIETY.)

On Friday, June 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 7B, PEABODY BUILDINGS, FARRINGTON ROAD, E.C.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings.

GEORGE C. ROGERS 1	GEORGE T. GREEN 3
WILLIAM A. J. GOODMAN... 2	CHAS. J. W. ALDERTON... 4
*ALBERT E. MILLETT... .. 5—6	

Conducted by A. E. MILLETT.

Witness: ERNEST V. MILLETT.

* First peal as conductor. First handbell peal by all.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Size 15, in C.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER...	...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	...	7—8
HENRY L. GARFATH	9—10

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

Umpires: S. RADFORD, C. HAZELDEN.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, MRS. HAZELDEN, and MDLLE. YVONNE
ELOIE-LELOUE.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 29, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER...	1—2	*MERVYN DUCK	...	3—4
ALBERT COATES	5—6

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

Witness: GEORGE PATTENDEN.

*First peal on two inside bells. Rung on meeting short for Bob Major.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

UNAVAILING EFFORTS TO RE-OPEN SEVENOAKS TOWER.

A well-attended meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Tonbridge. The Rev. — McNeil officiated at the service, and gave an excellent address. The members then adjourned to the Castle Grounds where an excellent meat tea, to which upwards of 70 sat down, was provided by the kindness and generosity of Miss Leny, who, to the great delight of the members, was able to be with them again. The Rev. McNeil presided, and at the conclusion of the tea, the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter), in proposing a vote of thanks to Miss Leny, said he knew he was voicing the wish of the members in expressing their great pleasure in welcoming Miss Leny amongst them again after her severe illness. He had hoped that that meeting would have been held at Sevenoaks, for when Miss Leny went to reside there, she said that her great object would be to get the Sevenoaks tower open to the Association. Early in the year, Miss Leny and her sister, Mrs. Mackinnon, saw the Rector of Sevenoaks by appointment, and they no doubt eloquently pleaded the cause, and explained the objects of the Association. The Rector promised to consider the matter, and a week or two later sent the following letter to Miss Leny: "My dear lady,—I think for the present that St. Nicholas' belfry had better be left alone; perhaps some day we may be able to see our way clearer as regards the Association. With many thanks, I am, most truly yours, J. Rooker."

The District Secretary said he could not understand why the reverend gentleman should be so embittered against them, and also why he should refuse the opportunity of speaking to a body of men such as were present that day. He was very sorry for Miss Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon, as he took it that they had been snubbed for the members' sake, and he was sure that the members thanked them very much for their efforts to get the meeting at Sevenoaks.

Miss Leny, in replying, expressed the great pleasure it gave her to again meet the members, and she wished to personally thank them for the handsome brooch they had presented to her. She was very pleased with it, and always wore it when in company with ringers. Referring to her interview with the Rector of Sevenoaks, she said it was the first time that she had been refused admittance to a belfry, and she was very sorry that they were not successful in getting the tower, but if the members would like to come to Sevenoaks next summer without ringing, she would be pleased to entertain them at Speldhurst Close.

Votes of thanks to all concerned in arranging and carrying out the meeting, to which Mr. W. J. Wolfe replied, terminated the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 9.30.—Mr. Wolfe read letters of apology for non-attendance from both churchwardens.

BEESTON.—On Sunday, April 6th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: W. Clifford, senr., 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, F. S. Price 3, W. Ayre (first quarter in the method) 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8.—On April 7th, 832 Norfolk Surprise: J. Woolley 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, F. S. Price 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Ayre 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8.

THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held in the Cathedral City on Monday of last week, and was exceedingly successful, an interesting fact about the gathering being the presence of at least two of those who, 33 years before, had been responsible for the formation of the Guild, viz., the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, of Bridgford, Notts, and Canon Madge, of Stoke Charity. A very large number of towers were represented, and during the day the fine peal of bells at the Cathedral were available for ringing. The business meeting took place in the afternoon in St. Maurice Hall, Mr. J. P. Stilwell, J.P. (president) occupying the chair, supported by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), and hon. treasurer (the Rev. W. E. Colchester), and the hon. secretary (Mr. George Williams).

PLENTY OF TOWERS FOR PEAL RINGING.

The report and balance sheet were presented and adopted! The former stated that the year 1912 might be considered on the whole as very satisfactory. The number who had paid contributions for the year were:—Honorary members, 76; full, 622; probationers, 115; life, 1; and compounding, 2. The balance sheet, although showing rather less to carry forward than last year, was also satisfactory, as £10 had been transferred to the special purposes fund. It was hoped that individual members in the various districts would do their very best to help in arranging any extra meetings that might be suggested from time to time for combined practices, or for attempting peals in what was considered the more isolated towers—and they had a good number in the Diocese that required looking after—for the purpose of educating them up to the advantages to be obtained by becoming members of their Guild, as these meetings were bound to prove educational in the long run. Yorktown district reported no less than 17 combined practices and cycle runs, independently of their official meetings, while the Guildford district was going as strong as ever, having commandeered almost every tower in the district. It was hoped that the peal records would be spread over a wider area another year, as there were plenty of towers available for peal ringing, if only the committee could find a few more enthusiasts to help arrange in making up bands. A quarterly peal at least should be arranged officially for each district, for the purpose of giving young hands an opportunity to ring a peal, whereas some now never got a chance. They might congratulate themselves that bell restoration in the Diocese kept going ahead. The bells of St. Thomas', Portsmouth, and Holy Trinity, Guildford, had been rehung, and those at St. Nicolas', Guildford, were being taken in hand, and a peal of eight had been ordered for St. Mary's, Southampton, where a new tower was nearing completion (applause).

In proposing the re-election of the President, the Master, on behalf of the Guild, extended a hearty welcome to Mrs. Stilwell and Mr. J. B. Stilwell.—The motion was carried with acclamation, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews was then re-elected Master.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews, in acknowledging his re-election, referred to the fact that the preacher at the afternoon service was to be the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, who was a Master at Winchester College in 1879, and was practically the founder of the Guild. He (the speaker) held in his hand the first report of the Diocesan Guild, published in 1888. There were then seven towers, with 52 performing members, 47 honorary members, and four unattached members. To-day, after 33 years, they had 89 towers in union, with 116 honorary and 878 performing members (applause).

The re-election of the Rev. W. E. Colchester as hon. treasurer, of Mr. Williams as general secretary, Mr. H. White as auditor, and Mr. T. W. Fahey as recorder of peals, was also agreed to. Mr. J. B. Stilwell was elected a life member, and it was stated that in the Guild there were eight members of the Stilwell family who were life members (applause). Mr. Alexander Young, A.R.I.B.A., was elected an unattached honorary member, and Mrs. George Williams and Mr. J. D. Drewett members.

TO WELCOME THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Master next gave the meeting a short digest of the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Central Council at Newcastle, stating that the Winchester Diocesan Guild took a very good place in the peals analysis. The Norwich Diocesan Association was first, Middlesex County second, and Winchester Guild third. That, he added, was largely due to the work of the Guildford district on handbells. Twenty ladies took part in 109 peals, and knowing the position that Miss Alice White, of Basingstoke, occupied as President of the Ladies' Guild, the meeting would not be surprised at the strong line that he (the speaker) took with reference to the Ladies' Guild being represented on the Central Council (applause). A debate ensued on the attitude of the general public towards ringing, and also as to whether bells were becoming a nuisance, and how the public, generally speaking, regarded them. The general feeling was that people loved their bells, and he thought that the question of ringing could, to a large extent, be solved locally by upholding the tone, the character, and the Churchmanship of the ringers themselves (hear, hear). If they put their religion first their band would bear a wholesome and honourable character, and the British public would respect them. In the name of the Guild he had given the heartiest possible welcome to the Central Council to meet at Winchester next year (applause). They should consider it an honour for the Central Council to have chosen to visit Winchester at Whitsuntide, 1914 (hear, hear). The Rev. Cyril

Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), who was present, would bear him out when he said that the President of the Durham and Newcastle Association did his best to make the meeting pass off successfully and pleasantly, and in that he succeeded admirably (hear, hear). At a committee meeting of their own Guild, held that morning, they had appointed a local committee for the reception of the Central Council, to comprise the Rev. W. D. Colchester, Mr. Williams, Mr. J. W. Elkins, Mr. W. Andrews, the foreman of the Cathedral band, and the Master of the Guild, and he thought they might be relied upon to do all they could to promote the interests of the visit, and make it as successful as possible (applause).

Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford District Secretary) brought forward a motion to alter Rule VI to the effect that every assistant secretary should have a seat and vote on the Central Committee. After discussion, it was altered and agreed to in the form that if a secretary was unable to attend, the assistant secretary should take his place and record his vote.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews again mentioned the question of the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council, stating that at the Newcastle meeting no resolution was passed, it being thought that the matter should first go back to the several Associations to hear what they thought of the proposal.—The meeting then unanimously approved of the proposal that the Ladies Guild should be represented on the Central Council.

It was agreed that the next annual meeting should be held on Saturday, June 27th, 1914.

At the close, the Rev. W. E. Colchester was heartily thanked for the excellent arrangements made for that day's festival.

The members attended service in the Cathedral, and were addressed by the Rev. Du Boulay Hill, who preached a very practical sermon.

Afterwards, about 100 sat down to tea in St. Maurice's Hall. The chair was occupied by the Master, who was supported by the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill and Mrs. Du Boulay Hill, the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), the Rev. T. Salmon (North Stoneham), Mr. O. F. Johnston (Messrs Gillett and Johnston, Croydon), the Rev. Canon Madge, the Rev. Minor Canon Slater, Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., Mr. F. Bowker (Chapter Clerk), Mr. T. W. Fairey, Mr. G. Williams (general secretary), and many others. Apologies for absence were read from the Very Rev. the Dean, the Rev. Canon Vaughan, the Rev. Canon Storr, the Ven. Archdeacon of Surrey, the Rev. Canon Nash, and also Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stilwell.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the arrangements made for the special service at the Cathedral (applause). He proceeded to welcome the presence of the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill and Canon Madge, two of their founders, and concluded by coupling with the vote of thanks their indebtedness to the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill for his scholarly address that afternoon (applause).

THE FOUNDING OF THE GUILD.

The Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, who was very heartily received on rising to acknowledge the vote of thanks, said that it had been one of the great pleasures of his life to come down and meet the Guild that day, and to have had the privilege of addressing them in the Cathedral. In the first place, he had never been in such an exalted pulpit before (laughter). He was educated under the shadow of the Cathedral as it were, and when he came back again from Oxford he said: Here is virgin soil, and it should be stirred up to produce some ringers (applause). He was thoroughly backed up by his old friend Canon Madge, who was a member of the Cathedral body, and they got the right side of the Dean and Chapter, and found enough support to get to work. But he had never expected to see such a splendid harvest (applause). He believed that in the Winchester Diocese they had an uncommonly good Guild, and it was wonderful to see what enthusiasm had been developed. He was one of those who could remember, in his young days in Cornwall, that on the occasion of their ringing festivals the publican brought his barrel of beer to the churchyard gate—they could not let him go inside (laughter)—for which purpose the magistrates had granted a license. They then rang rounds, and it was wonderfully exact round ringing. A year or two afterwards there was the gathering of the Church Congress at Plymouth, after which Charles Troyte started the Devonshire Guild. He repeated that he was uncommonly thankful for the progress that had been made with the Winchester Guild, and especially for the progress in ringing. In conclusion, the speaker commended the idea of having a service in connection with their annual festival, as it served to emphasise what their main purpose as a Guild was (applause).

The Rev. Canon Madge added a few felicitous remarks, and this concluded the proceedings.

"MISSIONARY" WORK.

A very enjoyable "missionary" outing was organised by members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, who visited Castle Bromwich, Warwickshire, with the object of enlivening interest in change ringing in a remote corner of the diocese where the art is little known. The party included Messrs. W. H. Godden, J. E. Groves, W. Short, T. Russam, J. L. Wells, C. Stanbridge, W. D. James and J. Neal, and touches in the four Standard methods were rung, followed by 240 Cambridge Surprise. The half-pull ringing much interested the local men, whom the visitors desire to thank for making the necessary arrangements for the success of the outing, which was much enjoyed.

TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The twentieth annual festival of the Towcester and District Association, held at Greensnorton, was an extremely successful event, and the visitors highly appreciated the kind hospitality extended to them by the Rector (the Rev. H. Hoskin) and Mrs. Hoskin. Among the towers represented were: Bradden, Greensnorton, Courteenhall, Middleton Cheney, Wicken, Leckhampstead, Blisworth, Gayton, Lois Weedon, Milton, Helmdon, Paulerspury, Pattishall, Cold Higham, Blakesley, Easton Neston, Towcester. There were also several ringers from the Central Northampton Association. The proceedings commenced with a service at the Church, conducted by the Rector. The lessons were read by the President (the Rev. W. H. Barry), and the Rev. F. H. Mentha and the sermon was preached by Canon Lonsdale Ragg. The collection was for the Greensnorton Belfry Fund.

At the annual business meeting, the Rev. W. H. Barry presided. The officers were elected as follow: President, the Rev. W. H. Barry; vice-presidents, the Rev. A. Wake, the Rev. R. M. Gore Browne, the Rev. R. C. Collins, the Rev. W. H. Cam; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Causebrook. A most satisfactory financial report was presented.

The annual dinner was held in the school, the President, the Rev. W. H. Barry, occupying the chair. He was supported by the Rev. H. Hoskin (Greensnorton), the Rev. Canon Ragg (Greensnorton), the Rev. W. H. Cam (Paulerspury), the Rev. J. Webster (Bradden), the Rev. W. B. Sleight (Towcester), the Rev. F. H. Mentha (Blakesley), the Rev. C. E. Neely (Milton), Mr. F. Causebrook (hon. secretary to the Association), Mr. J. Slarke (founder of the Association), Mr. G. E. Groom and Mr. F. Wilford (secretary of the Central Northants Association).

The loyal toasts were proposed by the Chairman, who then read the apologies from clergy and ringers who were unable to attend.

The Chairman announced that he had a very important matter to put to them, viz., the settlement of a permanent day for future festivals. Though the festival in previous years had usually been held on Thursdays, they had no rule either for that or any other day. He understood there was a great deal of feeling in the matter, and he had taken a referendum of the members, and found that they were pretty evenly divided between Thursday and Saturday. He, therefore, suggested that the question of the day should be left absolutely to their host of the year, and this was agreed to.

The toast of "The Bishops and Clergy" was proposed by Mr. G. E. Groom, and responded to by the Rev. H. Hoskin and Canon Ragg.

The gathering accepted the invitation to hold next year's festival at Wicken.

Mr. F. Wilford proposed "Success to the Towcester and District Bell Ringers Association," and he referred to the very favourable progress of the Association. Mr. Wilford also paid a tribute to the very efficient manner in which Mr. Causebrook carried out the secretarial duties, and added that no one worked harder for the good of the Association and of bell ringing generally than Mr. Slarke (applause).—The President and Mr. Causebrook replied.

Mr. Slarke, whose name was also coupled with the toast, said after twenty years' labour he was pleased to be amongst them. They were making progress in change ringing, very great help being received from the Northampton side (hear, hear). He mentioned that during the year Easton Neston had rung a peal with their own band (applause).—The toast of "The Caterer" was also drunk.

After the dinner the bells were well utilised, and tea was partaken of at the Rectory, where games, etc., were indulged in.

THE HINTON MEMORIAL.

The memorial erected to the memory of the late William James Hinton, who died on September 16th, 1910, has been completed, and takes the form of a headstone to the grave, designed and worked by Mr. F. K. Howell, a Thornbury ringer. On the stone is carved a bell, and the inscription is as follows: "To the memory of William James Hinton, died 16th September, 1910, aged 50 years. For many years an enthusiastic bell ringer and teacher of young ringers. Erected by his ringing friends throughout England and Wales." A numerous gathering of members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was present at the cemetery at Greenbank, Bristol, for the opening of the memorial, and the following rang a plain course of Grandsire Caters on handbells over the grave: H. Brownjohn 1—2, G. Condict 3—4, R. J. Wilkins 5—6, J. Burford 7—8, E. Guise 9—10. Mr. G. Staddon spoke a few words in praise of the way in which the late Mr. Hinton had promoted change ringing, and the encouragement he had always given to young ringers.

The whole of the expenses connected with the memorial have been borne by ringers from all parts of the country, subscriptions having been received from London, Birmingham, Worcester, Sheffield, South Wales, Bath, Gloucestershire, and other places, shewing how widely the deceased was known and respected. After paying all expenses, there was a small balance, which was handed to the widow. The committee beg to thank all those who so readily contributed to the fund, and the "Ringing World" for publishing the appeal.

BURSLEM.—Stoke-on-Trent Association.—On April 15th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bourne 1, A. J. Hurd 2, W. Matthews 3, J. Farrell (first 720 inside) 4, T. Hurd 5, T. Hilditch (conductor) 6. Also another 720. W. Bourne's first inside.

NEW TOWER AND BELLS AT SLOUGH.

DEDICATION OF GENEROUS GIFTS.

The Parish Church of St. Mary, Slough, has just been completed by the addition of a handsome tower and spire, and a peal of eight tuneful bells from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The first stone of the church was laid in May, 1876, by Princess Christian, and the chancel, transepts and a portion of the nave, towards the erection of which Queen Victoria subscribed, was dedicated in September, 1878. Some six years ago a strenuous effort was made to complete the building. King Edward VII was a subscriber, and the remainder of the bays of the nave were erected. Now, by the further princely gifts of Mr. James Elliman, who altogether has contributed £10,000 towards the building, the stately tower has been added. The peal of eight bells, with tenor of 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs., were provided by Mr. Elliman and other generous donors, as may be seen from the inscriptions to be found upon them:—

Treble.—The gift of Frederick Parker, in memory of his father and mother.

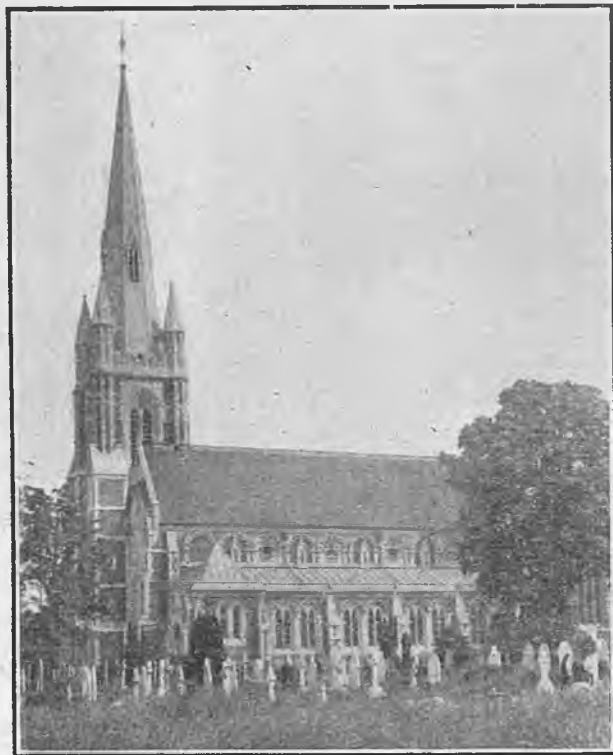
2nd.—The gift of George H. Charsley, in memory of his mother.

3rd.—"Come, let us sing unto the Lord."

4th.—With loving voice I call to Church and prayer,
And bid the living for the grave prepare.

5th.—Recast A.D. 1913 at the same bell foundry by Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel, London.

6th.—Where'er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell,
May Jesus Christ be praised.



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7th.—The enlargement of this peal of eight bells, and the erection of the campanile in which they hang, was undertaken by a generous benefactor, A.D. 1912-13. P. H. Eliot, M.A., R.D., Rector, Hon. Canon of Christ Church, Oxford. W. Y. Armstrong, F. Parker, churchwardens.

Tenor.—The gift of Wm. H. Fussell, to the glory of God. A humble thankoffering to St. Mary's Church by a native of the town.
"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day."

The dedication of the tower and bells was observed as a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing in the parish. There were several celebrations of Holy Eucharist, and Matins was sung, while Choral Eucharist followed, at which the Ven. E. D. Shaw (Archdeacon of Buckingham) was the preacher.

A largely attended public luncheon was held in St. Mary's Church Institute, at which a number of toasts were honoured.—In proposing that of "The Donors," the Archdeacon of Buckingham referred to the generosity of Mr. Elliman, and of Mr. W. H. Fussell, Mr. George Charsley and Mr. F. Parker, who had given bells. "The Architect and Builder" was another toast honoured, and Mr. A. Hughes (representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) was one of those who responded. He said he had never in his experience put a peal of bells into a steeple,

where he had been more pleased with the design, construction and strength of the tower than he had been at St. Mary's Church. They had a peal of bells they could be proud of, and he hoped they would ring out merrily prosperity to Slough and its inhabitants.

A social gathering of church workers was held in the Rectory garden in the afternoon, and in the evening the dedication of the tower and bells were performed by the Bishop of Stepney, in the presence of a crowded congregation, including representatives of various local public bodies. After the dedicatory prayers, the bells rang out merrily, the band being all members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and residents of the parish of Slough. In the musical portions of the service, the organ and choir were assisted by an orchestra with trumpets and drums, and the grandeur of the music was equalled only by the impressiveness of the whole of the proceedings. After the service, the bells again rang out in two touches of Grandsire Triples, the first open change ringing on the bells: 168, by W. H. Fussell, F. V. H. Simkins, A. Leader, T. Smith, T. Leader, E. Hooper (conductor), R. Flaxman, and A. Perryman; and 168 by members of the Oxford Guild, A. E. Reeves (conductor), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), F. Dentry, J. J. Parker, A. Hughes, D. Gibbons, W. Shepherd and W. Welling.

The voluntary services of the original ringers have been offered, and heartily accepted by Canon Eliot and Mr. Churchwarden Parker, on behalf of the townspeople and churchfolk generally. Mr. W. Wilder (38, Stoke Gardens) has been re-elected steeplekeeper, and Mr. G. T. Leader (26, The Crescent) has been appointed hon. secretary. Thursdays, as in the past, is to be the regular practice night. Very little peal ringing will be heard for some months to come, in order to allow the new spire to consolidate, but the society will continue to keep themselves proficient by means of handbells and "silent" practices.

A "lashed" practice took place a few days prior to the dedication to test the bells, the following being present: Messrs. Purdus, Wilder, Leader (2), Smith, Hooper, Perryman, W. H. Fussell, and the Rev. F. Young. The eight first-named rang a course of Grandsire Triples, after a spell of rounds to stretch the ropes, in which Mr. George H. Charsley, the town clerk, took part. After an interval of 20 years, Mr. Charsley's first effort was to raise the tenor. The clerk of the works for the new tower and spire (Mr. Searle) was in attendance, representing the architect, and he mounted the battlements to ascertain what effect the ringing had upon the fabric. The steeple was found to sway slightly, but appeared satisfactory, so far as could be seen, while the bells were fully rung in changes. The sexton (Mr. E. Sargeant) was also present, and at the conclusion of the trials, a 168 of Grandsire was rung. The Rector interviewed the party on their leaving the belfry, and received a favourable report of the whole of the works.

It is hoped to organise a ringers' half-day at the tower in the coming winter, with a tea and evening service, particulars of which will be announced in due course.

OUTINGS.

For their second annual outing, the Rickling ringers once more visited London, and spent a most enjoyable day. During the morning they viewed places of interest, including St. Paul's Cathedral. After dinner, at the "Clarence," Aldersgate Street, the Coliseum was visited for the afternoon performance. In the evening they found their way to St. Ann's Church, South Tottenham, where they were met by Mr. T. Ringrose and the local company. The musical peal of six were soon set going, and several six scores of Bob Doubles were rung by: D. Jolly 1, F. Bonfield 2, A. B. Wiffen (conductor) 3, R. Law 4, G. Law 5, C. J. Davidson 6; and several six-scores with W. Patmore on the tenor. 360 Bob Minor and 240 Grandsire Doubles were also rung with the help of the local band. The company wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for so kindly granting the use of the bells, Mr. T. C. Ringrose for having everything in readiness, and the rest of the local band for the kind way in which they received their visitors.

The St. John's Society, Margate, had a motor trip for their annual outing. Leaving Margate at 8 a.m. they drove through Wingham, Canterbury, and thence to Perry Woods, near Chilham. Here a very enjoyable time was spent, after which a start was made for Ospringe, Mr. E. E. Foreman being picked up at Boughton. After dinner, at Ospringe, a visit was paid to the tower, where 504 and 336 Grandsire Triples were tapped out in good style. The journey was then resumed to Hernhill, where Mr. Foreman placed his strawberry garden at the disposal of the ringers, with orders that they could eat as many as they liked and take some home to their wives and sweethearts. Needless to say, full advantage was taken of the offer. Afterwards, an hour was spent in the tower in ringing different methods. During tea, Mr. A. H. Saxby presented Mr. Burgess, who has now left Margate, with a tobacco pouch well-filled and a silver-mounted pipe, as a slight recognition of past services. Another 500 on the bells was then rung, and a start made for home, which was reached at 10 o'clock. The weather was fine throughout the day, the motors ran well, and all had a very enjoyable time.

A successful combined practice of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild was held on Saturday last at Finchampstead, 16 members being present, representing Sandhurst, Binfield, Wokingham (All Saints'), and the local band. The following methods were practised: Plain Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Kent, Woodbine and Cambridge.

PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED.

"JOHN" PEAL COMMEMORATED.

The first "name" peal of Stedman Cinques, rung by the Johns at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on November 23rd last year has been fittingly recorded in the belfry where the unique performance was accomplished. The unveiling ceremony took place on Saturday, and, in the absence of the Vicar (Prebendary Barff), through illness, was performed by the Curate (the Rev. R. P. Quilter). Unfortunately, owing to clashing engagements, several of the band were unable to attend, but there was a company numbering about 30 in the tower when the proceedings took place. Mr. John Carter made the journey from Birmingham for the purpose of being present; Mr. John Truss came specially from Marlow; and Mr. John Thomas straight to the tower from Cornwall in order to attend. The Bradpole (Dorset) ringers, who were having their outing in London, were present, headed by their instructor, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and several well known London men attended, among them Mr. E. P. O'Meara, of the College Youths; Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, etc.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith briefly explained the object of the gathering, and expressed regret at the absence of the Vicar. He added that there was a pathetic circumstance attending the completion of the board, Mr. Coles, senr., who had executed the work, had since passed to his rest. He (the speaker) voiced the sympathy of those present with the relatives of the late Mr. Coles.

Having unveiled the board, the Rev. R. P. Quilter made an interesting speech, on the subject of ringing and ringers. He referred to the higher tone, which in these days pervaded the Art, and recalled the fact that in the performance of their duties, which required the exercise of skill and discipline, ringers were ministers of the church, just as much as, in their respective spheres, were the choir and clergy. He congratulated the band, both on behalf of the Vicar and of himself, upon the successful accomplishment of a performance as unique as it was interesting.

Mr. J. D. Matthews, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. R. P. Quilter, requested him to convey to the Vicar the best wishes of those present for his speedy recovery.—Mr. E. P. O'Meara made a felicitous speech in seconding the motion, and recalled some of his experiences of a quarter of a century ago in Somerset, which went to show to how much higher a level ringers have now attained in their relation to the church.—The motion having been carried, Mr. Quilter replied, and the formal proceedings terminated.

Ringing afterwards took place, but owing largely to the bad going of the tenor, was not very successful. It was impossible to keep the bell going single-handed, and when a "strapper" was put on, a touch of Stedman Cinques was lost. Subsequently, a party sat down to a meat tea at the Crown Inn, Crown Court, and enjoyed a pleasant evening with handbells and social intercourse.—The thanks of the company are tendered to Mr. E. P. O'Meara for his kind hospitality.

A RUGBY BOARD.

A handsome marblette peal tablet has been unveiled in the belfry of St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, recording a peal of London Surprise Major, rung by eight members of the St. Andrew's Society, on Monday, January 1st, 1912. There were present: The Rev. Claude M. Blagden, Rector and President of the Society, Mrs. Blagden, Messrs. W. Brooke and G. E. Over, churchwardens; nine performing members of the society, and a number of interested visitors.

The Rector, in opening the proceedings, said they were there to celebrate a triumph of physical endurance and a great achievement of mental skill. He thought all would agree with him in congratulating the Rugby band upon their great performance. He would like to take that opportunity of saying that the churchwardens and himself regarded the bell ringers as an intimate part of the parochial organisation, and they were as interested in them as they were in all the other work done for the church in Rugby. He would like them to regard their work as church work, and to do it in the spirit of churchmen.—Mr. J. B. Fenton, the ringing master, and conductor of the peal, gave a brief history of the society. Mr. Fenton explained how the members had advanced step by step, until they rang the peal, to perpetuate which the tablet had been erected, and which was the highest point attainable by the ringers at an eight-bell tower. The peal is all the more noteworthy, as it was the first peal in the method by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt.

After prayers had been said by the Rector, Mrs. Blagden unveiled the tablet, which was much admired by all, and reflected great credit on Messrs. Caspar and Co., who executed the work.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and Mrs. Blagden for their presence, to Mrs. Blagden for her kindness in performing the unveiling ceremony, to the subscribers, and to Mr. H. O. White who undertook the secretarial duties, and whose work was done in a very praiseworthy manner.

A course, which was interestedly watched by the visitors, was then rung by the eight men who rang in the peal, standing in the same order, viz.: W. Taylor 1, W. Malins 2, H. O. White 3, J. A. Fenton 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, A. J. Hessian 6, J. B. Fenton 7, J. W. Chandler 8. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was afterwards attempted, but was brought to grief by a change course, after two hours' ringing.

A CROYDON CEREMONY.

At the Parish Church, Croydon, on Tuesday week, an interesting gathering took place in the belfry, when a board, recording a peal of

Grandsire Triples rung on September 10th last year as a farewell to Mr. H. Shonfeld, on his leaving for Australia, was unveiled. The company included the Rev. N. L. Lycett, who presided in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon White Thomson, Rural Dean), Mr. B. A. Laing (churchwarden), and the Misses Laing, Mrs. and Miss Shonfeld, Mrs. Clark, and numerous other friends, with the members of St. John's Society. The proceedings began with a touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. States. Prayers were then said by the Rev. N. L. Lycett, who afterwards explained the object of the meeting. He said he thought they could not have shown their respect and esteem for a fellow member in a better way, for now the name of H. Shonfeld was associated with and immortalised in that tower, and should he, as they all hoped he would, return on a holiday visit, he would be able better to appreciate the honour done to him by his fellow ringers. Expressing hearty wishes for Mr. Shonfeld's future happiness and prosperity in his new career, he asked Miss Laing to perform the unveiling.

Gracefully removing the Union Jack which covered the peal board, Miss Laing expressed her great pleasure in performing the ceremony.—Mr. W. States, in a few happy words, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Laing for so generously presenting the board, to Miss Laing for unveiling it, and to all the company for honouring the ringers with their presence.—Mr. S. Roper briefly seconded, and read a letter from Mr. Shonfeld reporting his success in Australia, and promising his best help should any of the St. John's Society think of going to Australia.—The proposition having been carried unanimously, Mr. Laing thanked the band, and said he remembered being present, and, on behalf of the society, presenting Mr. Shonfeld with a souvenir from his fellow ringers. It had given him and his daughters great pleasure to be present that evening.

The peal board was then inspected and greatly admired. The lady visitors were afterwards shown the bells in motion, and many questions were asked, and great interest in change ringing taken by them. Touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major brought the proceedings to a close.

THE ROLL CALL.

MR. D. S. SIMONS, BARKING.

By the death of Mr. D'oyley S. Simons, the St. Margaret's Society, Barking, Essex, mourns the loss of a valued member. Deceased, whose health of late had not been robust, passed away on June 12th, at the age of 27, having been a ringer for 10 years. He was a member of the College Youths, Essex, Sussex and London County Associations, and the St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, and had rung in 25 peals in various methods on eight and ten bells. Deceased was formerly a corporal in the Territorial Force, having recently resigned. He leaves a widow and one child, for whom much sympathy is felt. A muffled peal to his memory was recorded in last week's issue.

MR. C. LAMB, BOTTESFORD.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Charles Lamb, a much respected member of the Bottesford company, the sad event taking place on June 22nd, after a long and painful illness. The deceased, who was 24 years of age, was of a bright and cheerful disposition, and was much respected by all who knew him. His presence in the belfry will be much missed, for he was an excellent striker, and always to be found in his place both for service ringing and practice. He took the greatest delight in the art, and was a capable conductor. He had three peals of Grandsire Triples to his credit. His first was rung at Melton Mowbray some four years ago, and the other two at his own church. He also had the honour of conducting the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the Bottesford bells, and by an entirely local band. Deceased was a member of the Midland Counties Association and the Framland Society of Change Ringers.

The funeral took place yesterday week, the Rector, Canon Vincent Jackson, officiating, assisted by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, of Orston, while four of the deceased's fellow ringers acted as bearers, viz., Messrs. M. Bend, S. Baker, H. Thorlby, W. Turner. Other ringers who followed the remains of their departed comrade were: Messrs. D. Gilden, T. Rawdin, A. W. Ward, of the local company, and Mr. H. Thorpe, of Grantham, where deceased was always a welcome visitor. Among the many beautiful wreaths was one from the ringers representing a bell.

In the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect, by: T. Rawdin 1, the Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, D. Gilden 3, H. Thorpe 4, M. Bend 5, A. W. Ward 6, S. Baker 7, H. Thorlby 8.

HERSHAM RINGER'S WEDDING.

A good deal of local interest was aroused in the wedding which took place at St. Peter's Church, Hershaw, on Saturday week, of Mr. William Alfred Woodrow, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Woodrow, and Miss Evelyn Winifred Bootman, eldest daughter of Mr. James Bootman, of Studland Lodge. Both families have long been associated with the village, and the bridegroom and his father are bellringers, the latter also being the oldest member of the church choir. The ceremony was fully choral, and the bride, who wore a pretty dress of cream satin, was attended by the Misses Maude Bootman (sister), Ursula and Ida Woodrow (sisters of the bridegroom), and Bessie Levey, as bridesmaids.

After the service the bells rang out merrily, and the happy pair, who subsequently left for Boscombe, received among many other gifts a silver-plated teapot from the ringers.

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SUSSEX AND KENT RINGERS AT RYE.

THE MEMBERS AND THE CHURCH.



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[E. Whiteman, Rye.

BELLS THAT WERE CAPTURED AND RE-CAPTURED.

The photographs we publish above are of the Sussex and Kent meeting, held at Rye. The view of the fine old church is taken from the south-east. Originally the tower contained only six bells, which were cast about 1360. The old records show that the French invaded the town on many occasions, and on one occasion, among other plunder, they captured the bells, which they conveyed to Normandy. The men of Rye, determined to have their revenge, set sail for France, defeated the French, recaptured the bells, and brought them back again. Nothing more of note is known of the bells until 1774, when Thomas Lamb, Mayor of the town, turned his attention to them, and through his munificence, the old six were recast and two added, the work being completed by Pack and Chapman in 1775. In 1897, Messrs. Taylor

and Co., at a cost of nearly £200, quarter-turned and rehung the whole peal in a new frame. Mr. H. E. Franks, clerk to the vestry, and an ardent Church worker, has written the following lines on the bells:—

RYE BELLS.

Sweet bells of Rye, suspended high
Above our heads, 'twixt earth and sky!
To God ye sing, for man ye ring,
And news of joy or sorrow bring.

What message then have ye for men,
Who hear your sound in Rye to-day?
For ye were cast in years gone past,
What then to us have ye to say?

THE BELLS' ANSWER.

In days of old it hath been told,
How Frenchmen stole six bells from Rye,
Your Fathers brought them back to port,
And beat the French in Normandy.

These six bells rang, with clash and clang,
Till seventeen seventy-four.
When Thomas Lamb, that generous man,
The cost of eight bells bore.

Those six were melted up again,
And two more added then;
Round each of us a motto ran
Our messages to men.

The first and second of our peal,
Self-conscious pride in them reveal,
"If you have a judicious ear,
You'll own my voice is sweet and clear."

Bell number 3, when'er it rings,
This happy wish to mankind brings;
"While thus we join in cheerful sound
May love and loyalty abound."

May Ryers profit by the fourth,
Both east and west and south and north!
"Such wondrous power to music's given,
It elevates the soul to heaven."

Rye Royalists! Fifth bell bids you
To Church and State be ever true.
"Ye people all who hear me ring
Be faithful to your God and King."

"Peace and good neighbourhood" we find
On sixth bell fitly thus designed.
The seventh bell, of wisdom full,
A message has for those who pull.

"Ye ringers all who prize
Your health and happiness,
Be sober, merry, wise
And you'll the same possess."

Bell eight romantic song doth sing,
And, like romance it tends
To joyful peals for weddings' ring
And thus it wisely ends.

"In wedlock's band all you who join,
With hands and heart unite;
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the nuptial rite."

The sentences in inverted commas are the inscriptions on the bells.
The weight of the tenor is 19 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lbs.

ODD CHANGES.

Some new recruits have come into the ranks of the ringers at Vancouver, British Columbia, and a new start has been made with change ringing. At the Cathedral of our Lady of the Holy Rosary on June 8th two touches of Grandsire Triples (224 and 168) were rung for service by F. Jones 1, A. C. Limpus 2, G. W. Foster (conductor) 3, G. Pearce 4, F. Taylor 5, Alex. Thomson 6, H. Dodding-ton 7, S. A. Pope 8.

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A peal of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells at Guildford on Saturday, in which Miss Elsie Bennett took part. Miss Bennett cycled from London to the county town of Surrey—a distance of 30 miles—before the peal. Not a bad performance for a lady.

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We are asked to say that visitors to Margate will be sure of a hearty welcome at St. John's belfry on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Quarter-peals can be arranged after Divine service.

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The dedication of the bells at Bicester, Oxon, which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have just restored, will take place next Thursday at 3 p.m., and visiting ringers will be welcome.

HEREFORDSHIRE STIRRING.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S REPLY TO OUR CRITICISMS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Many thanks for your kindly and stirring criticisms of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. We shall accept your invitation to chronicle our doings in your excellent paper, but I hope your "friendly correspondent" will continue to do this, as no one could do it better, and he is, despite your description, by no means an "outsider" to the Guild, though at present living out of the Diocese.

As to more frequent meetings, I hope the discussion at the festival will bear fruit in this direction. All the same, there is something to be said for the past policy of the Guild in concentrating its efforts on one great central gathering every year. The Diocese of Hereford extends far beyond Herefordshire, and includes South Shropshire, parts of Montgomeryshire, Radnorshire, Monmouthshire and Worcestershire, and the Guild goes further still and takes in a big slice of Brecknockshire as well. The great majority of its members are engaged in agriculture, and do not enjoy the regular weekly half-holiday that their brethren in shops, offices and works have as an opportunity for frequent afternoon gatherings. One whole-day outing in the year, at the time when farm work is slackest, i.e., just before hay harvest begins, is as much as most of them can manage. As it is, many have come to look on the Guild Festival as the opportunity for a yearly jaunt and change. And as it serves so well to keep the members of a Guild so scattered as ours is, in touch with each other and the centre, we must be careful not to allow it to fall into the shade.

We are proud, and I think rightly, of our annual festival. But it is not the only gathering we have in the year. Thanks to the generosity of Capt. Glen Kidston we also have the ringing competition on May 24th, which was reported in your issue of June 13th as being held at Clifford this (the second) year; a competition which drew together bands from 19 of our towers, or about 120 of our ringers, and is established as an annual fixture.

Something also of the nature of what was suggested at our festival meeting is already in operation in the N.E. corner of the Hereford Guild's country, where a group of six-bell towers have been holding regular monthly meetings for joint practice since Easter. And there are indications that this idea may be further extended. So you see, Mr. Editor, if still asleep, we are stirring in our sleep.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES S. ROPER.

Quatt Rectory, Salop.

Hon. Secretary, Hereford Guild.

P.S.—As a further evidence that we are at any rate beginning to wake up, I may point to the peal of Minor in seven methods on June 10th, at Bridstow. Surely a creditable performance for a village band.

J. S. R.

SOUTH WALES BELL RESTORATIONS.

ANOTHER PEAL OF TEN.

The following contracts for bell restorations in the Llandaff Diocese have just been let, and the work is being proceeded with:—

Caldicot, Monmouthshire.—The ring of eight to be rehung in a new steel frame, and returned by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

Peterstone, Marshfield, Monmouthshire.—The ring of six to be rehung in a new steel frame, and two trebles added by Messrs. Warner and Sons, London.

Pontypridd, Glamorganshire.—A new ring of eight to be put in by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

St. Woolos, Newport, Monmouthshire.—The ring of eight to be all recast and rehung in a new steel frame, the frame to be built for ten, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Since the above information came to hand, we have received an intimation that the peal of ten bells for St. Woolos is assured. The recasting of the old eight was made possible by the generous gift of an anonymous donor of £400, and now two other gentlemen, who also desire that their identity shall not be known, have come forward with a handsome offer of the gift of a bell each to make the ten. Needless to say, the offer was promptly accepted, and in the near future St. Woolos' Church will enjoy the distinction of having the only peal of ten in the Llandaff diocese, with the exception of St. John's, Cardiff.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South Western Division was held at Stonechurch, on Saturday, when numerous towers in the district were represented.—Tea was partaken of at the Bull Inn at 5.30, and was followed by a business meeting, with the Master (Mr. G. A. Black) in the chair.—Mr. F. G. Newman was elected a member, and Romford was selected as the place for the annual meeting, to be held in September, Barking being suggested as an alternative should Romford be unavailable.—The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper for making all the arrangements. Ringing, which was interrupted in the afternoon owing to a funeral, was again indulged in after the meeting, but owing to the poor attendance the quality did not reach a very high standard.



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DALTON CHURCH BELLS.**NEW PEAL DEDICATED.**

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the Bishop of Carlisle has dedicated the new peal of eight bells hung in the tower of Dalton-in-Furness Parish Church, the cost of which has been between £800 and £900. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, who recast the old six (tenor 10½ cwt.), added more metal, and turned out an octave with the tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs., in E flat. The bells are inscribed:—

- Treble.—Hanc Campanam d.d.: J.G.L. et J.K.L. In memoriam H.W.M., S.A.M. et L.L. A.D. MCMXIII.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.
- 2nd.—This bell was given by Joseph and Elizabeth Fisher and family.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.
- 3rd.—This bell was given by T. and J. Ashburner, 25th April, A.D. 1888.—1913.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.
- 4th.—This bell was given by the family of the late Abraham and Sarah Heys. In memoriam, A.D. 1913.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.
- 5th.—To the glory of God and in gratitude for his mercies during 50 years residence at Millwood, this bell was given by Edward Wadham and his wife and family. A.D. 1913.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.
- 6th.—This bell was given by the Sidesmen. A.D. 1913.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.
- 7th.—This bell was given by Kennedy Brothers. A.D. 1913.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.
- Tenor.—Honori Dei et Hujusce Parochiæ Usui Hæ sunt Campanæ. J. G. Leonard, M.A., Vicar; J. Fisher, jun., H. W. Preston, W. J. Kelleway, W. Preston, Churchwardens.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.



The frame, which is constructed to hold ten bells, is made of steel joists, and the design and principle is Messrs. Warner's own, and this is the first frame for 10 bells ever made in this way. The headstocks are of cast iron, and the wheels, clappers, and all the fittings of the most modern type. The total weight of bells and fittings is about 12 tons. The bells are tuned on Canon Simpson's five-tone principle.

BISHOP AND BELL RINGERS.

It is pathetic to recall that Mr. Edward Wadham, the donor of the 5th, passed away a few days before the dedication. The Bishop, in his address, after the dedication of the bells, referred to Mr. Wadham's devotion to the Church, both in the parish and the diocese, and expressed sympathy with those left to mourn his death. Proceeding, he briefly traced the history of bells and their uses, and said that during the 18th century the bell tower of churches was little better than a public tavern. The bell ringers used to take up their alcoholic beverages and consume them in the bell tower. There were very few bell-ringers in those days who thought of going to church, for after ringing the bells to summon other people, they themselves went away directly the ringing ceased. There was great cause for deep thankfulness to know that that condition of things had now entirely passed away. It was one of the many instances which could be adduced of the wonderful growth of the sense of reverence; a great improvement in the feeling and obligation which lies upon Church people that whatever they thought in connection with the Church they should do it as Church people and as Christians. The Bell Ringers' Association which was formed some years ago, and which he watched with great interest, was now a very considerable power in the land, and had done wonders for the improvement in the practices of bell ringers. He could not tell them with what feelings of gratitude and joy he learned that the Dalton bell ringers were everyone of them communicants, and some of them Sunday School teachers, and did other work for the service of Christ and His Church. Not a few of the stalwart clergy themselves were bell ringers, and it was a most excellent physical exercise, an exercise which he would strongly commend to the young men of the parish; it would do them good physically, and would do them good religiously when the exercise was taken up in the spirit in which he had

spoken, remembering that the bell tower was a part of the church, and when the church was consecrated the bell tower was consecrated with it.

After the service, the bells were rung in touches of Major and Minor by Messrs. F. R. Jackson, T. Watson, Tom Gibbons (Barrow), T. Shuttleworth, W. Forshaw, T. Suart, J. Huddleston and W. Dennison. On the following Sunday, as a mark of esteem to the late Mr. Wadham, who was a patron of the St. Mary's Society since its formation in 1881, and was a great benefactor to the church, the bells were rung half-muffled.

The bells are a very fine peal, and the "go" of them leaves nothing to be desired.

CHURCH BELL DEDICATIONS.**HORWICH BELLS DEDICATED.**

The bells of Holy Trinity Church, Horwich, Lancashire, have been augmented to eight, the old six recast and all rehung on the latest principles by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The dedication took place on Saturday, the ceremony being performed by Canon Chapman, Vicar of Bolton, and Rural Dean, assisted by the Vicar of Horwich, and the Vicar of Deane. The bells were opened by the local company, and after tea, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by: G. Pincott 1, J. Potter (conductor) 2, J. Welsley 3, R. Barlow 4, A. Potter 5, W. Pennington 6, J. W. Taylor 7, R. Allred 8. Great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the splendid "go" and tone of the bells.

CHENIES, BUCKS.

The rehanging of the bells at St. Michael's Church, Chenies, has now been completed, and after a trial peal early last week, satisfaction was expressed at the manner in which the work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel Foundry. On Saturday, the bells were also rung by the Woodburn ringers, who were completely satisfied with the way in which the work has been carried out. The installation of the new clock has also been completed by a firm from Whitechurch, Staffs.

HARRINGWORTH RING AUGMENTED.

The bells of Harringworth, Northants, have been augmented to six and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel foundry. Within the last 20 years the ancient and beautiful church has been restored by an expenditure of fully £2,000, and the improvements to the bells have now been carried out at a cost of over £220. The steeple contained a peal of five, three of which were cast by Mears and Son, London, in 1805, one (the 2nd bell) came from the foundry of Tobias Norris, Stamford, in 1603, and the other (the 5th bell) was cast by Thos. Bayre, Kettering, in 1755. These were recently removed to the Whitechapel foundry, where the 2nd was recast and the others quarter-turned and tuned. A new treble, weighing 5 cwt., was cast to supplement the peal to six, and when the bells were returned to the tower they were hung in a new iron frame, having rolled steel joists for foundations. On Sunday week, a dedication service was conducted by the Rev. C. G. Hodgson, Rural Dean, Rector of Bulwick. Several touches were creditably rung, two of the Seaton ringers assisting the village team. Mr. John Thomas, of Edmonton, who superintended the rehanging, performed the remarkably skilful feat of manipulating the treble and 2nd bells together for two six scores of Grand-sire, and also conducting.

BRASSINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

After an interval of only two years, the energetic villagers of Brassington have added a treble to their pretty ring of five, and on Wednesday, June 18th, the opening of the augmented peal took place. A large congregation assembled during the ringing of some well-struck Bob Doubles, and evensong was said by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Wedge. After the special lesson, read by the Rev. C. L. Currey, Rector of Carsington, the clergy and choir proceeded to the tower, and the dedicatory prayers were said by the Rev. A. Gamble, R.D., Vicar of Bradbourne. The new bell was then raised, and 120 Doubles were rung by the local men: J. Truman 1, J. Watson 2, J. G. Mellor 3, J. Dakin 4, J. Mellor (conductor) 5, T. Dakin 6. The Rural Dean then delivered an instructive discourse on bells and their uses. During the closing hymn, a collection was taken in aid of the bell fund. Whilst the parishioners were wending their way to the Vicarage garden, where tea was served and a sale of work held, the first 720 of Bob Minor was rung by: Rev. A. Gamble 1, J. H. Midlane 2, F. Johnson 3, G. H. Bowmer 4, J. Wardman 5, W. Fox (conductor) 6. During the evening, the ring was kept merrily going, and the additional bell gave the greatest satisfaction. The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough.

MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Maldon and District Guild was held at Great Totham, on Saturday last, about 30 members attending from Maldon, Goidhanger, Witham, and the local company, who were entertained to a strawberry tea on the lawn of the Vicarage by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre), who is President of the Guild.—At the business meeting the officers were re-elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar for kindly providing tea, and placing the bells at the disposal of the members was unanimously carried. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, touches being rung in seven or eight methods.

MIDDLESEX MEETING AT HESTON.

A glorious afternoon, a strong muster of members, a good variety of ringing; and last, but not least, a ramble round the beautiful Vicarage gardens and tea on the lawn. Such were the conditions that prevailed at the South and West District meeting of the Middlesex Association, at Heston, on Saturday last. The flag was flying gaily on the old Norman tower in honour of the occasion, when between 40 and 50 members put in an appearance. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, etc., were successfully brought round, and later the members assembled on the Vicarage lawn, where, by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson), tea was provided. The tables were tastefully laid, and, with the kind assistance of Mrs. Wilkinson and friends, "the cup that cheers" was soon being passed round. A feature of the tea was a beautiful cake specially made for the occasion by a lady in Heston. This was artistically adorned with a number of miniature silvered bells; and, needless to say, this truly appropriate work of art was much appreciated by all, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the donor.

Tea over, the Vice-President, Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, in a happy little speech, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Wilkinson for their kind hospitality.—The District Master, Mr. T. Beadle, seconded, and the members endorsed the resolution in the usual way.

The Vicar, in responding, extended a very hearty welcome to the Association, assuring the members of the very real pleasure it gave him to meet them at Heston.—Votes of thanks were also accorded those kind friends, who, by their presence and help, had contributed to the success of the gathering.

A short business meeting followed, at which four new members were elected, and the July meeting fixed for Harlington concluded that part of the programme; a photographic group by the secretary; a ramble through the gardens, and then back to the beloved bells. The company parted about 9 p.m., the better it may be truly said for a few happy hours spent in the society of each other.

We hope to reproduce the photographic group next week.

MANY PEALS AT CROYDON FOUNDRY.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston report that they have the following contracts in hand (apart from sundry clock chimes):—

- Northwram (Yorks): New ring of eight.
- Coleman's Hatch (Sussex): New ring of eight.
- Bicester (Oxon): Recast and rehang the ring of eight in a new frame.
- Tichmarsh (Northants): Recast part of the ring of eight and rehang in a new frame.
- Caldicot (Mon.): Rehang the ring of eight in a new frame, and tune.
- St. Mary Cray (Kent): Recast and rehang the ring of five in a new frame and add a treble.
- Higham (Suffolk): Recast and rehang the ring of six in a new frame.
- East Bridgford (Notts): Rehang the ring of six in a new frame, and tune.
- Kineton (Warwicks): Rehang the ring of six in a new frame, and tune.
- Ditchling (Sussex): Rehang the ring of six.
- Pytchley (Northants): Rehang the ring of five, and tune; also recast the treble.
- Cold Higham (Northants): Recast the ring of four, rehang in a new frame, and add a treble.
- Whatton (Notts): Rehang the ring of five.
- Brenford (Essex): A new chime of six.

SCORES.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS' 150 PEALS.

One Minor method, 4, conducted 1; two Minor methods, 1; three Minor methods, 2, conducted 2; seven Minor methods, 4, conducted 2; Bob Triples, 1; Major, 16, conducted 2; Grandsire Triples, 21; Caters, 4; Cinques, 1; Union Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Royal, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 8; Royal, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Duffield Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 18, conducted 3; Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 20, conducted 3; Caters, 6; Superlative Surprise Major, 18, conducted 2; Cambridge, 9; New Cambridge, 1; London, 7; total, 150, conducted 15. Rung in 58 towers and 12 counties.

GEORGE H. CROSS'S 50 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 3; Stedman, 2; Bob Major, 9 (conducted 4); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 11 (6); Kent, 5 (1); Double Norwich, 7 (1); Superlative Surprise Major, 1. On handbells: Bob Major, 8 (conducted 7); Kent Treble Bob Major, 1 (1); Oxford, 1 (1); Bob Royal, 2 (2); total, 50, conducted, 23.

OTHER HALF-CENTURIES.

C. Edwards' 50 peals.—Minor Plain Bob, 1 (conducted 1); in three Methods, 3 (3); in four Methods, 8 (7); in five Methods, 2 (1); in seven Methods, 4 (3); Grandsire Triples, 14 (7); Oxford Bob, 2 (1); Stedman, 6 (1); Bob Major, 5 (2); Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; total, 50 (conducted 26).

T. Groombridge, junr.'s 50 peals.—Minor: In eight Methods, 1 (conducted 1); in seven Methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 9 (3), including four on handbells, conducted, 1; Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 10; Caters, 1; Cinques, 1; Bob Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 4 (1); Double Norwich, 4 (1); Duffield Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise

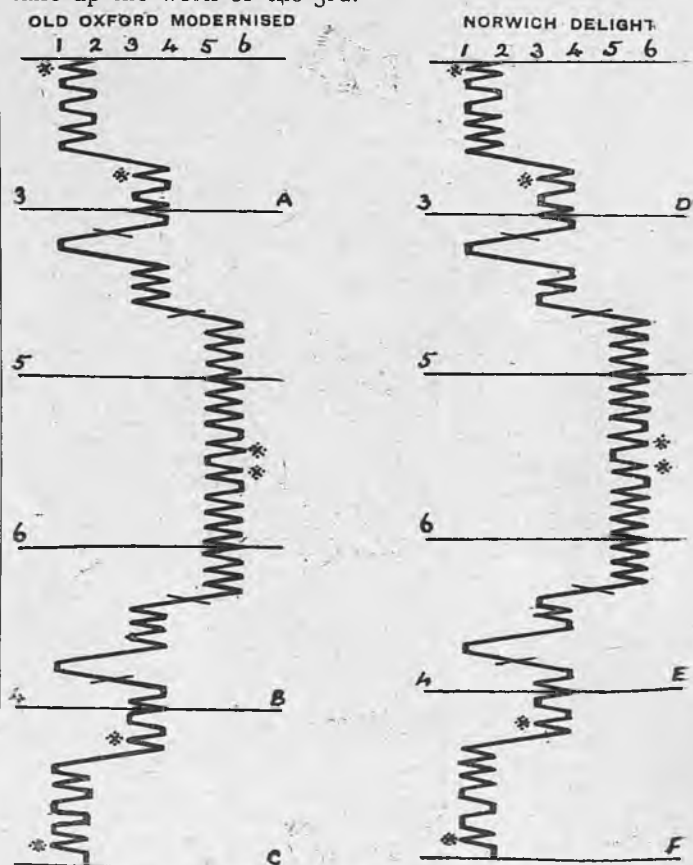
Major, 1; New Cumberland, 1; Cambridge, 5; London, 3; Bristol, 2; Cambridge Royal, 1; total, 50 (conducted 6).

A. Coppock's 50 peals.—Kent Minor, 1; Stedman Triples 8 (conducted 5); Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Bob Major, 1; Kent Major, 17 (conducted 9); Royal, 3 (conducted 1); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2 (conducted 1); Oxford Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 10 (conducted 6); Superlative Major, 5 (conducted 4); total, 50 (conducted 26).

RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

In several previous issues the methods which we have illustrated by diagram have been pairs in which the only difference has been in the back-stroke row of the treble lead. This week, by way of showing how little some of the methods differ, we are including two which have the same lead ends, but vary slightly in the internal work.

In each of the methods the bob work is the same. At A and D make 4th's and take up work of the 4th; at B and E run in and take up work of 2nd; at C and F run out and take up the work of the 3rd.



The figures at the side show the starting place of each bell; the small lines intersecting the diagram mark the place where the treble crosses the path of the working bell; and the asterisks mark the places where the working bell dodges with the treble.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting for practice was held by the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, at Staindrop (6 bells), members attending from Darlington (8), Hurworth (2), and Staindrop (7). The local men, with the district secretary, opened the ringing with a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor, the first for F. W. Lupson, one of their new members; 720 Kent followed, being the first in the method for another local, H. Shipp, who rang the treble. This was followed by 120 Stedman Doubles, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 London Surprise, 120 Chester Surprise. This completed the ringing in the tower, and afterwards, when tea had been partaken of, some Grandsire Triples on the handbells was indulged in. The next meeting will be held at Hurworth (6 bells), on Saturday, July 12th, for practice.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing from 4 to 5 o'clock at St. John's, and from 6 to 8 o'clock at St. Peter's. By the kind invitation of Messrs. Johnston, tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. in St. Peter's Hall. A social meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the Greyhound Hotel.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Moorside Church, Oldham, on Saturday, July 5th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business important. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on July 5th, 1913. Dinner in St. Mary's School, Church Square, at 1.30. Business meeting to follow. Service in St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. The following bells are available: St. Mary's (10) after 12 noon, St. James' (8), Wilton (6) all day.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Southern Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, July 5th, bells (6) available all day, service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Five Bells Inn at 4.45 p.m., business meeting following. It is hoped that ringers and friends will turn up in large numbers, and so make this meeting a very successful one.—S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the association will be held on Monday, July 7th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Tower open from 8 to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on July 8th and 22nd; St. Giles' Cripplegate, on July 8th; Southwark Cathedral, on July 15th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 17th and 31st; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 22nd; St. Mary's, Walthamstow on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

BICESTER, OXON.—The recast ring of eight bells now being hung in the Parish Church will be dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford on Thursday next, July 10th, at 3 o'clock. The tower will be open after the service. Visiting ringers welcome.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, at 5.30 p.m., by kind invitation of the Rector.—Henry F. Ewins, Honorary District Secretary, Duneton, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—

A quarterly meeting will be held at Mark on Saturday, July 12th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, at the Rectory. Meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ash-next-Sandwich, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—E. Trendell, Hon. Secretary, Worksop.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Summer quarterly meeting at Harworth, near Bawtry (6 bells), Saturday, July 12th. Tea at 5 p.m. Tickhill (8 bells), by the kind permission of the Rev. H. E. Booty, will also be at the disposal of ringers during the day. Ladies and gentlemen of kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. A good attendance is desired.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Bicentenary of bells at Goosnargh on July 12th. All members of the Preston Branch are invited by the Vicar of Goosnargh to attend on the above date. Service at 3.45. Preacher, Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Association. Tea will be provided afterwards. The bells will be available before service from two o'clock, and after tea till 9 p.m. Members who intend being present must let me know by July 7th.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Wokingham, on Saturday, July 19th. Service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher: the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (President of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers). Business meeting in the Church House at 12.20. Dinner in the Drill Hall at 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. 3d. each (ale or minerals included) will be forwarded to those members only who send the money, with the order, to me *on or before Saturday, July 12th*. One Shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door and have no refund.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 19th. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting follow. The Rev. A. G. Fryer is kindly providing tea. Those intending to be present please send word to me not later than July 16th.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting of this District will be held on the 19th July at St. Matthew's, Church Row, Bethnal Green. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7.45. All members and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Hadley on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, July 19th. Tea at the Bull Inn, at 4 p.m. The bells of

All Saints' and St. Peter's will be available, the latter for short periods only. Will those wishing to have tea provided kindly communicate not later than Tuesday, July 15th, with the secretary, Rev. R. L. Gardner, Lavenham, Suffolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Egham. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, in the Church Room. Business meeting after. As the Vicar and churchwardens are kindly providing tea, will unattached members intending to be present let me know not later than Tuesday, July 15th.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, July 26th. A tea will be provided at 5 o'clock for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. Ernest Pye has removed to 3, Stafford Cottages, Padnal Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.—Mr. A. J. Bowen has removed to 4, Oakleigh Cottages, Woodleigh Road, Ledbury.—Mr. S. R. Roper has removed to 48, Limes Road, Croydon.

SITUATION WANTED.

GARDENER.—Single; experienced; requires situation; single-handed or head of one or two; good references. Change ringer 8 or 10 bells; also handbells; disengaged end of July.—Maurice Smither, 14, Cooper Road, Guildford, Surrey.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

VISITORS TO BLACKPOOL will find every convenience at Mrs. E. Howarth's, 14, May Bell Avenue, Springfield Road, Blackpool, N.S.

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

STEEPLEKEEPERS AND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be extremely obliged if you would give an answer, through your valuable paper, to the following question: Suppose, while I am in the act of greasing the bells at our church, I slip, and in consequence break my leg, are the churchwardens liable under any Acts of Parliament to pay me half my wages as a ringer and half my wages in my ordinary every-day occupation, as compensation?—Yours faithfully,

A RINGER.

[We do not profess to give legal advice, but as far as we comprehend the Workmen's Compensation Act, we believe that if "A Ringer" is paid by the churchwardens for his services, he would be entitled to half his average weekly wages accruing from all sources. The Work-

men's Compensation Act, 1906, provides that where total or partial incapacity for work results from the injury, a weekly payment during the incapacity, not exceeding 50 per cent. of his average weekly earnings during the previous twelve months, such weekly payment not to exceed £1, shall be paid. Among the rules laid down for ascertaining the average weekly earnings of a workman, it is provided that where the workman had entered into concurrent contracts of service (either in writing or implied) with two or more employers, under which he worked at one time for one such employer, and at another time for another such employer, his average weekly earnings should be computed as if his earnings under all such contracts were earnings in the employment of the employer for whom he was working at the time of the accident.—Ed.]

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held on Saturday last, at Calne. The western end of the area worked from Marlborough, as the centre, has always been the most enthusiastic, and in that part the meetings have, as a rule, been best attended. On this occasion, however, the attendance was not so large as had been expected. The members met at Calne, where the ringing opened with a touch of Grandsire Triples. A party then journeyed to Bromham, where Mr. H. Brownlee West, secretary of the Devizes branch, had obtained the Rector's permission for the bells to be rung. Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were brought round, and a return was made to Calne in time for tea, to which 17 ringers sat down at the Church House.—At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett (Master of the Guild) was in the chair, the Rev. A. E. G. Peters (the Branch president) being absent owing to slight indisposition.—Five new members were elected, and a discussion was held as to a proposed instruction centre. It was decided that Hilmarton was the best centre, and it was left to the secretary to find out how many ringers from the neighbouring towers would wish to receive instruction. A suggestion was made that it should not begin until the autumn months.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where Stedman Triples were brought round. A number then left Calne for Hilmarton; and the Rev. E. W. W. Payne, having kindly given them permission, rang several touches there. Later they went on to Lyneham, where there are five bells of splendid tone, and brought round further touches. Although the number at the meeting was not large, ten parishes were represented: Calne, Beechingstoke, Bremhill, Hilmarton, Compton Bassett, Heddington, Lyneham, Swindon, Wootton Bassett and Marlborough St. Mary.—Thanks are due to Archdeacon Bodington for allowing the meeting to be held at Calne, and to the incumbents of the other three parishes for granting permission for the use of the bells.

PRESENTATION AT ALDERSHOT.

A very pleasant surprise awaited Mr. C. Edwards at the conclusion of the ringing at Aldershot Parish Church on Wednesday evening in last week, when, as a memento of the good feeling felt by the local band for their instructor, Mr. Fisher, on behalf of the Aldershot ringers, presented Mr. Edwards with a handsome silver pendant (designed by one of their company). Mr. Fisher referred to the great help Mr. Edwards had been to them by coming to Aldershot on the occasion of nearly every practice, and how glad they always were to see him amongst them.—Mr. Edwards, in replying, said he should always value the gift and wear it. He thanked the Aldershot ringers for their kindness. He added that they had made more progress than any band he had ever had to instruct in change ringing, and whenever he managed to get to the tower he was always made most welcome. He hoped that a peal by the local band would soon be an accomplished fact.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The second meeting of the Bilton branch was held under ideal conditions at Dryham, about 10 miles from Bristol. Most of the visitors arrived by brake, and set the bell's going to Grandsire and Bob Minor. Although the Rector was unable to be present, the visitors were invited to meet on the lawn, where tea was provided. At the meeting, which followed, Mr. R. J. Wilkins was voted to the chair, in the absence of the chairman of the branch (the Rev. H. A. Cockey). Three new members were elected, and Westerleigh was selected for the next meeting.—A vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Blathmayt) and Mrs. Blathmayt was proposed by the chairman.—A ramble round the beautiful gardens and the fine old mansion (which belongs to the brother of the Rector) was much enjoyed by the visitors, who admired the fine old paintings and tapestries. The handbells were brought into use, and courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung by: W. A. Cave, H. Brownjohn, E. Guise, R. J. Wilkins, C. H. Gordon, S. Condict, F. Price and S. Tomkins. Tunes were also rung by H. Brownjohn and E. Guise. The church bells were then again utilised, some of the younger members being given opportunities. A half-way house was found on the homeward journey, and here songs by S. Abrahams and C. H. Tomkins, a duet by the brothers Wiltshire, and handbell ringing was enjoyed.—Thanks are due to Mr. Sims, the branch secretary, for the arrangements made for the successful meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GREAT HAMPTON.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday, April 6th, at the Church of St. Andrew, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), being 360 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and 180 of Grandsire: A. Greenfield 1, T. Middleton 2, J. Hemming 3, H. Jordan 4, W. Gisborne 5, F. Jordan (conductor) 6.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Guild.—On Sunday, April 6th, at St. Mary's Church, for Matins, 503 Grandsire Caters: J. Tudor 1, E. Jones 2, M. J. Taylor 3, G. Tipton 4, W. Stockdale 5, G. Scarrett 6, E. T. R. Corbett 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8, F. Taylor 9, J. Wynn 10. Also 252 Stedman Triples.—At St. Chad's, for morning service, 484 Grandsire Cinques: W. Brooks 1, J. Tudor 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, E. Jones 4, G. Scarrett 5, W. R. Stockdale 6, E. T. R. Corbett 7, A. Tecoe 8, G. Tipton 9, W. J. Taylor 10, F. Taylor 11, D. Tebbutt 12. For evening service, 726 Grandsire Cinques, with A. Fullick 10, and J. T. Wall 12 (tenor 43 cwt., in C). Longest length of Cinques by all except the conductor.—On April 4th, for practice, at St. Chad's, 448 Kent Treble Bob Major; 484 Grandsire Cinques: W. Brooks 1, J. Tudor 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, W. J. Taylor 4, G. Scarrett 5, W. Stockdale 6, E. R. T. Corbett 7, A. Tecoe 8, E. Jones 9, A. Fullick 10, F. Taylor 11, D. Tebbutt and H. Jones 12. First touch of Cinques by all except the conductor.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Alkmund's, 197 Stedman Triples: G. Taylor 1, C. R. Lilley 2, F. Taylor 3, E. R. T. Corbett 4, W. Stockdale 5, A. Fullick 6, J. George (conductor) 7, E. Jones 8. Also 336 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by C. R. Lilley. After evening service, at St. Mary's, three courses of Grandsire Caters, 197 Stedman Triples, and a course of Forward Major.

WITNEY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, April 6th, at St. Mary's Church, on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Oxford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. E. Long 1, C. R. Walker 2, E. Brown 3, A. E. Brooks 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

WEDNESBURY.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—At the Parish Church, on April 6th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1295 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Summerhill 1, G. Hughes 2, E. Unitt 3, T. Hughes 4, W. E. Brittain 5, W. Smith 6, R. Hall 7, J. Screen 8, W. A. Cooper (conductor) 9, M. B. Smith 10.

CROYDON.—The Surrey Association.—On April 11th, on handbells, at 135, Brighton Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire (1260 changes): A. Clark 1—2, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 3—4, S. R. Roper 5—6, W. Rowe (first quarter-peal on handbells) 7—8. Also a 503 and 504 previously.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.—For evening service, on March 30th, at St. Wulfham's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): L. Mears 1, J. Whetstone 2, E. Nedd 3, F. Proctor 4, W. Cawton 5, D. Overton 6, F. Turner 7, B. A. Knights 8, S. Proctor (conductor) 9, T. Hall 10.

LEICESTER.—At St. Martin's Church, on April 30th, 1913, to the memory of the late Mr. F. W. Hardyman, a prominent Leicester tradesman, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1261 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 55 mins., by the following: S. Cotton 1, Louis Allen 2, G. Pilmor 3, H. G. Jenney 4, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 5, C. Fowler 6, Leonard Allen 7, J. S. Needham 8, A. Martin 9, A. Taylor 10.

PENGE, KENT.—At St. John-the-Evangelist, on April 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins.: *E. Tigwell 1, *A. Bradley 2, G. Wickens 3, *S. Hopkins 4, F. Terry 5, W. Smith (conductor) 6. *First in the method.

ISLIP.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on April 8th, 720 Double Oxford: P. Knighton 1, B. Loveday 2, G. Hewitt 3, R. Loveday 4, W. Knighton 5, T. Jervis (conductor) 6.—On April 13th, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford: P. Knighton 1, B. Loveday 2, G. Hewitt 3, W. Knighton 4, E. Day 5, T. Jervis (conductor) 6.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, April 10th, for the wedding of Mr. G. A. Urmsion and Miss D. G. Hutchings, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: R. Forster, E. H. Lewis (conductor), F. Unsworth, A. Unsworth, W. Bibby, F. Gleave, T. H. Lightfoot, T. Lightfoot. An attempt for a peal was lost, after ringing 1 hr. 39 mins.—On April 14th, half-muffled out of respect for Messrs. J. Stokes, G. Dunbabin and T. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 55 mins.: R. Forster 1, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 2, F. Unsworth 3, A. Unsworth 4, C. E. Boyers 5, F. Gleave 6, T. H. Lightfoot 7, W. Bibby 8.—On April 16th, for the wedding of Mr. H. Ryder, of the Daresbury Society of Ringers, and Miss Dykes, of Manley, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes) in 49 mins.: R. Forster 1, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 2, F. Unsworth 3, A. Unsworth 4, C. E. Boyers 5, F. Gleave 6, T. H. Lightfoot 7, T. Lightfoot 8. First quarter-peals in these methods on the bells, and by a local band.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 20th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a "date touch" of 1913 changes of Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 10 mins., with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect for H. Clements, who for some time was a member of the Pettistree band: E. H. Dunnett 1, L. Gray 2, W. Reeve, senr., 3, C. Fisher (conductor) 4, R. G. Miles 5, A. Clements 6.

SHILPLAKE, OXON.—On April 12th, at the funeral of Mrs. C. Phillimore, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Sheppard 1, A. Hiestad 2, O. Porter 3, W. Wicks 4, W. Wenman 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave 7, C. Prior 8.—On Sunday, April 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Sheppard 1, C. Oliver 2, O. Porter 3, A. Tompkins 4, W. Wicks 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, F. Harris 8. The first in the method by A. Tompkins, who hails from Tring.

HARWELL, BERKS.—Recently, 720 Bob Minor: *E. Cox 1, T. Hughes 2, R. G. Rice (composer and conductor) 3, V. R. Hitchman 4, G. C. Rice 5, W. Hitchman 6. *First 720. This 720 was composed, conducted and rung by all local men.

KINGSTHORPE.—At St. John the Baptist Church, on April 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 51 mins.: R. H. Clarke 1, H. Clarke 2, F. Dunkley 3, W. Parsons 4, G. Parker (conductor) 5, W. Hayes 6. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of the ringer of the tenor.

LEICESTER.—On April 18th, at St. Margaret's Church (on front 6), 519 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Martin 1, E. Morris (conductor) 2, S. Burton 3, A. Ballard 4, A. Peach 5, J. Morris 6. First 500 by Miss S. Martin.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—Kent County Association.—On April 15th, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: G. Collins 1, G. Jones 2, G. Ambrose 3, J. Burles 4, F. Mitchell 5, F. Hayes (conductor) 6.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On April 15th, 720 Plain Bob: R. H. Bowell 1, Miss B. Mitchell 2, T. Adams 3, G. Lucas 4, W. Denman, junr., 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6.—On April 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Miss B. Mitchell (first attempt at Treble Bob) 1, W. Denman, junr., 2, C. Killick 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. 360 Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine: Miss B. Mitchell 1, T. Adams 2, J. F. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, W. Denman, junr., 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6; and 240 London Surprise.

PLYMOUTH.—The Devon Guild.—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: F. Lovis (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Gluyas 2, A. Mitchelmore 3, G. H. Myers 4, W. Hamblyn 5, W. Shears 6, J. Woodley (conductor) 7, T. Linnell 8.

HEAVITREE.—Devon Guild.—On April 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. R. Sandover 1, R. Hamilton 2, F. W. Richards 3, H. V. Richards 4, T. Laver 5, C. G. Glass 6, J. Howard R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, Sergt.-Major Warner 8.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Elcock (aged 14), first 504, 1, W. Linter 2, F. J. Newland 3, G. Bull 4, W. J. Ryves 5, A. Mears (conductor) 6, A. Mears 7, C. Johnson 8.—On April 23rd, four 504's were rung by the local band, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Wm. White, Awbridge, and Miss Alice Mears, of Curdridge. The conducting was shared by Alfred Mears, W. J. Ryves and Andrew Mears.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—At the Parish Church, on April 19th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 52 mins.: W. Taylor 1, W. Malins 2, H. O. White 3, J. A. Fenton 4, A. J. Hessian 5, C. W. Wheeler 6, J. B. Fenton 7, J. George 8.

FORDINGTON.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—On April 10th, at St. George's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *Walter Bowering 1, *William Bowering 2, W. Painter 3, G. T. White (conductor) 4, *T. Warren 5, *T. Courage 6. *First 720.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with the 6th and 8th covering: J. Gratrix 1, F. Barlow 2, W. Bullough 3, H. Eckersall 4, H. Berry (conductor) 5, W. Ford 6, R. Bent 7, W. Bellerby 8. Also 720 for evensong: J. Gratrix 1, F. Barlow 2, W. Bullough 3, H. Eckersall 4, H. Berry (conductor) 5, W. Foster 6, W. Ford 7, R. Bent 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—The Oxford Guild.—On April 14th, 447 Grandsire Triples: A. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, E. Brown 3, N. Spindlow 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8. Also 168 in the same method, conducted by T. Bull.—On April 21st, 504: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, N. Spindlow (conductor) 4, E. Brown 5, T. Bull 6, J. Monk 7, G. Brooks 8. Also 447, conducted by J. Monk.

CAERPHILLY.—Llandaff Association.—On April 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (first by the St. Martin's Church Guild), and first attempt by all except the conductor, who hails from Newport: D. Grimes 1, F. Garrard 2, D. Stephens 3, W. Dare 4, G. Cooke (captain) 5, W. Kathro 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7, S. Tucker 8.

LANGPORT.—For evensong, on April 20th, 1260 Bob Minor, in 46 mins.: T. Jeanes 1, Wm. Tout 2, T. W. Creed 3, A. Wheadon 4, G. Locke 5, T. J. Lloyd (conductor) 6.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, for evening service, on April 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: J. Barber 1, W. Matthews 2, G. Watkin 3, H. Burton 4, A. Newman 5, F. A. Smith 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, H. Manco (conductor) 9, F. Gibbard 10.

UFFINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, on April 12th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Waldren 1, W. Waldren 2, E. Tilly 3, T. Blackburn 4, G. Wright 5, H. Beechey (conductor) 6. This is the conductor's first attempt at any calling. First 720 on the bells for over two years.

KENNINGTON.—Guild of St. John-the-Divine.—On Sunday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's original (1330 changes), in 44 mins.: F. J. Jerome 1, A. Walton 2, H. J. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, Alec. S. Miller 5, Arch. T. Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. O. Wightman 8.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on April 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), from Shipway, in 50 mins., by: *W. J. Nelder 1, E. Andrews 2, *Rev. J. A. S. Bullock 3, H. Franks 4, F. Walker 5, H. Hills 6, J. Puplett (Hoddesdon), conductor, 7, *W. Arnold 8. *First quarter-peal.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Durham and Newcastle Association.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on April 22nd, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. W. Forster 1, Rev. A. W. Lister (first 720 of Surprise) 2, J. Marshall 3, T. H. Surtees 4, A. Charlton 5, F. Barron (conductor) 6.

DEAL.—For evening service, on April 27th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Axon 1, E. W. Verrier 2, F. A. Holden 3, E. Kemp 4, L. Ladd 5, H. C. Castle (conductor) 6.—On April 22nd, 360 Canterbury: J. Axon 1, E. Kemp 2, F. A. Holden (conductor) 3, J. Trinder 4, L. Ladd 5, H. C. Castle 6. First in the method by 2nd, 4th and 5th ringers.

SKIPTON.—On Sunday, April 20th, for evening service, touches of Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich, along with 504 of Grandsire Triples, were rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. Ellis Horton, the Curate of the Parish Church, who is leaving to take up office as Minor Canon at Ripon Cathedral, and whose visits to the belfry have been much appreciated by the ringers: H. Horner 1, F. C. Billows 2, J. Garlick 3, F. Metcalfe 4, W. Billows 5, W. Jones (Gargrave), conductor, 6, J. McKell 7, W. D. Hillary 8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. H. Eckersly and Miss N. E. A. Rose, 882 Grandsire Triples was rung as the happy pair left the church, and a quarter-peal by H. J. Tucker was rung later as the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon: J. Poole 1, R. Wood 2, F. G. Radley 3, G. R. Crush 4, W. E. Emery 5, T. Lincoln 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.—St. Mary's Guild. — On April 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins., with 7, 6, 8, covering: W. J. Grigg 1, S. G. Pamphlett (conductor) 2, T. H. Culver 3, F. G. Alford 4, W. Warne 5, E. Vivash 6, F. Shephard 7, C. Abbott 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. W. H. Sturge, M.D., of Hoddesdon, Herts, and Miss Dorothy Croysdale, daughter of Mr. T. Croysdale, J.P., of Hawke House, and also for St. George's Day.—On April 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: L. E. Alford 1, W. J. Grigg 6, the rest as before.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On April 26th, three courses London Surprise Major: J. Sadler 1, W. Sadler 2, J. Fleuty 3, F. Claydon 4, A. Shuffelbotham 5, E. Newman 6, E. Beckwith 7, D. Elliott 8. Also a course each of Superlative and Cambridge.

WRINGTON.—At All Saints' Church, on April 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: F. W. Nipper (first quarter-peal as conductor) 1, E. Andow 2, H. Seward (longest length) 3, D. Wood 4, W. Perry 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6, G. Collins 7, A. Lane 8.

WHERE IS IT?

To the Editor.

Sir,—In a book, "Afoot in England," by Mr. W. H. Hudson, the naturalist, published in 1909, the author refers to a small ancient town set in a cup-like depression amidst high hills covered with oak woods in a remote district, of which the chief attraction was the church, a very old and stately building, one of the noblest in England, with a Perpendicular tower nearly a hundred feet high, and a magnificent peal of bells which were rung on the Sunday afternoon that he was there.

After describing the "glorious storm of sound," he continues: "Walking past the church I followed the streamlet that runs through the town and out by a cleft between the hills to a narrow marshy valley, on the other side of which are precipitous slopes, clothed from base to summit in oak woods. As I walked through the cleft, the musical roar of the bells followed, like a mighty current flowing through and over me; but as I came out the sound from behind ceased suddenly, and was now in front coming back from the hills before me."

He goes on to describe the peculiar nature of the echo—"it was as if every one of those thousands of oak trees had a peal of bells in it, and that they were raining that far-up bright spiritual tree-music down into the valley below. As I stood listening, it seemed to me that I had never heard anything so beautiful, nor had any man," etc.

The only other clue the author gives to the place is that against the vivid green of the trees he saw the "many gabled tiled roofs and tall chimneys of the old timbered houses glowing red and warm brown in the brilliant sunshine—a scene of rare beauty," but that although he had never been to the spot before, the place seemed familiar because "a great railway company had long been booming this romantic spot, and large photographs, plain and coloured, of the town and its quaint buildings had for years been staring at me in every station and every railway carriage which I had entered on that line." And yet I cannot identify the place. Can you or any of your readers?

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