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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.

Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

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

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

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

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

BELL FRAMES AND TOWERS.

We publish in this issue an important article bearing upon the relation of bell frames to towers, and it is one which all who are concerned with the preservation of bells and belfries may consider with advantage. Specially valuable is it to those who are contemplating schemes of restoration, for the article contains the balanced opinion of an expert, who examines the facts critically and in the light of present day knowledge. Moreover, it has been prepared, not only for the information of church authorities, but for the benefit of architects upon whom so much depends, and who, unfortunately, are not always fully alive to all the points so ably dealt with by Mr. Hesse.

At their meeting in 1912 the Central Council appointed a committee, of which Mr. Hesse was one, to go into the matter, and when the Council met last May at Newcastle, an interim report was presented, and an offer by the President of the Council (Sir Arthur Heywood) to publish a pamphlet, embodying his own views on the subject, was accepted. The object of the Council is to stir up the architects to a greater appreciation of the fact that their views are often based upon now exploded theories, and at the same time to demonstrate to the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, who are frequently a stumbling block in the way of the effective restoration of bells to a properly ringable condition, that practical experience has shown that their notions have not been developed with the times. This is a matter into which Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham, is making extremely valuable researches, which, when completed, will, it is hoped, convince both antiquarians and architects, among other things, that the rigid iron frame is unquestionably the best for a tower.

Mr. Hesse's contribution to the subject is a step towards the education of those whose knowledge it is hoped to improve, and it is eminently satisfactory to know that the paper he has prepared is to be brought before the committee of the Royal Institute of British Architects, by Mr. Fraser, of the well-known firm of Messrs. Scott and Fraser. This is extremely gratifying, because it means reaching exactly the people who, hitherto, seem to have been beyond the influence of those who, like Sir Arthur Heywood, have for a generation been applying their scientific knowledge to the investigation of the subject. When Sir Arthur's pamphlet is published, also, it will, of course, be brought to the notice of the Institute, and slowly, but we hope not the less surely, the modern views which these experts advocate will penetrate throughout the ranks of the profession. In the meantime ringers themselves can do good service, wherever questions of restoration arise, by bringing to the notice of the authorities the contribution which Mr. Hesse makes to the subject.

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CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT... .. 7
WILLIAM PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIES 8
ALFRED W. GRIMES... .. 3	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS 10
ISAAC G. SHADE 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
*EDWIN F. PIKE... .. 6	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HENRY G. NAISH Treble	CHARLES SLADE 6
JOHN HOWES 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE... .. 7
GEORGE E. NAISH 3	GEORGE SPENCER 8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 4	JAMES N. FROSSELL 9
FREDERICK G. GODDARD 5	JAMES CHANDLER Tenor

Composed by JOHN WRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

Rung in celebration of the 81st birthday of Mr. J. Wright, who has been a ringer at the above church more than 60 years. It was Mr. J. H. B. Hesse's 200th peal.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

CLARENCE O. HOBBS ... Treble	*ALBAN E. SLATTER... .. 6
CHARLES H. PERRY 2	BENJAMIN THORP 7
*FREDERICK B. STEDMAN ... 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 8
WILLIAM B. BISS 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES 9
JOHN W. JONES... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Caters and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Clarence O. Hobbs.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 6
WILLIAM TRUSS 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD 8
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	ARTHUR J. NEALE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON, and
Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

First peal of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*WILLIAM GRIFFITHS... ..Treble	WILLIAM MAYERS 5
AUSTIN GREGORY 2	JAMES V. WRIGHT 6
JOSEPH MAYERS 3	WALTER THOMAS 7
JOHN ROBERTS 4	*NOEL WRIGHTTenor

Conducted by JAMES V. WRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung on St. Andrew's Day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOSEPH SHARPTreble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ALBERT D. STONE 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
JOHN CAPP 4	KEITH HARTTenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(FOREST OF DEAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
LEONARD HELMESTreble	HOWARD REID 5
WILLIAM BISHOP... .. 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS... .. 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS... 7
JAMES BISHOP 4	*JOHN HELMESTenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Parnell, wife of the Rector of the parish, who was buried at the above church a few days previously.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT HARMANTreble	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUNR. 5
*GEORGE ELLIS 2	*WILLIAM STANFORD... .. 6
JOHN AKEHURST... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
*ARTHUR W. TELLETT ... 4	ALBERT ELLISTenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Oxford: First peal of Oxford on the bells.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 26, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lbs.

MISS EDITH A. JONES ...Treble	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5
MISS MARY E. CHILLINGWORTH 2	PERCY E. JONES 6
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 3	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 7
VICTOR R. HOLLOWAY ... 4	THOMAS SMITHTenor

Conducted by J. J. PRATT.

This was arranged for and rung on the anniversary of the birthday of Miss Chillingworth, of Bradfield, Berks, whose election as a member of the Middlesex Association took place in the belfry before the peal. She was the recipient of good wishes from the rest of the band. Both ladies received congratulations from the other ringers at the conclusion of the peal, which was the first by Miss Jones (St. Stephen's, West Ealing) and also by V. Holloway (Acton).

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

GEORGE H. HOWSETreble	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 5
ARTHUR H. WHITE 2	WILLIAM C. HART 6
JOHN CAPP 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	KEITH HARTTenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

PERCY BURGESSTreble	*MUS. VICTOR JARRETT, R.E. 5
HARRY HOGARTH 2	FRANK BELSEY 6
*HAROLD ROBERTS 3	L.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.L.I. 7
*JOHN HOMEWOOD 4	GEORGE LAWRENCETenor

Conducted by FRANK BELSEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who attained his majority on the following Sunday; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Belsey, wife of the conductor. The ringer of the 4th belongs to the local band; all the remainder hail from St. Mary's, Chatham.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. REGINALD BOND ...Treble	CHARLES CHESTER 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	ERNEST VICKERS 6
JOHN W. WATSON 3	WILLIAM CLARKE 7
TOM PYLE 4	JOHN A. FREEMANTenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

This is the first peal by all except the ringers of 2, 3 and 7, and was arranged for E. Maurice Atkins.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

JOHN I. BOTTRILLTreble	GEORGE GARNETT 5
*JOHN HALL 2	JOHN HARRISON 6
CHARLES BROADBENT ... 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
ROBERT WIMPENNY 4	HERBERT PALMERTenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

THOMAS HUGHESTreble	ALFRED ROWLEY 5
REUBEN HALL 2	WILLIAM FISHER 6
ALBERT LITTLE 3	BENJAMIN COUGH 7
HORACE HOWELL 4	*ARTHUR BAKERTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A. (Vicar), and also an honorary member of the above Society.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD Treble	RICHARD ROUND 5
HARRY HILL 2	WALTER PRESTIDGE 6
ALBERT PRESTIDGE 3	JOSEPH FAULKNER 7
*HARRY HUBBLE 4	ALFRED DAVIES Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. J. W. Barnsley, a prominent member of the church; also to Mr. Thomas Plimmer, a chorister, both of whom were interred in Netherton churchyard on the above date. It was also rung as a last tribute of respect to Mr. J. Hodgetts, father-in-law to the ringer of the tenor, who died on the previous Monday.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

*CHARLES SPARKES Treble	JOHN CLARK 5
†ARTHUR J. WILLIAMS 2	HENRY KEMP 6
THOMAS NAPPER 3	HENRY TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	CHARLES L. SADLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. † First peal away from tenor in Triples.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY, W.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS WALKER Treble	ARTHUR D. BARKER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 3	RICHARD BEVAN 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 4	HENRY BOXALL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN R. BARTON Treble	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER 5
WILLIAM T. HOLMES 2	*JOHN WATERS 6
WILLIAM A. BRECKON 3	REV. WM. P. WRIGHT 7
HENRY GIBSON 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 4th are local men, the ringer of the 2nd belongs to Skelton-in-Cleveland, 3rd and 6th hail from Whitby, 5th from Fylingdales, 7th from Hemingborough, and the tenor from Ormesby.

BICESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

FREDERICK WEBB Treble	WILLIAM STONE 5
ALBERT E. LOCK 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr. 6
MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr. 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4	WILLIAM COX Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.

First peal on the bells.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... Treble	RICHARD BUCKLAND 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	*JAMES BLACKMORE 6
JOHN EVANS 3	†GEORGE MARTIN 7
HERBERT COX 4	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKETT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

LIONEL H. PAGE Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
MATTHEW ELLSMORE 2	EDWIN J. HARDING 6
HENRY JENNINGS 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
*JOSEPH H. WHEELER 4	HENRY C. INGRAM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY CORNWELL Treble	ROBERT TRACY 5
GEORGE MAXIM 2	HENRY G. ROWE 6
WALTER G. DARLINGTON ... 3	HORACE SIMMONS 7
*LAWRENCE G. THURGOOD ... 4	*GEORGE COLE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

* Elected members previous to starting and belong to local band. R. Tracy hails from Leitchworth, the rest are members of the Cheshunt Society. Rung in honour of the 88th birthday of Mr. G. Rowe, of Aldenham, uncle of the conductor.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE WITHERS Treble	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT 5
ERNEST BOYLIN 2	GEORGE N. COCKIN 6
WILFRED MUMFORD 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
VICTOR WHITE 4	GEORGE PIGOTT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

Rung as a birthday peal to Victor White. This is also the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. LAST Treble	GEORGE FARNISH 5
WILLIAM WEEDON 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM 6
GEORGE BENNETT 3	GEORGE WHITING 7
SIDNEY W. PILGRIM 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and

Conducted by G. WHITING.

This composition was taken from the N.D.A. Report for 1911, page 86, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for Mr. William Thurkettle, who was for fourteen years churchwarden at the above church.

YOULGREAVE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DARLEY DALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26½ cwt.

*JOHN SIDDALL, Junr. ... Treble	WILLIAM FOX 5
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 2	THOMAS WHITE 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	BENJAMIN GREATORIX ... 7
*WILLIAM BARKER 4	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by B. GREATORIX.

* First peal in the method.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

REV. R. P. FARROW ... Treble	GERALD GRIFFIN 5
WALTER FERN 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 6
JOSEPH CADLE 3	HARRY POWDRILL 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 4	HENRY CORNFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the eve of the Festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 5
REV. WM. C. PEARSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 6
WILLIAM MOTTS 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	EDWARD EVANS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY BRIGGS Treble	CHARLES BRIGGS 5
WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM ... 2	W. HYDE INGLESANT ... 6
*HARRY WRIGHT 3	GEORGE P. GARNER, Junr. 7
*GEORGE WOOD 4	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM ... Tenor

Composed by W. HYDE INGLESANT, and
Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

* First peal of Major and rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Needham, Garner and Aldham are from Barwell, H. Wright from Sapcote, G. Wood from Sharnford, and W. H. Inglesant from Broughton Astley. Messrs. Briggs belong to Stoney Stanton. The composition, now rung for the first time, contains some of the best musical properties possible in the method, 4, 5, 6 being only in 6th and the 2nd never a 5th's place bell at course ends.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PLATTS ... Treble	FRANK STENTON 4
HERBERT TURNER 2	SAMUEL SMITH 5
HARRY STENTON 3	CHARLES F. FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY STENTON.

This is the first 5040 rung on an extreme bell by the 4th ringer. It was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. W. Stringer, wife of the organist of this church and instructor to the handbell company; also to mark the recognition of the closing year.

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

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES SEMPER ... Treble	EDWARD R. SEMPER ... 4
ARCHIE C. STOKES 2	*WALTER SPARROW 5
*HERBERT PEARSON 3	FREDK. W. STOKES ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. STOKES.

* First peal.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

SIDNEY B. DENTON ... Treble	WILLIAM P. MEAD 4
ALFRED T. SMITH 2	FRANK C. SMITH 5
ARTHUR J. M. SMITH ... 3	CHARLES DOE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES DOE.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells and rung at the first attempt. The above are all members of the local band.

BRIDETON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Plain Bob, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, and 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

JOHN BEVAN Treble	JOHN GWYNNE 4
ALLEN GWYNNE 2	EDWARD SUMMERS 5
JAMES BLAKE 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal in twelve methods by the Hereford Diocesan Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Blake.

HUYTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM DAVIES ... Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
JOHN ALLEN 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
HENRY FYLES 3	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal on the bells, which are the heaviest six-bell ring in Lancashire. The band desire to express their gratitude to Canon Sanderson for his generous hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

PYTCHELEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS ... Treble	ROBERT F. TURNER ... 3
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 2	FREDERICK KILBORN ... 4

FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... Tenor

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band and the first for the Association. First peal on the bells since being re-hung by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, the "go" being all that can be desired.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF S. H. SYMONDS, 5, CHURCH STREET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Bob Minor.

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON... 1—2 | ARTHUR SYMONDS... 3—4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS... 5—6
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
IN THE LARGE HALL AT KING EDWARD VI.'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 18, in G.
ALFRED H. PULLING... 1—2 | WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
HOBART E. SMITH... 3—4 | "GEORGE JUTSON... 7—8
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire in hand and first attempt. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Smith and Jutson, who hail from Framlingham and Barnes respectively.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT... 1—2 | ERNEST PYE... 7—8
WILLIAM PYE... 3—4 | JAMES HUNT... 9—10
GEORGE PYE... 5—6 | ALFRED W. GRIMES... 11—12

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: M. F. R. HIBBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. W. Grimes.

In the peal of Minor at Crawford, Northants, on Jan. 24th, Oxford Bob and not Double Bob was rung.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A Northern District meeting, for practice, was held in the well-appointed belfry of Newcastle Cathedral on Thursday of last week, when twenty members spent a most enjoyable evening in ringing Stedman Caters and Forward Royal. A visitor from Gosforth distinguished himself by raising the tenor (37½ cwt.), single-handed, in 5 mins. 35 secs. It was a pleasure to see visitors from All Saints', which is not as yet affiliated with the Association, and St. Stephen's, which has recently come into the fold.—Several new members were present, who took a great interest in the change ringing, and everyone who could manage a bell had the opportunity to ring, even though it was only rounds.

The visitors felt greatly indebted to the genial steeplekeeper and one of the best of change ringers, Mr. Ben Dixon, for the arrangements he had so carefully made for their comfort.

It will be glad news to some to know that this magnificent ring of ten bells will shortly be augmented to twelve through the generosity of a citizen of Newcastle who, at present, does not wish his name to be disclosed. This will be the only ring of twelve north of York, and the only one in the area of this Association.

ANOTHER METHOD NAMED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Plain Imperial Minor Method, numbered 15 in the C.C. Collection, was rung at St. Paul's Church, Warrington, on Saturday, January 24th, spliced to Double Oxford in the Parkerian manner, to form a 720. The name of Thelwall was given to the method.—I am, yours, etc.,
EDWIN H. LEWIS.

MINOR AT TUNSTALL, KENT.

During the year 1913 the following 720's were rung for practice and divine service at Tunstall, Kent: Cambridge Surprise, 14; Kent Treble Bob, 13; Oxford Treble Bob, 10; Plain Bob, 13; Canterbury Pleasure, 7; College Single, 9; Oxford Bob, 6; Double Oxford, 3; total, 75. The majority of these were rung by the local band: W. Spice, W. E. Spice, H. Jewiss, G. H. Spice, G. Webb, S. J. Spice, P. J. Spice and G. Gault. The 720 on Christmas morning was rung by Edward H. Spice (age 13), G. H. Spice, S. J. Spice, W. E. Spice, Percy J. Spice and W. Spice (conductor).

**THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.
RANMOOR'S ENTHUSIASTIC VICAR.**

The last monthly meeting of this Society was held on Saturday at Ranmoor, and proved very successful. In spite of a wet afternoon, about 65 ringers turned up from Anston, Barnsley, Beighton, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Doncaster, Dore, Eekington, Ecclesfield, Gainsborough, Miserton, Norton, North Wingfield, Penistone, Ranmoor, Rotherham (Eastwood and Parish Church), Sheffield (All Saints and Parish Church), Treeton and Worksop. The methods rung during afternoon and evening included Oxford Treble Bob, New London, Woodbine and Worcester and London Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major, some good striking being heard.

A tea was provided by the local company in the Schoolroom, to which all present did full justice.—A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar of Ranmoor (the Rev. J. R. L. Nicholls).—Six new members were elected, viz., Messrs. T. Anderson (Worksop), C. Harrison (Ecclesfield), H. Champion (Doncaster), F. Humphries (Eekington), A. Gledstone (All Saints', Sheffield), and J. T. Bartram (Miserton).

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, to the local company, and to the ladies, was carried with acclamation.—The Rev. J. R. L. Nicholls, in responding, expressed the pleasure that it gave him to have an opportunity of meeting the Society. He was much interested in change ringing, which he was taking up, and he had a great admiration for the ringers and their wonderful powers, and for the beautiful and intricate methods which they were able to produce. At present it was all a great mystery to him, and he could not conceive what happened when "Bobs" and "Singles" were called, or what was implied by Treble Bob or the like. His own company were very anxious to instruct him, and he was told that everything depended on "the method" and "ropesight," and that it would all come to him with practice. Well, he hoped so. He had taken up many things in his time with success, and he hoped that the time would come when he would be able to take his rope in a peal (applause). He reminded those present, however, that not only was change ringing a science, it was a call to worship God. Could there be a higher service than that? He asked them all to keep this thought before them: "That God has called you for Christ and his Church." He then gave an interesting list of inscriptions, taken from bells in various places, some humorous, some solemn, reflecting the thoughts that were in the minds of those who had them inscribed on the bells in times past. Having again reminded those present of their high calling, he closed by wishing the Society every success in the future.—This closed the proceedings.

Handbell ringing was indulged in by some members after the meeting, some well-struck touches of Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Plain Bob Major being brought round.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION FAVOUR INTER-AFFILIATION SCHEME.**

A successful and enjoyable by-meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Dagenham on Saturday week. Representatives from most of the towers in the district were present, some arriving on bicycles, others walking, and some by train, while one member came from a "Sparrow's Nest" not, as might be expected, on an aeroplane, but on what is known throughout the Ringing Exercise as the "Old Pegasus," which found rest and refreshment in a shed belonging to the amiable host of the "Cross Keys."

The bells, a peal of six, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, were set in motion at 3.30, and were kept on the swing in fine style in various methods at intervals until 5.30, when, as the bells were by that time entitled to a rest from their labours, the ringers thought it advisable to pay a visit to the billiard room of the above-mentioned hostelry, where a substantial tea had been arranged. The good things provided rapidly vanished, and many were the topics discussed when the cravings of hunger had been satisfied.

Being a by-meeting there was no business to be done, but as Mr. F. Atwell, of Newport, Monmouthshire, had written to the district secretary asking for the attitude of the ringers towards an inter-affiliation scheme, the Secretary brought the matter up, and after discussion the ringers decided unanimously that they were in favour of the idea.

The District Master thanked the Vicar of Dagenham for the use of the bells, and the Vicar of Hornchurch for the use of Hornchurch bells, and the respective steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness, especially to the steeplekeeper of Dagenham for arranging the meeting and tea. Afterwards some of the ringers availed themselves of the opportunity to ring at Hornchurch, while others, including a charming lady ringer, stayed at Dagenham, and disturbed the bells from their rest.

The next time the members meet to discuss events of the day, and, incidentally, to ring and take tea together, will be at Wanstead in April.

BROOKFIELD, GORTON.—On Nov. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): J. Ingram 1, H. Gaskell 2, J. Turner 3, A. Barnes (conductor) 4, R. Ryder 5, G. Ingram 6, H. Jones 7, J. Harker 8.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.

The ringers of Burnham, Somerset, recently held their annual supper at the Clarence Hotel. The chair was taken by Mr. Walter Champion (churchwarden), and the vice-chair by Rev. H. A. Kirke. There were also present: Mr. J. Prior (churchwarden), Messrs. W. Pleass, W. Luxon, J. Baker, and others. After ample justice was done to the good things provided, the rest of the evening was spent with toasts and harmony. Following the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman gave in happy terms "The Bishop and Clergy," and the Rev. Kirke replied, and subsequently proposed "The Churchwardens," to which Mr. Champion and Mr. Prior replied. The Chairman next submitted "The Bell Ringers," and Mr. Crandon suitably responded and gave "The Bath and Wells Diocesan Bell Ringers' Association," a toast which Mr. J. Harris, hon. local secretary, suitably acknowledged.—Several capital songs were given by members of the company, and a very pleasant evening was spent.—Cheers were given for the Host and Hostess, and were acknowledged by Mr. Pruen.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL BAND.

The Hereford Cathedral ringers had their annual dinner at the Spread Eagle Hotel on Saturday week, when a pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. Among those also present were: Mr. W. Davies, Mr. J. J. Jones (secretary to the Society), Mr. R. Powell, Mr. R. Chamberlain, Mr. H. J. Taylor, Mr. W. H. Williams, Mr. A. E. Hurcomb, Mr. A. J. Williams, Mr. H. Symonds, Mr. J. Matthews, Mr. C. H. Sparkes, Mr. C. Jones, Mr. H. Williams, and others.—The loyal toast having been given from the chair and duly honoured, Mr. W. Davies proposed "The Hereford Diocesan Guild," which was responded to by the Master, who spoke in highly appreciative terms of the work that had been done by the Guild in the diocese since its formation. He referred to the Cathedral Society, whose health he submitted, as being the great-grandfather of the Guild, and wished prosperity to both organisations.—Mr. J. J. Jones replied for the Cathedral Society.—The health of the Chairman was enthusiastically honoured at the call of Mr. W. Davies, and this concluded the toast list.—Afterwards a musical programme was rendered, songs being given by Mr. Davies, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Powell, with Mr. A. W. Williams at the piano, and handbell selections by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Williams, a thoroughly enjoyable evening being spent.

HEREFORDSHIRE RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

The ringers of Bredenbury and Pencombe, Herefordshire, had their annual supper at the New Inn, Bredenbury, on Friday week, when they were entertained by Mr. W. H. Barneby, who gave the peal of bells to Bredenbury Church. Mr. W. Clements presided, and Mr. A. Tompkins occupied the vice-chair, the company also including Mr. W. Short (who has done valuable work in the band as instructor), Mr. A. Carless, Mr. R. Belhel, Mr. W. Quarterly, Mr. W. Baker, Mr. C. Horton, Mr. W. Watkins, Mr. H. Lambert, Mr. S. Clements, Mr. G. Bishop, Mr. Cheshire, Mr. H. Brackett, Mr. F. Jones, Mr. B. Jones, and Mr. C. Jones, whilst Mr. W. S. Tanner joined the party later in the evening, and gave some of his comic songs, which greatly amused the company. After the usual loyal toast, Mr. A. Tompkins proposed the toast of the evening, that of "The Donors, Mr. and Mrs. Barneby and family," the toast being drunk with acclamation and musical honours. The toast of "The Host and Hostess" followed, and was received with musical honours. Some capital songs were rendered during the evening by members of the company, who numbered about 20.

STAUNTON.

On Wednesday week the ringers of St. Peter's, Staunton-on-Avon, Herefordshire, had their annual supper at the Vicarage by the kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Watkins. In addition to the ringers, Mr. J. Thomas (churchwarden) and Mr. R. Edwards (sidesman) were present.—Mr. Edwards thanked the Vicar and Mrs. Watkins for their kind hospitality.—The Vicar, in reply, thanked the ringers for their services during the past year, and expressed the great pleasure of himself and his wife in entertaining the company.

MR. J. H. B. HESSE'S 200 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles, 2; Triples, 16 (one in hand); Caters, 12; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 43; Caters, 25; Cinques, 5; Bob Major, 26 (including a 10.208); Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 17; Royal, 8; Maximus, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Forward Major, 2; Royal, 2; Erin Caters, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Cambridge Major, Cambridge Royal, Bristol Surprise Major, Norfolk Surprise, London Surprise, 32; total, 200. Rung in twelve counties and 71 towers, and for 17 Associations.

THE PEAL AT HOLBEACH.

Sir,—Can any of your readers tell me if a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Holbeach by the Norwich ringers about the year 1845, or was the first peal of Stedman in Lincolnshire rung at Lincoln Cathedral by the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, in 1893?—Yours, etc.,

J. B. FENTON.

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

For the first time since its formation the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held its quarterly meeting at Charminster on Thursday afternoon of last week, and should be the means of giving a fillip to matters campanological in this locality, where the local band of ringers are interesting themselves keenly in the art of change ringing. Most of the towers constituting the branch were represented, a total of 38 members being present from Dorchester St. Peter, Fordington St. George, Charminster, Wyke Regis, Hilton, Bradpole, and West Lulworth. Several of the members, en route to the place of meeting, embraced the opportunity of ringing a few touches on the sweet-toned octave of bells in St. Peter's tower in the county town, and also, on their arrival at Charminster, on the quintet of bells in the Parish Church. Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Rector of Kington Magnus and general secretary of the Guild), assisted by the Rev. W. P. Schuster (West Lulworth). The service was of a hearty character, and the singing was led by the surpliced choir. Archdeacon C. L. Dundas preached an eloquent sermon, and an offertory was taken on behalf of the Guild funds.

At the conclusion of the service the members wended their way to the Parish Hall, where they were hospitably entertained at tea by Archdeacon Dundas, the catering being excellently carried out by Mr. R. Williams, who is the captain of the local band of ringers. A pleasing item in the social amenities was the cordial welcome extended to the Guild on behalf of the church authorities by Messrs. P. Rosewarne and F. Virgin (churchwardens).

On the proposition of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by the Rev. W. P. Schuster, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation to the kind donor of the tea, and also for his excellent sermon at the service.—Archdeacon Dundas, responding, spoke with appreciation of the good work that the Guild was doing throughout the diocese, and he gave the assurance that it would afford him much pleasure to promote its interests, particularly those of the Dorchester branch.—Another vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. C. A. Phillips, and seconded by Mr. Hervey Beams, was passed to the organist and choir for the brightness of the service, and a pleasing response was made by Mr. A. Groves.

A PRACTICAL HINT.

At the usual business meeting that followed, the Archdeacon was voted to the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. R. N. Daves (chairman of the Dorchester branch). In addition to the names already mentioned, the chairman's supporters included Mr. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis, hon. secretary of the branch), and Mr. G. T. White (ringing master of the branch).

The Hon. Secretary announced the receipt of apologies from the Milton Abbey, Upwey, Puddletown, and Wool bands, and also from Mr. Coles (Bridgwater), a member of the Guild.

The Buckland Newton band was elected to membership, and two new members from Milton Abbey were enrolled.

Canon S. E. Davies had sent an invitation for the branch to hold its next quarterly meeting at Wyke Regis, and on the motion of Mr. J. T. Godwin, seconded by Mr. S. G. Hodges, the invitation was unanimously accepted. The meeting will take place some time in April.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, being asked to say a few words concerning the Charminster church bells, said they were a little out of tune. With such a magnificent tower, in which there was room available for eight bells, he should like to see the present bells recast and three new bells added to complete the octave.—This suggestion found warm approval with the meeting, and one which it was felt would be cordially supported by Church people in the parish and neighbourhood. It is hoped that the suggestion will mature, and the Guild will assist it by every means in its power.

Some of the members afterwards wended their way to Fordington St. George tower, and indulged in a little ringing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the London County Association was held at St. John-the-Divine's Church, Vassell Road, Kennington, where the fine-toned ring of bells was placed at the disposal of the members for ringing. A large number attended, and seven touches were attempted and successfully rung in seven different methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise, the latter being the first upon the bells.

The business meeting was held at the "Mitre." Several financial matters, small and large, were voted, and ten new members were elected, a similar number as at the previous meeting. Several of these belong to the local company. The steeplekeeper (Mr. G. Wild), a past secretary, stated he had not yet been able to arrange with the rest of his company to enroll, but he expected they would join by the next meeting.

Members were reminded of the annual meeting on February 14th, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Wild for his arrangements. Farewells were not, however, said till the early hours of the morning.

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BELLS OF FAMOUS CHURCHES.**ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET.**

By J. R. JERRAM.

This church can claim the distinction of being the first in the Metropolis to possess a peal of twelve bells. It appears that in 1710 Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast a peal of ten for St. Bride's, with a tenor of 28 cwt., and on January 11th, 1717, what is supposed to have been the



ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET, LONDON.

first peal of Grandsire Caters ever rung was accomplished on these bells by the Society of London Scholars.

In 1719 Rudhall added two trebles to make a peal of twelve; and an old tablet records the following performance in 1724: "On Tuesday, the 10th of January, 1724, the SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS rung compleatly a peal of 5060 GRANDSIRE CINQUES, being y^e first that ever was done. Ye Persons that performed the Same were as follows, viz. :—

Wm. Woodruff ...	1	Robt. Carter	7
Benjn. Annable	2	Wm. Thompson ...	8
Edward Chadwell ...	3	Wm. Jackson	9
John Ward	4	Peter Merrygarts...	10
Jno. Pearson	5	Matth: East	11
Robt. Catlin	6	Thos. Rowland ...	12

Abraham Goodwin
Aaron Jex

} Churchwardens.

Although I believe that there is no peal board in existence recording the next two performances, I give them from an old record. "On Monday, November 22nd, 1725, the Society of College Youths rung what is supposed to have been the first peal of Bob Royal: John Ward, 1; Robert Catlin, 2; John Hardman, 3; Francis Geary, 4; Edward Chadwell, 5; William Laughton, 6; William Woodrove, 7; Peter Merrygarts, 8; William Thompson, 9; Benjamin Annable, 10. Composed and conducted by Benjamin Annable."

The next record purports to be that of the first peal of Bob Maximus ever rung. "On Saturday, February 26th, 1726, was rung here the first peal of Maximus, comprising 5280 changes, by the following persons: Mr. Wm. Woodrove, treble; Mr. Robert Catlin, second; Mr. Edward Chadwell, third; Mr. John Ward, fourth; Mr. John Hardman, fifth; Mr. Francis Geary (afterwards Admiral Geary), sixth; Mr. John Dearmor, seventh; Mr. Samuel Jeacock, eighth; Mr. William Laughton, ninth; Mr. Peter Merrygarts, tenth; Mr. William Thompson, eleventh; Mr. Benjamin Annable, tenor; who called the bobs. All the persons who rung in this peal left the church in their own carriages."

In those days Fleet Street used to be thronged with carriages full of gentry, who had come to hear the music of the bells; and the ringers were chiefly persons of quality. Hence the well known nursery rhyme beginning

"Gay go up and gay go down
To ring the bells of London town."

All these early peals seem to have been rung either in the Plain Bob or Grandsire methods. It will be noticed that the names of Admiral Geary, Robert Catlin, the bell founder (who carried on the Holborn foundry after Samuel Knight), and Benjamin Annable, the pioneer of change ringing, are found among the performers. The latter died February 1st, 1756, and was buried at St. Bride's. The following is a newspaper account of his death and burial: "A few nights ago was buried under the tower of S. Bride's Mr. Benjamin Annabel, the best ringer that was ever known in the world. Till his time ringing was only called an Art, but from the strength of his great Genius, he married it to the Mathematics, and 'tis now a Science. This man of Figures and Ringing was like a Newton in Philosophy, a Ratcliffe in Physic, a Hardwick in Wisdom and Law, a Handel in Music, a Shakespear in Writing, and a Garrick in Acting. O rare Ben!"

The fifth and sixth bells were recast by Samuel Knight in 1736; the rest are all the original bells as cast by Rudhall. The inscriptions are as follows :—

Treble.

PROSPERITY TO ALL OVR BENEFACTORS. A ♀
R. 1719.

Second.

PROSPERITY TO ALL OVR BENEFACTORS. A ♀
R. 1719.

Third.

MICHAEL EVANS PREB: OF WESTMINSTER
VICAR OF ST. BRIDES†1710†

Fourth.

A. R. 1710.

*Fifth.*JOHN . . . BOCKING . . . THOMAS . . . COLBORN
. . . CHVRCH . . . WARDENS† 1736 . . . S.K. . . FECIT . . .*Sixth.*. . . ABRAHAM . . . PAGE . . . THOS . . . KETTER-
ICHE . . . PHILIP . . . ROBINSON . . . COMMON . . .
COVNCIL . . . MEN . . . S.K. . . FECIT . . . 1736*Seventh.*

ABRA : RVDHALL BELL FOVNDER 1710

*Eighth.*PEACE & GOOD NEIGHBOVRHOOD. GOD
SAVE THE CHVRCH & QVEEN. 1710.*Ninth.*PROSPERITY TO ALL OVR WORTHY BENE-
FACTORS. A.R. 1710.*Tenth.*ABRA : RVDHALL OF GLOVCESTER BELL
FOVNDER*Eleventh.*PROSPERITY TO ENGLAND. MR. ANDREW RAG-
DALE, MR. JOHN JACKSON††MR. JOHN HATHA-
WAY, MR. JOHN GRAINGER CHVRCHWARDENS.
1710.*Tenor.*

A. R. 1710 [Diameter 54½ inches].

There are tablets in the belfry recording the following
peals, in addition to the ones mentioned above :—5104 Grandsire Cinques, by the Union Scholars, Oct.
20th, 1751.5232 Treble Bob Maximus, by the College Youths, Feb.
9th, 1777.5136 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, by the Cumberland
Youths, Dec. 11th, 1841.5016 Stedman Cinques, by the College Youths, Feb.
26th, 1850.The late Mr. John Cox was steeplekeeper here for many
years.I cannot conclude this account without expressing regret
that these bells are now never rung at all, as far as I can
learn. I certainly should not advocate peal ringing in
such a locality; but surely the bells ought to be rung on the
great church festivals for a short time at intervals during
the day, and on other festive and loyal occasions.We are again indebted to Mr. F. E. Dawe for this ex-
ceptional photograph of St. Bride's Church.**ODD CHANGES.**The extremely interesting account of St. Bride's bells
which appears this week recalls the fact that Sunday last
was the 157th anniversary of the death of Benjamin
Annable, who, as Mr. Jerram describes, was a pioneer of
change ringing, and some of whose compositions survive
and are rung to this day. Indeed, a good deal of the
knowledge which we have has been built up upon the early
investigations of this great master, who is buried beneath
the tower where he was wont to ring—St. Bride's, whose
famous peal now, alas, hang silently in the tower.In the days of Benjamin Annable a peal of twelve bells
was an event to be talked of almost for a generation.
These performances, in view of later day facilities, and the
rise of the Art, have lost some of their former lustre, but
even in these times it is noteworthy that during the month
of January the Middlesex Association rang no fewer thansix peals of Stedman Cinques. Two were on handbells
and four upon tower bells, viz., at Bow, Cornhill, South-
wark, and Shoreditch, the last four being on successive
Saturdays.

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The mention of these peals recalls the fact that since the
reopening of the bells in November four peals have been
rung at Shoreditch—an adequate tribute to the "go" of
the famous bells since their restoration by Messrs. Warner
and Sons. The bells are hung with the firm's new patent
self-aligning bearings, which are designed upon engineer-
ing principles and ensure, as far as is possible, that the
bells will always go well.

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We are glad to notice that Miss Jones, of the St.
Stephen's, West Ealing, band, upon whose promising
debut as a ringer we commented a few weeks ago, has
rung her first peal. It was an excellent performance on
her part, and she had the satisfaction of taking part in it
with another lady, Miss Chillingworth.

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The Vicar's daughter at Southstoke, Oxon (Miss E. O.
Nind) has been presented, by the local ringers, with a gold
brooch, in the form of three bells, bearing her initials, in
appreciation of the help which she has given them in the
belfry, where she takes her part regularly in the ringing.
After the presentation, which Miss Nind suitably acknow-
ledged, 360 Grandsire Doubles was rung by Miss Nind 1,
W. Geall 2, S. Kew 3, T. Looker 4, J. Smith (conductor)
5, J. Bower 6.

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The Bristol and Bath ringers met at Bath on Saturday
in a game of skittles, the visitors winning by 352 points to
341. Ringing on the Abbey bells and on handbells was
indulged in, and an extremely pleasant time was spent.

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Owing to the pressure on our space this week, we have
been compelled to hold over several items.**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.**The quarterly meeting of the above Society was held at Handsworth
on Saturday last, when between 30 and 40 members assembled. The
bells were made use of in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Nor-
wich and Superlative Major. In the absence of the Rector (who was
away through ill-health), the Rev. R. M. Gibson conducted the service,
presided at the organ, and gave an inspiring address. Tea was pro-
vided at Hayes' Restaurant, and was followed by the general meeting.
—Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Rev.
W. Solly, Messrs. S. Reeves and R. Cartwright (representatives on the
Central Council), and Mr. G. Hughes (ringing master).—The Rev. E. V.
Cox gave an outline of the business transacted in committee, viz., the
election of one honorary member, six ringing members, and four belfry
elections ratified.The question of inter-affiliation was brought forward by Mr. Cox, as
was also the question of the Ladies' Guild being represented at the
Central Council. Both of these items were discussed, but it was deemed
advisable they should be deferred till the Wednesday meeting, which
will take place towards the end of April.A compliment was paid the St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, ringers, by
Mr. W. R. Small, upon ringing a peal of Grandsire Cinques by the
local band, and the hope was expressed that one of Stedman would
soon be achieved.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the
use of the church and bells, accompanied by a wish for his speedy
recovery, to the Rev. R. M. Gibson for the kindly services he rendered,
and to Mr. Verry for making ready for the visitors.On Wednesday of last week, at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wol-
verhampton, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Richard Crofts
Powell and Miss Dora Mary Penny (only daughter of the Rev. Preb.
Alfred Penny, Rector of Wolverhampton), members of the Society
rang 519 Stedman Cinques: H. Hawkswood 1, J. Purser 2, W. G. Half
3, F. Darrall 4, H. Mitchell 5, T. O'Connor 6, A. Little 7, H. Farlow 8,
W. H. Lawler 9, B. Clark 10, H. Knight (conductor) 11, T. Smith 12.
A touch of 615 Grandsire Cinques, with E. Mitchell and R. Cartwright
standing in, was also rung.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, have in hand
the restoration of the following ring of 12 bells:

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

BELL FRAMES AND THE ARCHITECT.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION DISCUSSED.

Up to within the last twenty to twenty-five years nearly all bell frames were built of oak or chestnut, and the headstocks were of elm. It seems to have been in the past and, I am also sorry to say, is still at present in many instances, the idea of many architects that wood is the proper thing to make a bell frame of, because they say it is better for the tower and better for the tone of the bells.

There is no doubt that the frame that is best for the tower and best for the bells is the cast-iron frame mounted on steel girders for the following reasons.

A wooden frame is mounted on beams built into the walls, or resting on corbels, or on an off-set, and involuntarily the beams work loose in the masonry as years go on, and the frame resting on corbels or on an off-set moves. If a beam is carefully examined where it is built into the wall, the mortar or cement round the beam will show generally a crack due to the shrinking of the timber, and eventually it becomes loose. When this happens it is bound to be a greater strain on the masonry round the beam and loosens it; also a timber frame, unless most carefully watched, will work loose in the joints if it is not kept carefully screwed up, which is the exception, not the rule.

STEEL GIRDERS BRACE THE TOWER.

The usual practice of the present day is to mount cast-iron frames on steel girders that are built into the tower walls with the angle pieces riveted on to the ends to form an anchor into the masonry, or, a better plan, on the end of the girders rivet on a steel bolt of sufficient strength, carry this bolt right through the tower walls to the outside. The nuts of these bolts must be kept below the surface of the outside walls, this means the tower is braced together and held.

The nuts, of course, should be below the surface of the masonry and faced over with stone or cement so that they do not show on the outside of the tower, or the nuts may be arranged on the inside. These nuts should go through a large stone if possible.

If a massive cast-iron frame is erected on girders as above described, the tower girders and bell frame are as one unit, and there is no movement of the frame whatsoever.

The expansion and contraction of a steel girder placed under a bell frame may be disregarded as the sun-rays do not reach it; in the hottest weather the bell chamber is cool, but in some cases it has been thought advisable to anchor alternate ends of the girders. For instance, if there are four girders, each girder would be anchored at one end and free the other, two anchors one side of the tower and two the other.

There are many architects who contend that the bell frame ought to give with the swing of the bell, but it has been proved that a frame that gives with the swing of the bell exerts much more strain on the walls of the tower than one built on modern lines of iron and steel that is rigid as above described.

A PRACTICAL EXAMPLE.

One particular case illustrating this that was brought home to the writer was a lofty tower containing a peal of six bells, tenor 37 cwt., but hung in two tiers with the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th bells in an old-fashioned timber frame above, and the 5th and tenor in another old timber frame below. The top four bells swung east and west, the 5th and tenor north and south, and when these bells were ringing the sway of the tower was very noticeable indeed.

Two years ago the bells were all rehung in a very massive cast-iron frame mounted on steel girders and four smaller bells added, making a grand peal of ten. The movement in the tower is now very much less, with ten bells hung on modern lines, than it was with six hung in the old way, and, in my opinion, this is due to the fact that the girders are now bracing the tower together, and the dead weight of the frames and girders help to keep the tower stationary in the same way that a twenty ton weight on top of a tall factory chimney keeps it steady in a gale of wind.

With all the peals of bells that have been hung in recent years in iron frames, I have not heard of one authenticated case where the tower has been damaged, and exhaustive enquiries have been made by myself and others.

The same cannot be said about wooden frames. Not many months ago I was asked to inspect a small peal of bells in Somerset that were hung in an old wooden frame. One of the main beams had worked loose in the masonry and a crack developed extending several feet coming direct from the beam. These bells have now been rehung in an iron frame on modern lines and the tower repaired, and the result leaves nothing to be desired.

There are many cases of complaint when people living close under a tower complain about the noise of bells. If architects would only remember that all openings for letting out the sound should be well above the bells, there would be fewer complaints.

In towers where the openings or louvres come below the bells they should be boarded or bricked up with not less than one inch boards. If boards are used, they should be covered with two layers of roofing felt to at least two feet above the mouth of the tenor bell when set on end.

When a tower is about to be built, the architect in charge of the work would do well to consult with the bell hanger, and discuss the plans of the tower. By this means the most efficient bell tower would be the result. The sound should always be driven in an upward direc-

tion, and the perfect arrangement would be an opening in the tower roof, about which there should be no difficulty to keep out the wet if properly designed.

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT REIGATE.

The Surrey Association had a successful annual meeting on Saturday last, some 60 members attending, drawn from the towers of Reigate, Redhill, Charlwood, Godstone, Dorking, Leatherhead, Nutfield, Ewell, Hersham, Croydon, Epsom, Mitcham, etc. There was some good ringing during the day at St. John's, Redhill and Reigate, and before tea, the Vicar of Reigate held a short service in the Parish Church. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and at its conclusion the long agenda, unavoidable at an annual meeting, was embarked upon, the Vicar having been voted to the chair.

For the benefit of those not present at the last quarterly meeting, the Hon. Secretary referred to the letters of sympathy which had been received on the death of the late Master, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, including two, which were much appreciated, from the President (the Bishop of Southwark) and from the hon. secretary of the Collegio Youths; whilst he read to the members the letter of condolence that had been sent to Mrs. Carpenter and her family, and also a letter of thanks from Miss Carpenter.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO DR. CARPENTER.

It was unanimously decided to establish in some way a fitting memorial to the late Master, and a sub-committee of five was appointed to draw up a scheme. Mr. J. D. Drewett (of Mitcham) was elected to the post of Master, rendered vacant by the death of Dr. Carpenter. He briefly told the members how difficult he felt it would be successfully to fill the gap that had unfortunately been created, but that with the loyal help of the members he would do his best. The other officers were re-elected, viz., hon. treasurer, Rev. A. S. W. Young; hon. secretary, Mr. C. F. Johnston; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. C. E. Reading; southern district secretary, Mr. Hy. Ewins; auditors, Messrs. Gower and Gear; whilst Mr. C. Doan was elected to the vacant seat on the Central Council.

The financial position for 1913 was reported to be satisfactory, for though there was a total deficit of about £4, yet an expense of £11 odd had been met that would not occur again for writing in peals, while a grant for instruction to Egham had been made.

The list of peals rung in the last year was easily a record in the history of the Association, and showed signs of rapidly increasing activity. They numbered 71, as compared with 32 in 1912 and 20 in 1911.

The increase of members, perhaps, was more marked still, 70 new ones having joined during the year. Half of these came into the southern district, which, though only formed 18 months ago, is now 36 strong.

A handsome oak bookcase in which to keep the peal books was then displayed to the members, and it was decided to keep the case and the peal books, a valuable asset, for a year each by turn in Reigate, Croydon, and Kingston Parish Churches, provided those concerned at each church were agreeable.

A NEW DISTRICT FORMED.

Mr. Ewins read his official report on the progress of the southern district, and he and members of the district were warmly congratulated on the success of their efforts. This was followed by a resolution by Mr. Johnston to further divide the Association by forming another, a western district. He explained that the object was to enable towers in that part to have district meetings, and to be brought more in touch with one another, but he wished it to be understood that in no way would any encroachment be countenanced on the province of neighbouring associations that had already affiliated particular towers. With the aid of a map he further explained the scheme, which was supported by Messrs. Reading, Hoad and Gower, and the resolution was carried nem. con., whilst Mr. A. F. Shepherd, who had kindly consented to take on the duties of the new district secretary for the west, was unanimously elected and thanked for his expressing his readiness to come forward.

Members' views were then solicited for the guidance of the Central Council representatives on the questions of the representation of the Ladies' Guild and of the scheme for inter-affiliation.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the authorities who had granted permission to ring at the respective churches, and to the Vicar of Reigate for taking the service and for his presence at the meeting.

The meeting was throughout a success, and the members of the southern district were present in large numbers, although it was to be regretted that the main and central part of the Association was not particularly well represented. However, there was cause for congratulation, that though the agenda list was so heavy and included some drastic alterations, there was a spirit of harmony and good feeling throughout the day.

MR. G. MARTIN'S 100 PEALS.

Minor in four Methods, 1; in two Methods, 1 (conducted 1); Grand-sire Triples, 9 (3); Caters, 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 18 (4); Caters, 2; Bob Major, 6 (5); Kent Treble Bob Major, 8 (4); Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Major, 26 (15); Superlative Surprise Major, 13 (8); Cambridge Surprise Major, 8 (6); London Surprise Major, 3; total, 100 (conducted 46).

WAKING UP THE AMERICANS. WHAT THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.A. THINK OF CHANGE RINGING.

It was a felicitous suggestion of the English ringers in Boston to ring in honour of the wedding of President Wilson's daughter, now Mrs. Sayre. As this mode of celebrating an auspicious event had never before been attempted in the United States of America, writes Dr. A. H. Nicholls, the unique achievement was heralded by the Associated Press throughout the country in a way to impart to our Guild a national notoriety, such as would not have been awarded by a score of complete peals communicated only to the journals of the Exercise. Not only was the compliment graciously acknowledged by the President, but the episode has stimulated enquiries in many cities, far and near, why they also cannot procure bells suitable to give expression to similar joyous occasions; and our local bell founders, alert to meet a new demand, are already proclaiming their ability to cater to the requirements of the Exercise.

Most encouraging, however, is the circumstance that the general public, hearing the unaccustomed changes now sounding from our bellfries are manifesting a desire to know more about the Art: and in deference to this sentiment our newspapers are giving space in their editorial columns to communications, which evince an intelligent grasp of the situation. They are pleased, as a rule, to commend the superiority of scientific ringing to the yam-yam performances of the American chimos. The subjoined leader from "The Transcript," the principal local daily newspaper, will serve as illustration of the silent influence being exerted by the practical work of our English Missionaries.

"Bell music, which for centuries has been merged into the national consciousness of European peoples, is as yet almost unknown in this country. Yet New England, within very recent years, has acquired probably more peals of bells proportionately to the area than any other region on this continent; the peal at Groton, the peal in the new tower of the Perkins Institution at Watertown, the peal at Hingham dedicated a year ago, and the peal at old Christ Church, which has been rehung within the past year, though "the ring of bells" themselves was suspended in the belfry in 1745. The project to hang a peal of bells in the Pilgrim Memorial Monument at Provincetown will, it is hoped, add a fifth to these mighty instruments. There are, of course, numberless "chimes" strewn across the country, but these bells are not swung. They are struck "dead" with a hammer, the resultant loss being not only in their resonance, but in that it is not possible to employ them for change ringing, which is the peculiar fascination and fine art of bell music. The swinging of the bell throws its note upward and outward, enormously enhancing its sonority, giving a voice to its overtone, and bringing into play, on the part of the ringer, a rigorous drill of the mathematical faculty and providing, incidentally, exercise of the most strenuous sort.

"There has been opposition to this pealing of bells in various neighbouring localities, especially in Watertown. Some of these have been justified; others have not. The study of the ringers has been to meet this body of opinion and conciliate it wherever possible. They have conceded that many of the objections were perfectly valid; as that the pealing, if practised after eight o'clock at night, kept children awake—which hour was duly abandoned; that the ringing interferes with the act of telephoning; and that it is a severe punishment for a person in ill-health if lying near the bells. On the other hand, when neighbours complained of the change ringing because they could not distinguish the "tune," it had to be expounded to them that to listen for a tune in this sort of bell music was like listening for a tune in a symphonic poem or in a Wagnerian score. The peal produces not the clank! clank! of the hymn tune, but a buoyant, impetuous harmonic effect. In fact, to appreciate genuine bell music requires an education of musical taste like that required for orchestral music.

"Into the technique of the change ringing and the skill required, there is not space, here, to go. The art exacts a knowledge of mathematical curves, a steady hand, a cool head and long practice. It has been described as "two games of chess at once, with one second to determine on the next move."

"The music of bells intertwines itself so intimately with the life of a community, once the pealing becomes a custom, that no single element is so much missed by immigrants who have forsaken their shores for our own. It has been repeatedly noticed that the bell music is most appreciated by people who have recently come to make their homes in America after a childhood and youth spent in some European city. It is even said that a number of English families, moving to New England, chose to settle in Watertown in order to be near the peal of bells in the tower of the Perkins Institution.

"Bell music acquires a powerful associative spell from identification with occasions of public or national sorrow or rejoicing. It is a proper element of our community life, which to encourage will be to encourage our own pleasure and profit."

AN APPEAL.

The many ringers who know Mr. Harry Walter, of the Green, Shepperton, Middlesex, will be grieved to hear he is seriously ill, and in great need of help. I may mention he was for some time employed by Messrs. Webb and Bennett as bell hanger, and in more recent years has been working for the Thames Conservancy. Any donation, however small, will be thankfully received by Mr. Walter, or by the writer on his behalf.

JOHN H. B. HESSE,

Park View, Teddington.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch was held at Barton St. David, on Saturday last, when nearly 30 members were present, representing Castle Cary, Ditcheat, Batcombe, West Lydford, Babecary, Barton St. David, Street, and Keniton Mandiville.—A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Peacock) officiating, and giving a very instructive address, in which he pointed out the position ringers held. In years gone by, he said, the ringers were very seldom seen. They came to the church and rang occasionally, and went away again without attending any place of worship. That day had, happily, vanished, and he could only admire the way in which so many ringers had come on that occasion from a distance, in spite of the weather, to attend the meeting at Barton St. David.

After the service, the ringers were very kindly entertained to a bountiful tea in the Church School by the Vicar and his churchwardens. —The business meeting followed, the Rev. A. B. Peacock presiding, supported by Messrs. W. J. Masters and J. Bishop (churchwardens), Messrs. G. Masters, F. Slocombe, M. S. Welchman (West Lydford), E. F. Creed (Castle Cary), James Hullford (Batcombe), and many others.—Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr., of Ditcheat, was unanimously re-elected President to the Branch for the year 1914, and Mr. T. G. Vincent, junr., as secretary.

On the re-election of Mr. Vincent as secretary, Mr. James Fullford, of Batcombe, in a well-chosen speech, presented him with a very handsome tobacco pouch and pipe as a slight recognition of his kindness in coming to Batcombe, and instructing their ringers in the art of change ringing.—Mr. Vincent, who was quite taken by surprise, thanked Mr. Fullford for the kindness of the Batcombe ringers, assuring them of his appreciation of their action.

Three hon. members and eleven performing members were then elected, and one tower affiliated to the Association. — Bruton was chosen as the next place of meeting, to be held in May.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the bells, and to him and his churchwardens for so kindly entertaining the ringers to tea.—The Vicar and the churchwardens suitably replied, intimating that they would be very pleased to welcome the ringers to Barton St. David again whenever they felt inclined to arrange a meeting there.

A move was then made to the tower, where touches of Doubles (including Stedman) and Minor were brought round on the bells. Some of the ringers also visited the West Lydford tower, where, on the fine peal of six, some well-struck Minor was rung.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CAMERTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch of the Association was held on Saturday, at Camerton, and despite the unfavourable weather and the inconvenient train service, a goodly number of members attended. Among the towers represented were: Camerton, Midsomer Norton, Frome, Leigh-on-Mendip, High Littleton, Stow Easton, Dunkerton (unaffiliated), and St. Mary's (Bridgwater). The bells (a light ring of six), available from 2 p.m., were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going till 4 p.m. At this hour, evensong was said in the beautiful Parish Church, at which the Rev. A. M. Dowling (Vicar) and the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywill (Branch President) officiated, the former giving a most helpful and instructive address. Mrs. Dowling ably presided at the organ. Service ended, the members adjourned to the village inn, where they partook of a very substantial tea.

The usual business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the ever-genial president. Among the visitors, the Chairman especially welcomed Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater, whose attendance was felt to be a pleasure to all, and also an honour to the branch. The brevity of his stay was the only thing regrettable about it.—Mr. A. M. G. Daniel, of Frome, was also accorded a most hearty reception.—Three new members were admitted to the Association.—Hearty thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. M. Dowling, Mrs. Dowling, the choir, the President, and the hon. secretary for their respective shares in making the meeting a success.

Business concluded, the belfry was again besieged, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles became the order of the evening. Apparently, every member went home thoroughly satisfied with his own share in a most successful and enjoyable gathering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first monthly practice, arranged by the Manchester branch, was held on Saturday, at St. John's, Miles Platting, when the following methods were rung: Bob Minor, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and Superlative Major; also a course of a new method by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, called Manchester Treble Bob Major. The following towers were represented: Denton, Reddish, Stretford, Holy Trinity, Town Hall, Birch, Pendleton, and the local company.

SKELTON RINGER'S DEPARTURE.

The peal at Scarborough, recorded in another column, was rung as a farewell to Mr. W. T. Holmes, who is leaving Skelton to take up an important position under the education authority in Cumberland. His removal from the district will be greatly felt, as he is an enthusiastic ringer, and most attentive to his duties. He carries with him into his new position the best wishes of all his ringing friends, who hope that the loss to the Cleveland district will result in an acquisition to the town to which he is going.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on February 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service, with address, by the Very Rev. Canon Brownrigg, M.A., Dean of Bocking, at the Parish Church at 5 p.m. Braintree (8 bells), Rayne (6 bells) also open for ringing. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—B. Redgwell, Honorary District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, February 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. For full particulars see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peploe, on Saturday, February 7th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel at 5.30.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wooburn, Bucks, on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. Service in Parish Church at 4.15, preacher Rev. R. Unsworth. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m.—R. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Snaefell, Priory Road, High Wycombe.

HOLBECK.—St. Francis Church (R.C.), Manor Road, Holbeck, Leeds.—By kind permission of the Rev. Canon McAuliffe the peal of 8 bells (tenor 11½ cwt.) will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. All members of the Yorkshire Association, or any society of change ringers, will be welcome. The tower is five minutes' walk from all Leeds Railway Stations. Meeting house, the Belmont Inn, handbells provided. Dacres' dining and refreshment rooms close by the church.—R. Binns, Secretary, 2, Chelsea Street, Holbeck, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, February 7th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock, on Saturday, February 14th.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 14th. The

tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m., also another tower which will be announced next week. Tea at the "King of Denmark," Old Bailey, E.C., at 7 p.m., 7d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 54, Thurlow Park Road, W. Dulwich, S.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in Parish Room at 5.15. Members requiring tea will oblige by informing the district secretary before February 12th.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting of the division will be held at Buxted (8 bells) on Saturday, February 14th. Tower open 2.30 till 9. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at White Hart Hotel, price 6d. each. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ash-ton Street, Brighton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, February 14th. Bells, which have been rehung, ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Areley Kings, on Saturday, February 14th, 1914. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those giving notice of attendance.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Armley on February 14th, 1914. Peal attempt in the afternoon. The business meeting will be held at the White Horse at 7 p.m. Business important.—F. Hopwood, 5, Chiswick Street, Laisterdyke.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Next branch meeting at Wilmslow, Saturday, 21st inst. Denton tower not available.—A. T. Beeston, Honorary Branch Secretary, New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Prestwich, on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolsten-croft, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bicker on Saturday, February 21st. Service, with address, at 3.30 p.m. Dinner will be at the White Swan Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each.—G. Ladd, Hon. Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting of the above Association will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Bells available afternoon and evening by kind permission of the Vicar. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Those intending to be present please communicate not later than February 16th with R. Stephenson, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, February 21st. Attractions: Ringing, service and address, tea and business meeting, social evening. Full particulars on application for same. Admission by ticket. Members 6d. Visitors 1s.—George B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Brighthouse on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. The draw to take place at the "Ring of Bells" at 2.45 prompt. Tea 6d. each for those who notify the secretary by Monday, February 16th.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Wednesday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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