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Kingston,	Canada.
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Sturminster Marshall,	Dorset.
Mountsorrel,	Leicestershire.
Belton,	Rutland.

ANOTHER "INJUSTICE" REMEDIED.

Ringers and others interested in bell-lore, who have access in public libraries to the new (11th) edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, will be glad to find that, under the article "Bell," the subject of change ringing receives more respectful and more adequate treatment than in the corresponding article of the 9th edition. The writer of that article, the late Rev. H. R. Haweis, was never tired of proclaiming the superiority of the Belgian "Carillon" to any other system of ringing bells, and the only information that his article gives about English change ringing is a single sentence:—"Of these changes there is a great variety, spoken of technically as hunting, dodging, snapping, place-making, plain-bob, bob-triple, bob-major, bob-major-reversed, double-bob-major, grandsire-bob-cater, &c."

When about ten years ago *The Times* reprinted the 9th edition, with supplementary volumes to bring it up-to-date as a 10th edition, it was represented to the Editors that Mr. Haweis' article, which they were reprinting as it stood, was, to say the least of it, not quite adequate; and a new article headed "Campanology" supplied some of its deficiencies. In the present (11th) edition, these two articles have been recast and combined under one heading "Bell," in which the best features of Mr. Haweis' original article have been preserved, and the whole subject treated in a more up-to-date fashion, more worthy of so authoritative a publication as this great *Encyclopædia*. Not as many people as we could wish are anxious for information about bells and bell ringing; but those who do want it should find it reliable.

The information which is appearing in the great work of reference has been compiled by the Rev. Canon Papillon, who, as is well known, is foremost among the authorities upon bells. If memory does not fail us he was the author of that extremely interesting and practical series of articles upon church bells and bell ringing which appeared some years ago in *The Guardian*, and which were reprinted in book form, and have since been largely circulated among ringers and church authorities. Ringers know him, also, as the editor of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's book "Among the bells," and in many other ways Canon Papillon has rendered service to the Exercise, not merely in the literary side alone, but in the extension of the Art in other ways.

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John O. Sager, Todmorden,
Solicitor, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,
Bell and Brassfounders,
Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE R. FARDON Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
JESSE B. TYLER 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
CHARLES H. GORDON 3	JOHN THOMAS 8
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
HENRY PORCH 5	RICHARD CHANNINGS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM J. SMITH, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. FARDON.**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

DEPTFORD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM JOHN RAWLINGS Treble	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 5
THOMAS HENRY HAWKINS... 2	ALBERT JAMES FORD ... 6
GEORGE EDWARD RAWLINGS 3	GEORGE HENRY DAYNES 7
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4	ARTHUR PAPWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert J. Ford, who was 21 years of age, April 26th; his brother ringers congratulating him at the end of the peal. It was his first peal with a Bob bell.

THE METROPOLIS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES Treble	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 5
SIDNEY F. GOWLETT ... 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 6
HENRY T. GOWLETT ... 3	†ALBERT TURNER ... 7
HENRY S. ELLIS ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 1, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES IN THE FIELDS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	*ALBERT W. COLES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	†ROBERT E. STAVART ... 7
†WILLIAM MILLER 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

CANTERBURY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT ... Treble	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5
WILLIAM D. JAMES 2	REV. E. V. COX 6
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4	*REV. C. CAREW COX ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal in the method, and fiftieth peal.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 5
REV. W. S. WILLETT 2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 6
WILLIAM D. JAMES 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 4	REV. E. V. COX ... Tenor

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON ... Treble	WILLIAM JACKSON 5
HAROLD JACKSON 2	ROBERT DAVIES 6
WILLIAM LOWERY 3	GEORGE D. WARBURTON 7
*HARRY LANGLEY 4	ALLEN S. GORDON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

* First peal of Major.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE... 5
ROBERT E. STAVERT... .. 2	ALLAN R. MACDONALD ... 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	*ROBERT H. YOUNG ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method with an inside bell.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE Treble	WILLIAM D. JAMES 5
REV. W. S. WILLETT 2	REV. C. CAREW COX 6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 3	REV. E. V. COX 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 4	EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY (PARISH CHURCH),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	EMMANUEL DUTESON 5
WILLIAM BRIGGS 2	JOHN WATSON 6
FRED HINDLE 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7
ESAU WALMSLEY 4	JAMES ASHTON Tenor

First peal of Stedman by all the band. First in the method on the bells; also the first in the method in the Blackburn Branch.

KENWYN, TRURO.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Two-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENWYN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, NO. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs., in F.

ERNEST CONRAD FRUEND...Treble	CHARLES RICHARD LILLEY 5
DR. JOHN F. SYMONS ... 2	WM. PHILLIPS TRESTAIN . 6
HARRY MILLER SMEATH ... 3	WILLIAM HENRY SLEEMAN 7
ALBERT FRED KNIGHT ... 4	CHARLES HENRY SLEEMAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES RICHARD LILLEY.

Dr. Symons hails from Penzance, C. R. Lilley from Caversham. The rest belong to the local company.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE BUGGS Treble	*WILLIAM WOODGATE ... 5
*ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 6
GEORGE H. JAYE 3	WESLEY WATSON 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

WORSLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

HEBER DERBYSHIRE Treble	JOHN WELSBY 5
JAMES H. RIDYARD 2	FRED DERBYSHIRE 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	PERCY DERBYSHIRE... .. 7
*ARTHUR RIDYARD 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

EDMONTON,

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt., in F.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble	GEORGE RADLEY 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	GEORGE A. CARD 6
HENRY DAINS 3	JAMES PARKER 7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Rung in honour of the Accession of King George V.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs, in E flat.

GEORGE H. TOWELL...Treble	W. EDGAR HIGGS 5
SIDNEY HUDDLESTONE ... 2	RICHARD MOUNT 6
MISS LILLIAN A. WILLSON 3	RICHARD HENRY BARTRAM 7
WALTER JAMES 4	SIDNEY B. HIGGS Tenor

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

First peal on the new peal of bells which were cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston; dedicated February 24. Rung on the first anniversary of the Accession of King George V.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS MAY THOMPSON ...Treble	FRED STANFORTH 5
DICK ILIFFE 2	*HARRY P. SMITH 6
*ARTHUR PETTITT 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
*LOUIS E. ALLEN 4	*HARRY J. CUTLER Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE (Wakefield), and

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire with a Bob bell. This is the youngest band yet to ring a 5000 in the Midlands, the ages being respectively, 15, 21, 20, 21, 21, 21, 21, 19—average, 19 years 10½ months.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	CLEMENT GLENN 5
FRED COATES 2	THOMAS LEE 6
ALBERT NASH 3	GEORGE HALKSORTH ... 7
TOM O'HARA 4	GEORGE LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung with the best wishes of the rest of the band to celebrate the 70th birthday of Thomas Lee on May 1st; an attempt on that date having to be abandoned owing to the gas going out.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY, CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL'S,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6368 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs., in F.

ISSAC SIDEBOTHAM Treble	ISSAC SCHOFIELD 5
SAMUEL WOOD... .. 2	SAMUEL BOOTH 6
JOSEPH GODDARD 3	CHARLES H. MARSLAND... 7
SAMUEL STOTT... .. 4	BENJAMIN THORPE Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and

Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

The 6th ringer was proposed a member of the Chester Guild, and the treble and 3rd ringers were proposed members of the Lancashire Association before starting. The peal is a part of the 17,120.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

At CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE ... ..	... Treble	*EDWIN F. PIKE	5
JOHN J. LAMB	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ALBERT W. COLES	Tenor

Composed by C. SEDGLEY, and Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Surprise.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN BLACKWELL MARTIN	Treble	ALFRED HENRY MARTIN	5
ALFRED EVERITT	2	HUBERT HORN	6
JAMES WARD	3	ANDERSON YORK TYLER ...	7
CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE	4	HARRY PETTIT	Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

Alfred H. Martin's 100th peal for the above Association. It was also a birthday peal for C. W. Clarke.

STONEY-STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

DANIEL RICHARDS ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT ...	5
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUNR. ...	2	THOMAS BOTTRILL	6
ALBERT MASON	3	JAMES HARRIS	7
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM	4	WILLIAM WILLSON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung in honour of the first anniversary of the Accession of Geo. V.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN'S,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JAMES L. WRIGHT ... ..	... Treble	JOHN H. PAULSON	5
†THOMAS WHITE	2	EDWIN BLACKWALL	6
HENRY GREGORY	3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ...	7
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	4	WILLIAM TAYLOR	Tenor

Composed by A. T. KING, Esq., I.S.O., and

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON (of London).

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S PEAL. Tenor 26 cwt.

*PERCIVAL J. STOKES ... ..	... Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	5
REV. H. LAW JAMES	2	JOHN W. WOOD	6
*ARCHIE C. STOKES	3	*ARTHUR MACKEARS	7
JAMES OSBORN	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

* First Surprise peal. This is the first peal of Major on these bells, and it was rung on the anniversary of the King's Accession.

LOUTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 31 cwt. 7 lbs.

HAROLD RUSHBY ... ..	... Treble	PERCY C. LONG	5
ALONZO W. LONG	2	JOHN W. SEAMER	6
W. ERNEST MEFFEN	3	JOHN E. KENNINGTON ...	7
CHARLES KENNINGTON	4	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

First peal on the bells. The tenor of this peal is nearly 16 cwt. heavier than the 7th.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

BEN REED ... ..	... Treble	LIONEL SHOOBRIDGE	5
GEORGE WILLSHIRE	2	ERNEST WILSON	6
RICHARD SUTTON	3	JAMES LARKIN	7
JONATHON DOORNE	4	ALBERT GOLDER	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

This peal was rung as a farewell to Lionel Shoobridge, who is shortly leaving for Western Australia.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Two 720's of New London, two of Oxford, and three of Kent.

Tenor 18 cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... ..	... Treble	W. R. JOHN POULSON	4
CHARLES VARO	2	ARTHUR KEEBLE	5
ARTHUR SYMONDS	3	WILLIAM STIFF	Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. First Peal of Treble Bob Minor by all except the ringer of the third.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ONSLow J. FOREMAN ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE H. SPICE	4
*WILLIAM SPICE, JUNR.	2	WILLIAM SPICE, SENR. ...	5
THOMAS JULL	3	ALBERT J. DAY	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

* First peal of Minor with a Bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. O. J. Foreman, who is leaving for Canada, the band wishing him prosperity.

CLENCHWARTON, NORFOLK.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores of Grandsires.

*WILLIAM PAINTER Treble	JOHN B. HALLIFAX 3
*JOHN WELTON 2	*REV. J. P. S. HARRIS ... 4
*SAMUEL VINCENT Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

* First peal. Mr. Painter was elected a member previous to starting.

SELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN DOBBS Treble	ARTHUR ELLIOTT 4
THOMAS STIMPSON 2	WILSON DOBBS 5
WILLIAMSON WHARMBY ... 3	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

This peal was rung on the sixth anniversary of the re-opening of the church and bells after restoration. After the peal the band was entertained to tea by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Harrison.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4
ALBERT J. GREEN 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
EDWIN YATES 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. R. F. Rumsey, for allowing the use of the bells for practices and to attempt the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. E. CHAPMAN, 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

ALBERT V. INNS 1-2	DAVID J. NICHOLS 5-6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.
Umpire, CHARLES W. BIRD.

First peal of Bob Major rung on handbells by a local band in the county.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

My space is somewhat limited this week, and I must content myself with giving you an example of how you may practice the dodging which I explained somewhat fully in the last issue. Having studied the thing at home, you can go into the belfry and each bell can practise on the following principle, which is useful if unorthodox. Taking the treble as an example, let that bell dodge in 1-2 up, pass on to dodge in 3-4 up and then in 5-6 up. Next complete the whole pull behind and dodge successively in 5-6, 3-4 and 1-2 down and finish the whole pull at lead. Let every other bell do the same, starting of course at a different point, the 3rd in 3-4 up, the 5th in 5-6 up, the 6th in 5-6 down, the 4th in 3-4 down and the 2nd in 1-2 down. You will, of course, get repetitions in the changes, but that, for this purpose, does not matter a scrap. It will only help you to see more clearly to begin with how, after the dodge, you hunt through the bells which you had previously struck over. To enable you to understand what I mean I give you the following figures:

1 2 3 4 5 6	6 5 4 3 2 1
2 1 4 3 6 5	5 6 3 4 1 2
1 2 3 4 5 6	6 5 4 3 2 1
2 1 4 3 5 6	5 6 3 4 1 2
2 4 1 6 3 5	5 3 6 1 4 2
4 2 6 1 5 3	3 5 1 6 2 4
2 4 1 6 3 5	5 3 6 1 4 2
4 2 6 1 5 3	3 5 1 6 2 4
4 6 2 5 1 3	3 1 5 2 4 6
6 4 5 2 3 1	1 3 2 5 4 6
4 6 2 5 1 3	3 1 5 2 6 4
6 4 5 2 3 1	1 3 2 5 4 6
6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, April 30th, at St. Mary's Church, 1316 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: B. Ridgway 1, A. Moore 2, J. Tansey 3, W. Sharp 4, S. White 5, F. Cotton (conductor) 6, G. Thompson 7, W. Watkin 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Monday, May 1st, for practice, a plain course of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: B. Page 1, R. Biggs 2, G. F. Williams 3, F. Hayes 4, F. Biggs 5, S. Goodchild 6, F. G. Biggs 7, R. Buckland 8, J. W. Wilkins 9, F. Gransby 10. First in the method in the diocese. Also another course: F. Biggs 2, R. Coles 4, R. Biggs 5. Also plain courses Double Norwich Major, the first in the method by A. F. Ashman and R. Coles.

MARKET HARBORO'. — On Tuesday, May 2nd, at the Parish Church, 1204 Grandsire Triples, from Parker's one-part, in 43 mins.: E. Cotton 1, J. Waterfield 2, D. Iliffe 3, J. Taylor 4, W. N. Adkinson 5, T. Smith 6, F. Staniforth (conductor) 7, W. Hector 8. Ringers of 1, 6 and 8 belong to Market Harboro', the rest to Kibworth.

BARLEY, HERTS.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On Wednesday, May 3rd, 3000 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hour 45 mins.: D. Hailes 1, H. Howard 2, R. Howard 3, A. Dillow 4, W. Mansfield (conductor) 5.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Thursday, the 4th inst., at St. Michael's Church, for practice, 504 Oxford Bob Triples: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, P. Springham, jun., 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, F. Mumby 5, H. M. White 6, P. Springham, sen., 7, C. Ridgwell 8. Also a 630, in the same method, by W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, T. Newman 3, H. M. White 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham, sen., 7, C. Ridgwell 8.—On Sunday last, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples, by: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, P. Springham, jun., 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, F. Mumby 5, H. M. White 6, P. Springham, sen., 7, T. Newman 8.

LEWES SUSSEX. — On Sunday evening, for Divine service, at Southover Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Richardson 1, F. Sturt 2, A. Wheale 3, G. Sturt 4, A. S. Langridge 5, J. S. Goldsmith (conductor) 6, A. J. Turner 7, C. Errey 8.

LEEDS CHURCH BELLS, KENT.**FAMOUS PEAL BEING RE-HUNG.**

The historical bells of Leeds are being re-hung in new steel headstocks, and the 7th and 9th re-cast, by Mr. Alfred Bowell, bell founder, of Ipswich. They consist of a ring of ten with a tenor weighing about a ton. It was on the back eight of these that the Leeds Youths, early last century, rang the full extent of Bob Major, 40,320 changes, in 27 hours.

The same firm have also the following restorations in hand:—

The four bells at East Langdon, near Dover, are to be re-hung in a steel frame and the 3rd re-cast.

At Hardwicke, Bucks, the five bells are being re-hung in a steel frame, the old treble recast and a 6th added.

At Kingsthorpe, Northampton, the five bells are being re-hung in a steel frame and a new treble added.

At Chediston, Suffolk, the peal is being augmented to six by the addition of a new treble.

At Barking, Suffolk, the old cracked ring of five are to be replaced by a new ring of six, with a tenor of $10\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., hung in a steel frame.

At Silchester, Hampshire, the ring of five are to be re-hung in the newly restored wooden tower.

FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bob Major rung at Galleywood, Essex, on April 22nd, composed by E. Mullens, and conducted by me, published in your issue of April 28th, is false. The figures of this peal appeared in July 3rd, 1909, and I do not remember them being struck out as false, but my friend, Mr. J. E. Groves, writes and sends the figures showing where it is false. I now give up all claim to the peal, apologising to the members who took part, and also to the Exercise at large in having called a false peal,—Yours truly,

HENRY F. COOPER.

Chelmsford, May 7th, 1911.

THE GOOD FRIDAY PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Doubtless many readers were surprised to see in your peal columns the account of a peal rung at Blewbury on Good Friday. Surely, I should think, for the sake of our own good name as church bellringers we might all forego peal attempts (whether with bells muffled or not) on that one day in the year. At the present day people are only too ready to find fault with peal ringing, and it should be every ringer's aim not to give occasion for anyone to speak against us by overdoing a good thing,—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE.

Iver Heath, near Uxbridge.

CANTER TO CANTERBURY.

A little party of six, all parsons except one, set themselves down in the old cathedral town of Canterbury on Monday, May 1st, anxious to test some of the bells of East Kent after the manner of change ringers. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore had drawn up an attractive programme,

and a start was made the same evening at St. Stephen's, Hackington, a good peal of Double Norwich Major coming round in just over three hours. Tuesday morning was labelled for Hythe, and here again the bells ran home to a grand peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by the Master of the Oxford Guild. There was no time to spare for a pull at Folkestone, as practice at the cathedral was down for the evening. A tour round the building beforehand, under the learned guidance of Miss Helmore, was greatly appreciated. Ospringle on Wednesday morning brought the first disappointment, Double Norwich coming to grief close on the finish. Then on to Faversham in the afternoon, where Grandsire Triples was started for at a great speed, but this also proved a failure, so the rest of the time was devoted to practicing Superlative and Double Norwich, two plain courses of the former and a short touch of the latter being brought round. The "heavy bell man" was at this point compelled to retrace his steps from Faversham homewards to Caversham, whilst the remainder of the party returned to headquarters and spent the evening happy in the possession of handbells. The existence of a performing cat as a diversion at meal times must not be forgotten. Thursday morning began with a rush for the train, but Birchington was reached safely, and Stedman Triples came round here in fine style, well under the three hours. Quex Park, the rendezvous for the afternoon, and the last item on the programme, was marked out for a peal of Stedman Caters. A knowledge of the railway company's time table, however, blighted somewhat the work in hand, and two hours' ringing was the utmost that could be achieved. Three peals out of six attempts; nevertheless plenty of enjoyment, and a great deal that was new and interesting to occupy the time during the four days. The thanks of the visitors are recorded to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for all his excellent arrangements, and to those "men of Kent" who took part in the ringing at the various places.—C. C. C.

THIRSK.—On Sunday last, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells muffled, in memory of Bishop Camidge, 490 Grandsire Triples: H. Brown, jun., 1, H. Brown, sen., 2, J. Stott 3, J. W. Neesam 4, J. Watson 5, G. Neesam 6, R. B. Brown (conductor) 7, R. E. Neesam 8. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, conducted by J. W. Neesam.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday last, at St. Matthew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Adams 1, W. Hawkswood 2, E. T. Smith 3, G. Peate 4, W. R. Hughes 5, G. Smith 6, T. J. Elton (conductor) 7, H. W. Cattell 8.

TENTERDEN.—The Kent County Association. — On Sunday, for evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples: W. Spice 1, J. W. Unwin 2, F. G. Burden 3, C. Tribe 4, W. A. Lambert 5, E. C. Lambert 6, R. Edwards (conductor) 7, A. R. Snelling 8.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Among the provincial ringing societies the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, operating in, probably, the most rural of all the English counties, cannot claim to have made the progress which some other associations, more fortunately placed in some respects, particularly in regard to facilities for intercommunication, have been able to make. Established in 1882, it is, however, steadily extending the Art in the district which it covers, and at its head it has a gentleman who has done and is doing much to promote its interests throughout the large diocese.



MR. A. F. MARTIN STEWART.

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, who is Master of the guild, began his association with bell ringing when a chorister at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Torquay, in 1887, when he used to toll the bell for the afternoon service. Later he learnt to ring a bell at his own parish church, at Hampreston, and later, on going to reside at Bourne-mouth, came in touch with the St. Peter's Society in that town. With their kindly aid he mastered the mysteries of Grandsire Triples, eventually scoring his first peal in this method in 1894 at Christchurch Priory, under the conductorship of Mr. George Preston. He proceeded to learn Stedman with the Christchurch band, but it was not until 1902 that he rang his first peal in this method. That was on the occasion of a visit of Messrs. G. Williams and F. Bennett (then associated with the famous Brighton band) and the peal, in which five of the ringers scored their first peal of Stedman, was rung at Ringwood. In 1904 and again later Mr. Stewart entertained the late

lamented master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson), who conducted peals of Stedman at Christ Church, Swanage, Dorchester, Lymington and Bourne-mouth. In 1909, in co-operation with Mr. George Williams, he organised a successful tour in Dorset, when nine peals were scored in eight days' ringing, including the first of London, Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich in the county, and the first of Superlative in Somersetshire. But among his performances Mr. Stewart cherishes most the peal of Grandsire Triples at Sherborne Abbey, the first on the bells, and a peal of Superlative at Lewisham.

Mr. Stewart, who was for some time hon. secretary of the East Dorset branch of the guild, succeeded Captain Ackland, first as a member of the Central Council, and then, twelve months ago, as Master of the guild. He was recently engaged with Mr. W. W. Gifford and the authorities in having the peal at Wimborne Minster thoroughly overhauled, and he is assisting with other work of a similar character at Sturminster Marshall, and Holwell (near Sherborne). Mr. Stewart has not got a big record of peals. He met with exceptional difficulties, owing to isolation and indifferent tuition, in the early stages—more than enough to completely discourage any but the most enthusiastic. But the Master of the Salisbury Guild is not one who make troubles of trifles, and indomitable perseverance has enabled him to rise to the ranks of a Surprise Method ringer. With all his enthusiasm, however, Mr. Stewart is one of those who is opposed to peal ringing in the ordinary way. He holds the opinion that 5000's are too lengthy, except in special cases, and believes that the practice of peal ringing creates much ill-will towards the Art from many people residing at close quarters. His ambition is to see the Salisbury Diocesan Guild permanently established among the leading ringing Associations. With such able officers as the Guild has at the present time the realisation of this desire, one may readily believe, may with some amount of confidence be anticipated. Mr. Stewart is looking forward to this achievement, and he has a deep appreciation of the work which is being done throughout the country by the ringing clergy, to whom the great advance of change ringing generally is very largely due.

In addition to his love for the bells Mr. Stewart is a man of diversified hobbies. In his younger days he was a keen footballer, having had the honour of representing Hampshire on the field on several occasions. He is also a devotee of lawn tennis, yachting and motor cycling, and a run up to London from Wimborne (over 100 miles) before breakfast is a trip which he thinks little of. A member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Winchester and Devonshire Guilds, the Gloucester and Bristol, the Middlesex County and the Norwich Diocesan Associations, for all of whom he has rung peals, Mr. Stewart has scored 65 peals in 31 different towers in nine counties. All have been rung on working bells in the following methods:—

Grandsire Triples	10
Grandsire Caters	1
Stedman Triples	32
Stedman Caters	2
Bob Major	2
Bob Minor	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	6
Double Norwich Major	9
Superlative Surprise Major	2

Total ... 65

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

It is proposed to rehang and add to the number of the bells of Symbbridge Church, Gloucestershire, as a memorial to William Tyndale, one of the first translators into English of the New Testament, who was born in the parish in 1484.

Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk, would be glad if Mr. P. O. Laflin would send him his address.

The peal of 7200 of Minor at Frodsham, recorded last week, consisted of the extent of the "legitimate" plain Minor "bob" methods, excluding the two possible reverses (Reverse Hereward and Reverse Plain). The methods are numbered 10, 9, 8, 11, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 in the C.C. collection. Nos. 10 and 8 were rung at Frodsham on October 1st, 1910, by the same band, and were called Frodsham and St. Lawrence, in case they had not already been named. Stepney is so called in Annable's note book. No. 5 has already been named Hereward. No. 6 is the reverse of No. 5, although in the preface it is stated that the reverses are omitted. The methods, as named in the peal, were: Frodsham Bob, Stedman's Slow Course Bob, St. Lawrence Bob, Stepney Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Would any members of the Exercise kindly express their opinion as to the advisability or otherwise of fixing angle brackets from the top of an H frame to the tower walls? An enquirer would be grateful for any information on this matter, and communications sent to the editor will be forwarded to the proper quarter.

The Rev. H. Law James writes complaining of the inaccuracy of the statement contained in the report of the Lincoln Association meeting with reference to a statement he made on the subject of Cambridge Maximus. He says: "At the Central Council meeting at Manchester last year I made a statement about twelve bell ringing. When the report of the meeting appeared in print it was apparent that either the reporter or I had made a slip, as the statement printed was not only not what I intended, but obviously so absurd that it was not worth correcting. However, some people seem to have believed that I made the statement, and last Saturday week at Lincoln I was asked for an explanation, which I gave, and now I write to express my astonishment that in the report of the meeting in this week's *Ringling World* I am actually represented to have said that ringing Cambridge Maximus is as easy as call changes, and to have tried to prove this absurdity to the ringers present."

We are, of course, sorry that Mr. James should have been misreported, but we had perforce to rely upon the kindness of a correspondent to supply us with the report, and, as it came from a reliable source, we not unnaturally accepted it as authentic.

Many and often curious are the ways in which peals are lost. A smash up, a shift course or a broken rope are occurrences with which every peal ringer meets. At

Rotherham the other day the band met with an equally effective quietus when attempting a peal of Stedman. The gas went out and—well, there was the end of it. But the peal has since been rung, and we congratulate Mr. Lee upon scoring Stedman Triples for his 70th birthday.

Not a hundred miles from Brighton there was a "gas" incident last Sunday evening. After ringing for service the steeplekeeper absent-mindedly turned off the gas at the meter, and extinguished all the lights in the church.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

THRAPSTONE, NORTHANTS.—Central Northants Association.—On Thursday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Nickerson 1, D. Redhead 2, L. Wyman 3, F. Arnold 4, T. Jervis 5, J. Coleman 6, R. Loveday (longest length with a Bob bell) 7, A. Arnold 8. Also 1008 and 546 in the same method. These touches were rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Nora Gainer, of Thrapstone, and Mr. Joseph George Turner, of London, which took place at Thrapstone on that day.—On Sunday afternoon, previous to an organ recital, 546 and 168 Grandsire Triples, by the same ringers. All the touches were conducted by J. Nickerson.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Saturday, April 22nd, at the Parish Church, for practice, 960 of Treble Bob Minor, being 240 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Violet: H. C. Edwards 1, A. J. Green 2, E. Yates 3, W. W. Bonham 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6. Also 720 of Woodbine, conducted by E. Yates.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: S. Grove 1, G. W. Tilley 2, E. Grier 3, H. Grosvenor (conductor) 4, T. Gibbs 5, G. Hitchman 6, G. Hyland 7, W. H. Grosvenor 8.

LONDON.—The London County Association.—On Sunday, April 23rd, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks' Variation), in 47 mins.: H. W. Hibbert 1, T. L. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, J. Milner 4, H. T. Gowlett 5, F. J. Hardy 6, W. H. Taffender 7, A. Hines 8. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Tuesday, April 25th, for practice, at Christ Church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: A Broadbridge 1, R. Grimwood 2, R. Rapson 3, B. Morris 4, A. Miller 5, J. A. Lambert (conductor) 6. Also 306 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by W. Passmore.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Tuesday, April 25th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: L. Porter 1, G. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, T. Langdon 4, A. Hill 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, April 30th, 720 College Bob IV. and 720 Old Oxford Modernised, conducted by T. Langdon. Also 720 Double Oxford, with E. Dane 1, conducted by H. Kilby.

DAGENHAM.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday last, for Divine service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: E. Butler 1, E. Hawkins 2, A. Playle 3, R. Miles 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6. F. Freestone's first 720 of Surprise away from the treble.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday last, for Divine service, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1036 Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. John Midgley, who for nearly 40 years was secretary of the Sunday School: R. Foulds (conductor) 1, E. P. Foulds 2, E. Mallinson 3, A. Brooks 4, H. Foulds 5, W. H. Harrison 6, W. Mallinson 7, W. Heaton 8.

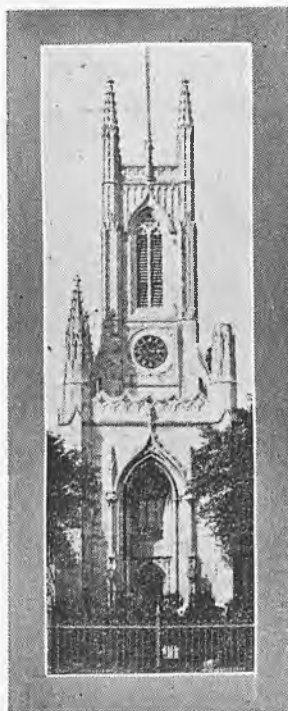
WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday evening last, at St. Luke's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: C. Bailey 1, B. V. Smith 2, D. Jones 3, A. Jones 4, C. Claybrook 5, W. Lawley 6, A. Fallon (conductor) 7, A. Everson 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday last, at St. Saviour's Church, for Divine service, and as a welcome home to F. J. Rumens, of Chicago, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. J. Cooper 1, F. W. Butler 2, E. D. Lillywhite 3, H. Rumens 4, G. W. Cooper 5, F. J. Rumens 6, W. J. E. Jones (conductor) 7, O. L. Twist 8.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On Sunday last, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Ince 1, G. Pincott 2, W. Thornley 3, T. Bleakley 4, J. Makin 5, P. Nuttall 6, W. Pennington (conductor) 7, P. Crook 8.

BATH.—The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Thursday, May 4th, at St. Saviour's Church, Larkhall, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. C. Rich 1, E. Alexander 2, T. Hogsflesh 3, A. Alexander 4, J. Taylor 5, W. J. Prescott 6, C. W. Bell (conductor) 7, L. Smith 8. Ring as a farewell compliment to Mr. S. Fussell, a member of the company, who is sailing on Saturday for Canada, the ringers wishing him success in his new home.

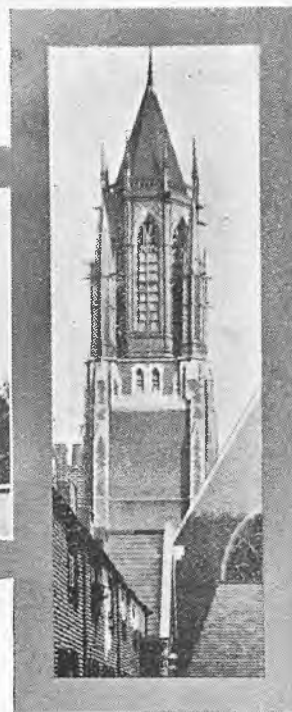
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"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT

Brighton, known to the general public by various designations, "The Queen of Watling Places," "London by the Sea," and such like titles, but more particularly to ringers as the home of much of the original Surprise method ringing, was the venue this year of the annual meeting of the Sussex Association. Once upon a time these gatherings were always held at Brighton, but in late years it has become a "movable feast," although, from the geographical nature of the county, the change of meeting place has not resulted in unalloyed success. But in 1911 it was Brighton's turn, and the gathering was unquestionably a representative one. Saturday was a perfect spring day, and the attractions of the great seaside resort were divided between ringing and the finish of a great aeroplane race. Even to ringers, the unfamiliar sport of aviation has an unquestionable attraction, and those who came to transact the business of the Association joined the throng who gazed skyward for the coming of the airmen.

THE HOME OF SURPRISE RINGING IN SUSSEX.

St. Peter's, the Parish Church, was the rendezvous of the ringing visitors in the morning. That well-appointed belfry, whose walls bear records of scores of performances, has been the cradle of Surprise ringing in the county, and the pioneers of methods, outside the standardised systems, practised here. The first peals ever rung of Champion, Oxford, Norfolk and Westminster Surprise were accomplished on these bells, as well as the first peals of Superlative, Cambridge and London, in the county of Sussex. The pity is that the bells, with a tenor of 10½ cwt., are so poor, and by no means an adequate complement to the parish church of such an important county borough. But the bells were the attraction on Saturday morning, and occupied the visitors until the annual dinner at the Unicorn Inn. At this function, the Bishop of Chichester, who is president of the Association, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Mayor of Brighton (Ald. Stanford), the Rev. H. Hordern (Vicar of St. Nicholas'), the Rev. S. F. Borrow (Christ Church, St. Leonard's), Mr. F. B. Tompkins (the master), Mr. G. Watson (hon. sec.), etc. Representatives were present from St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and St. Paul's, Brighton; Rotherfield; St. Leonard's and Blacklands, Hastings; Christ Church

and All Saints', Eastbourne; Rotherfield, Hurstpierpoint, Aldrington, Horley, West Tarring, Crawley, Steyning, Shipley, Cuckfield, Heene, Angmering, Warnham, Lingfield, Seaford, Lewes, East Grinstead, Slinfold, Shoreham, etc. Altogether there were about 90 members present, and after dinner the loyal toast was honoured.

The Mayor of Brighton proposed the toast of "The Church," and said that ringers served both the Church and the State. They were officers of the church, and at the same time were maintaining in the ancient parishes the old custom of bell ringing. As Mayor of Brighton, he was pleased to welcome the visitors to the town.

The Bishop of Chichester replied to the toast in a speech appreciative of the ringers' work in the churches, and said that as long as they chose to elect him as president, he hoped to be a useful as well as an ornamental occupant of the office. In felicitous terms he then proposed the health of the Mayor, who briefly responded.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After this, the business of the meeting was proceeded with, a number of new members, including the Rev. H. Hordern, the Rev. Armstrong (Blacklands), and the Rev. W. C. Strentfield (hon. members), and the whole of the Rodmell band (12) were elected.

The Master proposed the re-election of the Bishop as president, and thanked him for the interest he had shown in the Association. By his example, he had set before the officers an extremely high ideal, which they had to do their level best to keep up with.—The Hon. Secretary seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation; the Bishop, in responding, saying that the welcome he received from the bells in the parishes he visited was the pleasantest sound he knew.—The vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the Vicar of Eastbourne and the Vicar of Blacklands, and the Master was also re-elected. In acknowledging the compliment, Mr. Tompkins congratulated the Association upon a successful year, both financially and campanologically, but he would like to see more members taking part in the peals.

Mr. R. C. Ford was re-elected treasurer; Mr. G. Watson, hon. secretary; and the following were re-appointed divisional hon. secs.: Messrs. G. Howse, Eastern; A. J. Dawe, Central; H. Evans, Western. There were several changes in the committee, some of the old members, in response to an appeal by Mr. K. Hart, retiring to make room for new blood. The appointments were as follows: Eastern, Messrs. F. Locke, G. Penfold and W. Franks; Central, A. D. Stone, A. Gravett and O. Sippetts; Western, H. Hills, Bristow and B. Bassett. The Committee of Advice was re-elected.

By only 33 votes to 32, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Brighton instead of Eastbourne.

THE REPORT.

The annual report, which was adopted, congratulated the members upon the improved financial position of the Association—the receipts.

being slightly in excess of those of the previous year, and the amount expended considerably less. This economy was partly effected by diminishing the number of divisional meetings—a course of action which it was hoped it might not again be necessary to adopt. Seven of these meetings had been held this year, and again the thanks of all the members were due to those clergy who so readily welcomed the visiting ringers to their towers, and especially to those who entertained them so hospitably. Not only had the number of peals rung increased (90 having been rung), but the average number of points per peal was also greater. To a very limited number of members, however, the credit of ringing peals in the more advanced methods was due, so that until more of the bands practised these higher methods and were able to ring them for the Sunday services, it could scarcely be said that the art of change ringing was making satisfactory progress among them. St. Peter's, Brighton, band again headed the list of towers competing for the challenge bell. To Mr. Penfold, for his painstaking work in preparing the list of peals rung, and allotting the points to the various towers, the other members of the committee had already passed a vote of thanks, feeling sure that their action would be endorsed by all the members of the Association. Mr. Franks had given instruction to the Iden and Bexhill branches. Two new towers, Aldrington and Chiddingly had joined the Association during the year. The Beckley bells have been re-hung (two having been re-cast) by Mr. Howell, of Ipswich, and to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank was entrusted the work of providing a ring of six bells at Keymer. In addition, the tenor bell at Christ Church, St. Leonard's, had been re-hung (with a new iron headstock, etc.), by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. In conclusion, the members of the committee desired to express their great appreciation of the fact that in the president—the Lord Bishop of the Diocese—they had not a mere ornamental figure-head, but one who, notwithstanding the many calls upon his time, was pleased to come among the members at their annual gatherings, and take the keenest interest in the welfare of the Association.

The financial statement showed an increased balance in hand, £33 5s. 5d., compared with £16 15s. 8d.

It was decided that in future all notices of the Association should be inserted in "The Ringing World," and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Bishop for presiding.

Afterwards a choral service was held in St. Nicholas' Church, conducted by the Rev. H. Hordern, the Bishop of Lewes preaching the sermon from the words on the great bell at St. Paul's Cathedral: "Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel." He drew some practical lessons from the words for the ringers.

In the evening St. Nicholas' ten bells were also open to the visitors, various methods up to Stedman Cateters and Superlative Major being rung. St. Nicholas' bells are an excellent peal, the back eight (tenor 16½ cwt.) being by Thomas Rudhall, and dated 1777. St. Paul's, a picture of which is also given on page 123, is the other tower in the town, containing eight bells, but these were not open on Saturday.

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

FESTIVAL AT BRIDPORT.

Church bell ringing in Dorset, where there is an awakening interest, received additional impetus on Thursday week, when the annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Bridport. There was a service in the grand old Parish Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. Canon Farrer) gave an address from the words: "Use them for the calling of the Assembly," Numbers x., 2. Luncheon at the Town Hall followed, the visitors being the guests of the local branches, which, under the energetic guidance of Mr. T. H. Beams, have now become an important part of the Guild. Mr. Beams acted as local secretary for the festival, and carried out the main part of the work of organisation, and raised the fund for the entertainment of the visitors. The Mayor of Bridport presided, and amongst the company present were the Rev. Canon Farrer, the Revs. J. Fulliblack, C. F. Langford (Bradpole), C. A. Phillips (Bournemouth), F. Llewellyn Edwards (Kington Magna), J. L. Jenkins (Leigh), C. Wood (Coombe Bissett), W. P. Schuster, hon. secretary of the Guild (West Lulworth), F. H. Noon (Netherbury), and E. T. Butler (Okeford Fitzpaine), Mr. Martin Stewart (Master of the Guild), Mr. A. M. Broadley, Mr. A. Whetham, Mr. T. H. Beams, etc. The towers represented by the 107 members present, were Sturminster, Newton, Netherbury, Shillington, Dorchester, Lulworth, Coombe Bissett, Bradpole, Bridport, Donhead St. Mary, Mere, Templecombe, Beaminster, Okeford Fitzpaine, Wyke Regis, Wool, Kington Magna, Bournemouth, Shipton George, Lilton Cheney, Salisbury, Leigh, etc.

A BOLD FRONT DESIRED.

The Mayor, in proposing "The King," said it did one's heart good to see so many churchworkers drawn together in these days of peril, when the Government hardly knew what they were going to do to bring about what they so desired, the disestablishment and disendowment of the church in Wales, to be followed, if they could have their way, with disestablishment and disendowment of the church here. He was glad to see present so many young men who

were really good churchmen, and he hoped all the different guilds would join together and show a bold front to the foe, determined to maintain the rights of their church (applause).

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and Mr. A. Whetham then proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese."

Canon Farrer, who was received with applause, said it was a very great pleasure to him to welcome the ringers of the diocese to that part of Dorset, and especially to the parish of Bridport. He believed it was quite unique in the history of the town to be allowed to welcome the diocesan guild as they were doing that day, and they were proud of it (hear, hear). He always felt there was no work deserving a greater praise than the work of the bellringers. It was unselfish work and work that was unseen. Most people were ready to work when they appeared in public, but the work of the bellringers was done to the honour and glory of God, and no one saw it (hear, hear).

WESSEX AND CHURCH BELLS.

Mr. A. M. Broadley next proposed "Prosperity to the Diocesan Guild of Ringers." He ventured to think there must be something very invigorating in bell ringing, for the Diocesan Guild of the Salisbury Diocese had at its head no less a person than Earl Nelson, a descendant and representative of the great hero of Trafalgar (applause). He was not aware whether he (the Earl) was a practical bell-ringer, but no man ever raised so much bell ringing as did his distinguished ancestor (applause). A good many bells were cracked on the occasion of the victory of the Nile, and one remained cracked for nearly 20 years until repaired to ring for the victory of Waterloo. The interest in bell ringing was great all over the country, but there were certain circumstances which rendered it especially great in that Wonderful Wessex to which they all belonged. Was it not in Bristol that Queen Elizabeth chartered the first society or association of bell ringers, now the Society of St. Stephens, flourishing at the present day, though older than the London Society of College Youths founded in the 17th century? Was it not in Wessex that ten long centuries ago St. Dunstan of Glastonbury propagated the love of bells and erected them at Canterbury, Abingdon, and elsewhere? Was it not in the West that they had a mighty peal at Exeter, the heaviest rung? Was it not in Wessex that they had the great bell of Sherborne and various other bells of which they were justly proud? (applause). They would all agree with him that there was nothing in any part of the church or church services that had entered during the course of ten centuries so much into the public life, the parochial life, the municipal life, and the ecclesiastical life of this country as the bell ringing which they all propagated for the love of their country, and the love of God (applause). They could not, therefore, over-estimate the great good that was being done by this Diocesan Guild in encouraging bell ringing. Bands in separate towers were weak, but consolidated into a Diocesan Guild they were strong and powerful for good (applause). Bridport was proud to welcome the members of the Diocesan Guild, and although they regretted the absence of Earl Nelson they were glad to have with them Mr. Martin Stewart, the Master of the Diocesan Guild.

LEEWAY TO MAKE UP.

The Master said he could not adequately express their gratitude to all for the way in which they had been received. When it was first mooted that Bridport should be the place for their annual meeting he had some misgivings, situated as it was at a distant corner of the diocese, and he thought, therefore, it might not be the most attractive centre. Of course, he knew they were sure of a warm welcome, and when Mr. Beams got on the war path it was at once clear that they would meet with success. They were now all overjoyed in thinking the meeting had been such a great success, due entirely to the very hearty and cordial way in which their Bridport friends had received them (applause). They as a Guild had set out for the advancement of ringing generally, and they were being fairly successful for things in this and in other Guilds were in a much different condition to what they were a few years ago, and ringers must keep the position they were entitled to. Still, they had a great deal of leeway to make up in their Guild to get on a level with leading Guilds. One of their difficulties was of a territorial nature, and they had not the number of towers giving access one to the other which they would like to see. Still, they were making headway, and with their excellent officers there was reason for encouragement as to the future (applause).

The Rev. W. P. Schuster said it was with the very greatest pleasure that he added words of thanks to those of the Master and others. He had no report to bring before them, so that he would not trouble them with any business statement. It had done him good to come to Bridport, and see 107 members out of the 436 in the Guild (applause).

Mr. T. H. Beams then said he wished to thank all who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting that day. First of all, he wished to thank the Mayor for lending them the Town Hall. Then he wanted to thank the Rector for the hearty and appropriate service in the parish church, and with Canon Farrer he wished to associate the other clergy who took part, together with Mr. Albert Stone, who presided at the organ. He also desired to thank all who had so liberally subscribed to meet the expenses of that day, by which means he had been able to arrange for the free luncheon they had just enjoyed (loud applause).

The Rev. C. F. Langford responded, and the Rev. F. Le Edwards then proposed "The Chairman," thanking the Mayor for presiding. The toast was received with musical honours, and the Mayor suitably replied.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Beams for all the work he had done, not only in arranging for that festival, but for ringing in the district (applause).—Mr. Beams replied.

After lunch, the peals of eight at Beaumister, Bradpole, Bridport and Dorchester, the peals of six at Broadwindsor, Linton Cheney, Lodors, Maiden Newton and Netherby, and the five at Symondsburry were available for ringing, and were utilised for the rest of the day.

THE DEVIZES BRANCH.

The Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers held their usual monthly meeting at Upavon, Wilts, on Saturday afternoon, when no less than 35 ringers assembled, among whom were the Rev. J. H. Burn, Rector of Great Cheverell (chairman), and Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (secretary of the branch), together with the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, of Beechingstoke, and ringers from St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes; St. James', Southbroom; Potterne; Upavon, Beechingstoke, Chilton, and Great Cheverell.—Through the courtesy of the Vicars of Enford and Fittleton, the party visited those churches also, and some good change ringing was indulged in at the three towers. The whole party were most generously supplied with a substantial tea by the Vicar of Upavon, in the schoolroom, and his kindness was thoroughly appreciated by all, hearty thanks being accorded to the Vicar at the close of the meeting. The bells were kept going from 3 o'clock to 8 p.m., and an enjoyable time was spent. The Devizes party made the journey of 14 miles in a pair-horse brake, supplied from the Bear Hotel, and many from the various villages rode their bicycles.

CHESTER-LE-STREET GUILD'S SUPPER.

On Tuesday evening of last week, the members of the Chester-le-Street Guild of the Durham and Newcastle Association held their tenth annual supper (kindly provided by church friends). Meeting at the belfry of the old Parish Church, at 6 p.m., ringing was indulged in freely, several touches of Major being conducted by Mr. E. Ferry, of Newcastle. After an hour with the bells, an adjournment was made to the Bridge End Hotel, where ample justice was done to the good things provided by that genial hostess, Mrs. Oliver, who knows how to cater for bellringers. The Rector (the Rev. A. B. De Moleyns) presided over a good muster of ringers, and was supported by the President of the Association (Mr. C. L. Routledge) and Mr. E. Ferry.—After the loyal toast, Mr. G. Siddle proposed the toast of "The Bishops and Clergy," and this was replied to by the chairman.

Mr. W. Sheraton submitted "Our Visitors," and in doing so recalled the time, some 26 years ago, when their friend Mr. C. L. Routledge and the late Mr. Lees used to walk from Newcastle (eight miles) and sometimes back again, to lend a helping hand to the Chester-le-Street band.—Messrs. Routledge and Ferry replying to the toast, dwelt at some length on the work of the Association and the help which was readily given by the clergy.

Songs were rendered by the following: Messrs. C. L. Routledge, J. Robinson, G. Siddle, E. Ferry, T. Edmondson, F. Watson, J. Anderson, J. Crawford, N. Ward; and duets by Messrs. W. Brown and G. Siddle. Mr. J. Young, organist of the Parish Church, played the accompaniments in his usual able manner. With the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" a most pleasant evening was brought to a close.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Retford on Saturday. The chair was taken by the Rev. Canon Gray, who was supported by the Rev. B. Darley (hon. secretary), the Rev. R. D. Foster, and the Rev. C. Leeper. The report and balance sheet for 1910 were read and passed. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for July 8th, at Blyth. Seven new resident members were elected, and two non-resident life members, including Miss Steel, of Eedfordshire, the first lady to join the Association.—Votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

Divine service was held at West Retford Church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. G. J. D'Arcy, Vicar of Worksop. Members and friends to the number of about 50 then adjourned to Howard's Restaurant, where an excellent tea was provided. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at East Retford (10), West Retford (6), and Ordsall (6), the methods rung including Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Caters and Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Violet, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Miss Steel rang the treble to 270 Grandsire Caters in a very capable manner, this being her first attempt on ten bells. Ringers were present from Auston, Harthill, Worksop, Blyth, East and West Retford, Ordsall, East Markham, Gainsborough, Doncaster, West Stockwith, Loughterton, Wolverhampton, Rotherham, etc., and a very successful and enjoyable meeting was held.

THE FOUR SHIRES' GUILD.

The first annual meeting of the Four Shires' Guild was held at Todenham, near Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire. In the afternoon there were competitions for raising and sinking the bells, round ringing, call changes and method ringing, in which four teams took part, viz., Blockley, Campden, Longborough and Shipston, the Todenham team being debarred from entering the competitions on their own bells. Shipston were the winners.

A short service was held in the church, at which 46 members were present, and Canon Houghton gave an appropriate address. Tea was afterwards partaken of at the Farriers' Arms, and subsequently the business was transacted, those present including the Revs. Spencer Jones (Moreton), Drew (Todenham), Stoneman (Longborough), and Lloyd (Shipston). All the officers were unanimously re-elected: Canon Houghton, president; Mr. W. Large, secretary; and Mr. A. Case, treasurer. The certificates to the winning teams at the last meeting were presented, and at the kind invitation of the Vicar, Shipston was fixed as the place for the next meeting on October 26th. After the meeting there was further ringing, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor being brought round.

A MEETING AT RANMOOR.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday last, at Ranmoor, 50 ringers attending from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Barnsley, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Slaveby, Penistone, Hoyland Swane, Shemeld Parish Church, Norton, Dore and Gainsborough, together with the local company. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and the bells were kept merrily going until 3.15, to the tune of London Surprise, Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, College Single, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major. A free tea was generously provided, at which 50 sat down. Following the committee meeting the general meeting was held, the President (Mr. J. Flint) being in the chair, supported by the vice-president (Mr. J. Taulton). The balance sheet was passed as satisfactory.

Mr. J. Flint was again elected president, with Mr. J. P. Taulton and G. Halksworth, vice-presidents; Mr. D. Brearley was re-elected treasurer; Mr. J. E. L. Cockey was elected secretary, with Mr. T. Riley, assistant secretary. Notice was given of addition of rules for next year.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the local company and the ladies who had so generously catered for the meeting. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and all expressed the opinion that this was one of the most enjoyable meetings the society has held.

Doncaster were the winners of the Sunday Service Competition Cup, with 95.3 per cent., Ranmoor being second.

MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED AT ERDINGTON.

An interesting ceremony took place on Saturday week, at Erdington Parish Church, when, in the presence of the clergy, churchwardens, sidesmen and bell ringers, Mr. Newdigate, the M.P. for the Division, unveiled a memorial tablet, which has been erected in the belfry to commemorate the ringing of two peals of Grandsire Triples, in memory of Miss Mary Proctor Ryland, and of Mr. Thomas Ryland, of the Redlands, Erdington, the latter of whom gave the bells in memory of his daughter. The proceedings began with a touch of Stedman on the bells, and the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Swindell) welcomed Mr. Newdigate to the belfry. When he (the Vicar) came to the parish they had one solitary bell, and in 1890 he was the means of introducing a peal of tribular bells, which served them well for 14 years. In 1904 Mr. Ryland asked him if he would like a peal of bells for the Parish Church in memory of Miss Ryland, and he at once said "yes." The order for the bells was promptly given, and with several others he went to Loughborough to see the bell cast. In that parish they recognised that consecrated bells were instruments of God's praise, and helped to turn people's thoughts to higher and better things, and to raise their hearts to God and heaven.

Mr. J. Preston (secretary of the ringers) explained the object of the gathering, and Mr. Newdigate unveiled the tablet, which recorded a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 6th, 1909, to the memory of Miss Ryland, and the other rung on March 4th, 1911, to the memory of Mr. Ryland, who died on March 1st, 1905. The two peals are in the central panel of the board, which extends the whole width of the tower, and the six other panels are reserved for future records.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Newdigate was carried, on the motion of Mr. G. H. Mashin, seconded by Mr. E. J. Houlston (the churchwardens), who afterwards entertained the company to tea at the Acorn Hotel, and were cordially thanked for their generous hospitality.

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TIMELY TOPICS.

By Will Willson.

The gambling at "Lloyds" is taking a novel shape. Insuring against the "risks" of His Majesty not being crowned upon the day appointed is, of course, a familiar procedure, but premiums and prices against the Chancellor of the Exchequer becoming Prime Minister within a year is somewhat peculiar, to say the least. A certain weekly journal is also commencing an "insurance" scheme for enabling you (or themselves) to win money during the holiday season. You plank down your premium, and you are insured against wet weather while you stay at the seaside. For instance, if it rains while you are asleep, but is fine all day, you win your "insurance money" and your stake—or "premium." It sounds much nicer to say "insurance," but we all know what it means.

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In this connection we may reasonably ask: "What is the matter with our own particular propbet?" This is a business in which William J. Sevier ought to prosper, for if he has studied the stars of late he is sure to know something. Old Moore has to be taken with a handful of salt, but not so W.J.S. The bells he has longed for, and which he means to get by his prophecies, can now be put in hand, for when you run up against an astrologer it's a case of "heads he wins and tails you lose." William J. has the chance of a lifetime. Go for the bookies—I mean the "insurance" schemers—and pick 'em clean. It's no good being an astrologer and a composer to boot, unless you make use of your talent. Moreover, it's all for a good cause, and you cannot be too sevier.

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There have been "ructions" in the "House" lately, because certain members cannot catch the Speaker's eye. They complain that opportunity is not offered fair and square to enable them to "rise" to the occasion. Possibly my ringing readers may have experienced something of a similar kind, but as this journal has neither fear nor favour, perhaps it will be the better plan to wipe off some arrears:—

On the seas of life's ambition, many a weary brother man Sinks for want of recognition. Let us help them when we can.

Many a ringer has deserted from the ranks, and this is why;

He had failed, it is asserted, to attract the Speaker's eye.

In our ringing ranks are many whose bold deeds for honour call.

Justice now for each and any "even tho' the heavens fall." To men who long were far too modest (just like me) your scribe will try

And apportion praise and merit. They shall catch the Speaker's eye.

Note the Guildford band of Stedman famous feats of handbell zeal.

Willshire, Smithers, and the headman Pulling Garfarth through the peal.

William Watts of Stansted, Essex, Samuel Grove who hails from Brum,

Charles F. Bailey always gaily; here are men who make things hum.

William Wheeldon, Bucknall, Stafford, he can Twigg the Minor's hopes.

While a Laurence follows Washbrook double-handed on the ropes.

Harry Flanders, Reuben Sanders, James E. Davis, staunch and true.

Strange, a German, French, and English; all have rung at Waterloo.

Northern lights were lately gleaming, better ringers ne'er were seen.

Brothers Gofton very often flash like Barber's razor Keen.

And these satellites resplendent hail their fellow from afar.

Robert Matthews now ascendant; Worcester county's rising star!

These are but a few my masters, watch this page, for by-the-bye.

It enhances all your chances; you may catch the Speaker's eye.

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May 11th brings another anniversary of the long peal of London Surprise, 14,112 rung at King's Norton, Worcestershire, eight years ago. What a performance! The more you think of it the more stupendous it appears, for this was rung by a mixed band, if we except the London contingent. It would be interesting if the various long peal tablets about the country were reproduced in picture form. I have before me the first two volumes of *Church Bells* (1870-1871). That journal has now ceased to exist, but it gave in the issues of forty years ago a complete list of London peal boards, ancient and modern. To peruse the story of men now gone to dust revives the feeling of emulation now quiescent, but which all ringers feel at some period of their career. Looking backward often brings a glow of pride.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NEW CROSS, LONDON.—The Kent County Association.—On Sunday, April 9th, on handbells, at 3, Margaret Terrace, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. L. Bennett 1-2, F. A. Holden 3-4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5-6.—On Sunday, April 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor: Miss E. L. Bennett 1-2, F. A. Holden 3-4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5-6. Also 420 Grandsire Triples, with W. Hewett 7-8, and a 420 and 518, with W. Berry 7-8, the rest as before.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties' Association.—On Tuesday, April 18th, for practice, by six members of the local band, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 21 mins.: G. Stoneley 1, E. Vallance 2, R. Clifford 3, T. Vallance 4, W. Horton 5, E. H. Stoneley (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all and on the bells. Also several courses of Superlative Minor by same band, the youngest of whom has only recently turned 17 years of age, while the oldest is 22. They have now had their bells twelve months, and have scored one peal in three methods. A few weeks ago they lost a peal in five methods, ten minutes from the end.

BASINGSTOKE.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Thursday, April 20th, in honour of the marriage of Mr. Tom Perry, of Jayes Farm, Basingstoke, and Miss Nellie Bowerman, of Wyne Villa, Basingstoke, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: W. Leavey 1, Miss Alice White 2, J. E. Ballard 3, C. F. Hansford 4, J. Ward 5, A. Burgess 6, H. White (conductor) 7, L. Jennings 8.—On Sunday (St. George's Day), a quarter-peal, in the same method, in 39 mins.: W. Leavey 1, Alice White 2, F. Wilson 3, C. F. Hansford 4, J. Ward 5, J. E. Ballard 6, H. White (conductor) 7, A. Burgess 8.—On Good Friday, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells: W. Shepherd 1-2, A. F. Shepherd 3-4, H. White (conductor) 5-6.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Shepherd 1, Miss Alice White 2, A. F. Shepherd 3, C. F. Hansford 4, F. Bennett 5, A. Burgess 6, H. White (conductor) 7, J. E. Ballard 8.—On Easter Monday, 504 Grandsire Triples on handbells: H. White (conductor) 1-2, Miss Elsie Bennett 3-4, W. Shepherd 5-6, Miss Alice White 7-8. Longest length of Triples by Miss Bennett.

FRENESHAM, SURREY.—On Tuesday, April 25th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Court 1, G. Fletcher 2, H. Rendell 3, H. Chaffey (conductor) 4, E. Day 5, W. Dedman 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Combe and Mr. F. Needham. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: G. Harris 1, A. Cluter 2, H. Chaffey 3-4, G. Fletcher (conductor) 5-6. Rung on the fourth practice with handbells.

PENGE.—The Kent County Association.—At St. John the Evangelist's Church, on Tuesday April 25th, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: G. W. Conn, jun., 1, E. Pobjee 2, G. W. Conn, sen., 3, S. Hopkins 4, G. Wickens 5, E. Wigg (conductor) 6.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Wednesday, April 26th, for practice, 672 Bob Major: Mrs. R. Whittington (first touch in the method) 1, H. Tidy 2, G. Farnfield 3, R. Whittington 4, W. Streeter 5, J. Knight 6, I. Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8.—On Saturday, April 29th, a half-peal Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1½ hours: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, H. Charman 2, R. Whittington 3, H. Tidy 4, C. Charman 5, A. Charman 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, H. Ledger 8.—On Sunday, April 30th, for the evening service, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Charman 1, W. Streeter 2, A. Charman 3, H. Tidy 4, R. Whittington 5, J. Knight 6, I. Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Thursday, April 27th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Copeland 1, J. Welton 2, G. W. Cross 3, W. H. Hilliam 4, S. Vincent 5, J. B. Halifax (conductor) 6. Also another 720, in the same method: F. Beaumont 1, G. W. Cross 2, J. Welton 3, G. R. Trust 4, S. Vincent 5, J. B. Halifax (conductor) 6. First 720 by F. Beaumont and S. Vincent.

CLAPTON.—The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—On Thursday, April 27th, in 51 mins., at St. Matthew's Church, Clapton, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): F. C. Maynard 1, *J. C. Adams 2, W. J. Kemp 3, *P. R. Hishop 4, C. T. Coles (conductor) 5, F. J. Rumens 6, H. Rumens 7, A. W. Coles 8. *First quarter-peal in the method. The ringer of the 6th is on a visit from Chicago, and this was his first touch on eight bells since leaving this country three years ago.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—On Friday, April 28th, a 504 and 1260 of Grandsire Triples, rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Wright Lissett, town clerk for 24 years, who was interred on the above date. The ringers taking part were: A. T. Baker, J. H. Hiffe, I. Hufton, S. Burgoyne, E. Poxon, A. Nicholson, E. C. Gobey (conductor), J. F. George, H. Harrison. This was the first quarter-peal rung on this magnificent ring of bells cast by Taylor and Co., Loughborough; tenor, 17 cwt. 9 lbs. Also a 756 of Stedman Triples, by H. Harrison 1, J. H. Hiffe 2, I. Hufton 3, S. Burgoyne 4, E. Poxon 5, A. Nicholson 6, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 7, J. F. George 8.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On April 28th, to the memory of Mrs. Greville Phillimore (widow of the late Rev. Greville Phillimore, M.A., Vicar of Henley-on-Thames from 1868 to 1883), who passed away on April 24th, and was interred at Shiplake Churchyard, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, with the bells half muffled, immediately after the burial service. Conductor, G. Cleave.—On Sunday, April 30th, for matins, 504, conducted by W. Cook; and for evening, a 546, conducted by O. Porter, and J. White, of Hurst, ringing the 6th.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Royston, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea 9d. a piece, at the Dairy, to those who inform me by May 18th.—B. H. T. Drake, Sec. for Northern District, 12, Grove Rd., Hitchin.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special ringing meetings will be held at Raunds to-morrow (May 13th) and Northampton on May 20th.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday next (May 13th). Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the Bull Inn, 5.30, at 9d. per head.—F. Bennett, Hon. Secretary, 3, Margaret Terrace, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

NOTICES (continued).

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Prestwich and Whitefield on Saturday next (May 13th). Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday next, May 13th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, branch secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Winchester District).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, May 13th. Tichborne and Cheriton bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the H.H. Inn at 5.15. A special meeting will be held on Saturday, the 22nd of July, to accept the kind hospitality of the Bishop of Southampton. Further notice of this meeting will be given.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, May 20th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. W. Bickford). Bells available at 3.30. Meeting in the Parish House at 5.30 to consider proposed alteration of date of annual meeting to the Saturday after Easter. All members are urgently requested to attend.—C. T. Coles, H. C. Chandler, honorary secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—J. H. Bastow, branch secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place on Saturday, May 20th. 3 p.m., Longdon (5); 4 p.m., Abbots Bromley (5); 4.45 p.m., Blithfield (5); 5.45 p.m., Ingestre (6).—E. V. Cox, Hon Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Divine service at St. Mary's at 11.30. Preacher, Rev. W. A. Errington, Rector of Hunsdon, Herts. Business meeting to follow. Notice of intention to dine must be sent to the honorary secretary not later than June 1st.—Henry T. W. Eyre, honorary secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge at the Beehive Hotel at 5.30.—H. C. Chandler, honorary secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

SALOP GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Conover next Saturday, the 13th, and not at Church Stretton, as announced last week. Business meeting at 5 p.m.—P. H. Green, honorary secretary.

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