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GILLETT & JOHNSTON

CROYDON, Surrey.

BELLS,

CLOCKS,

CARILLONS.

At St. Michael's Parish Church,
Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of
Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes)
was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by
the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in
8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were
repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) com-
pletely rehung by:—

GILLETT & JOHNSTON.

The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record
Peal wrote:—

"Your work to this Bell is a **SPLENDID
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James George,
April 18th, 1911.

THE FASCINATION OF FIGURES.

The theoretical side of change ringing is closely allied to the science of mathematics, and only those who have dipped into its mysteries know the fascination of it. But there are many good, practical ringers who do not know how deeply attractive a thing composition is. It is enough for them that they have bells to pull, and figures, got out by others, by which they can ring peals. At the same time there is an increasing number of members of the Exercise who like to "dabble" in composition, and it is a good thing when a conductor is able to prove for himself the peals he proposes to call.

We hope that the occasional articles which we have published, and which we propose to continue from time to time, will encourage others to take an interest in this side of the Art, because, while it is not given to everyone to be a composer in the highest sense of the word—one needs to be gifted with more than average ability to obtain in these days anything original—every conductor ought to include in his process of self-education some attempt to acquire that knowledge of figures necessary for proving peals. If he did there would be still fewer disappointments caused by ringing, occasionally, a false composition.

But those who have taken up investigation as a hobby find it irresistibly fascinating. What hours are spent with paper and pencil, and how entirely one can be absorbed in the occupation! Just as with ringing, the more a man does, the more he desires to do, so with composition, the further one ventures into the realm of figures, the more strongly is one drawn along. There are some in the ranks of the Exercise who are veritable wizzards in the art of composing, and only a comparative few can hope to reach the standard of men like Henry Dains, Charles Hattersley, John Carter, Gabriel Lindoff, and others, whose names readily come to mind.

Such composers as these have left very little new ground to be broken in practically all the popular methods, but there are other methods, equally as interesting to ring, equally as difficult to accomplish, which have not been fully investigated, and which should provide scope for those who have a desire for figure work. It is rather surprising that, instead of wasting their zeal upon those methods, the bones of which have been picked nearly clean, more attention is not turned to other methods which give a wider field. Researches into these would, no doubt, popularise the ringing of them, and would probably encourage more ringers to practise methods that are out of the ordinary ruck.

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TESTIMONIAL.

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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TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH BOB COURT CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS GORE... ..	Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6
GEORGE HOLLIS	2	JOHN HOLMAN	7
JOHN FLINT	3	GEORGE W. BENROSE	8
THOMAS BETTISON	4	SAM THOMAS	9
WILLIAM LAMBERT	5	JOHN P. TARLTON	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

The above band stood in the same order in the false peal on the 10th of June, 1911.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Smith, a member of the Chesterfield Company, and Miss Annie Kirk, the band wishing them every happiness.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	Treble	CHARLES J. FRY	5
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	6
HENRY W. WILKES... ..	3	KEITH HART	7
WILLIAM T. TUCKER	4	OWEN GILES	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES:

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS TURNER	Treble	WILLIAM ROSE... ..	5
ALFRED E. BOWELL	2	FREDERICK BRUNNING	6
JAMES BETTS	3	ERNEST F. POPPY	7
EDWARD EVANS... ..	4	ROBERT RUTH	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

SIDNEY MACEY	Treble	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	5
FREDERICK PRECEY	2	ROBERT P. KNIGHT	6
JOHN S. RUMMING	3	KEITH HART	7
LEONARD HARRIS	4	CHARLES GAISFORD	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

SIDNEY F. PALMER	Treble	TOM O'HARA	5
CLEMENT GLENN	2	R. WILFRED COLLIER	6
JOSEPH ATKIN	3	GEORGE HALKSWORTH	7
JAMES EVINSON... ..	4	WILLIAM BIGGIN	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

This is the first peal in the method in the County, by all the band and by the Association.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

CHARLES SAMSON	Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY... ..	5
ERNEST F. BAILEY	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	6
EDGAR H. BAILEY	3	FREDERICK J. SMITH	7
NORMAN R. BAILEY... ..	4	*JAMES G. RUMSEY	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal of New Cambridge. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Samson.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALFRED KNIGHT	Treble	ALBERT V. INNS	5
ALFRED KING	2	CHARLES W. BIRD	6
ROBERT F. TURNER	3	DAVID L. NICHOLS	7
ARTHUR E. PAYNE	4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT... ..	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and
Conducted by DAVID L. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Major. Arranged for Mr. A. King, of Luton.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ARTHUR WILLIAM HART... ..	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
ALFRED W. GRIMES	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUNR.	3	HARRY WARNETT	7
*FRANK J. HAIRS	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	Tenor

Composed by the late C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in a Surprise method. Also first Surprise peal on the bells.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

OLIVER JAMES Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5
WILLIAM SHILVOCK... .. 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
GEORGE PIGOTT 3	*GORDON CHECKITTS 7
JAMES E. GROVES 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. KEMP Treble	ISAAC G. SHADE 5
CHARLES WILKINS 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 6
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. 3	ERNEST PYE 7
JOHN J. LAMB 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, August 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

*WILFRED T. ASHTON ... Treble	†E. R. TREVOR CORBETT... 5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 2	ALFRED FULLICK 6
GEORGE J. TAYLOR... .. 3	FRED W. TAYLOR 7
HERBERT JONES 4	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples with an inside bell.
This is the first peal on the bells, which were augmented to eight in
commemoration of the Coronation of King George V.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2	CHARLES CASTLE 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ALBERT J. BAYNES Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John de Sepulchre,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT HARVEY Treble	*WM. G. GOODBOURN 5
WM. G. MAYERS 2	WM. STEELE 6
ALFRED FUNNELL 3	GEO. H. CROSS 7
FRANK H. PHILIPS 4	GEO. MAYERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CHARLES SANDERS Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 4
*ARTHUR K. HARRISON 2	JOHN HAUGH 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

TODMORDEN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At Crosstone Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of College Treble, Merchant's Delight, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent.

*D. BARNES... .. Treble	*R. W. ETHERINGTON 4
D. BRIGGS 2	*J. W. RATCLIFFE 5
J. S. LOMAS 3	J. H. BARNES Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BARNES.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

At 46, King Edward Road.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN THOMAS 1-2	GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6
HENRY HODGETTS 3-4	WILLIAM ROUGHTON 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.
Umpire: CHARLES N. LEMAN.

First peal of Stedman on handbells by the ringers of 1-2 and 7-8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

F. DEWELL ... 1—2 | A. E. MOORE ... 5—6
H. A. TURNER ... 3—4 | F. LEVITT ... 7—8

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire: A. ELY.

First peal in the method by all double-handed. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and a wedding compliment to Mr. H. R. Moore, his brother ringers wishing him and his bride long life and happiness.

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.

The calling of the 120 Grandsire Doubles which I gave last week was, it may have been noticed, divided into two equal and similar parts, and it may have been observed further that each of the calls brought the 5th to double dodge in 4—5 up. This simplifies matters for the young conductor if he should ring the "observation" bell because, having throughout a symmetrical work, he is enabled to assist his colleagues. But while, for the general benefit of a young band, it is well for the ringer who is acting as conductor to ring an "observation," or, as it is sometimes called, a "fixed" bell, I would warn beginners that to get into the habit of ringing nothing but the observation bell when conducting, after having gained a fair amount of proficiency, is to fall into a bad fault. The best conductors are those who can and do call from a working bell.

For the moment, however, we will content ourselves with dealing with a fixed bell. The calls in this 120 are made at each other lead, with the result that the 5th is brought into 4—5 up at each call, and is thus the fixed bell. At each plain lead the 5th is making 3rd's place, and, by working out on paper the relative positions of the other bells, the conductor can, when ringing, keep them right with tolerable ease.

Here are some of the points which he should contrive to remember. On starting, and on each occasion of dodging in 4—5 up, the treble is bell which turns him from behind, follows him down (always, of course, with one bell between) and takes him off lead. In going to make 3rd's place he strikes over the treble and the bell in the hunt, and again over the treble and the bell in the hunt in returning to lead. He courses after the bell in the hunt in going up, and, having called the bob or single, double dodges with that bell and courses it down to lead. The bell which will go into the hunt at the bob is the one which took him off the lead, after he had made 3rds. (This bell would make the double 3rd's place at a single). With such points as this in mind, and others that may be elaborated, the young conductor will be able to help his colleagues in case of trips. At the same time something more than the mere theoretical knowledge is necessary. There must be an intimate acquaintance with the "rope sight," to which I have frequently referred, and the conductor at the first sign of indecision on the part of a col-

league must be quick and firm in his commands. Hesitation on the conductor's part nearly always leads to disaster.

Now there are other ways of calling 120's of Grandsire Doubles besides that which I have given. There are six with a call each other lead, three of them with the first call at the second lead (giving the 5th as the observation bell), and three with the first call at the first lead (substituting the 3rd for the 5th as the observation bell). Here is half a peal of each, given by the lead ends, the treble, therefore, not being required to be shown :

2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345
2534	2534	2534	— 4523	— 4523	s 5423
— 3425	— 3425	s 4325	4352	4352	5342
3542	3542	4532	— 5243	s 2543	— 4253
— 4235	s 2435	— 3245	5324	2354	4325
4523	2543	3524	s 4253	— 5423	— 2543
s 3245	— 4325	— 2435	4325	5342	2354

Each to be repeated.

There are four other ways of getting 120 with ordinary bobs and singles, and these are

2345	2345	2345	2345
2534	— 4523	s 5423	s 5423
s 4325	s 3245	5342	— 2354
— 2543	3524	s 2453	s 4523
s 3425	s 4235	— 5324	4352

Each to be twice repeated.

CONDUCTOR.

WORCESTER BELL RINGER'S DEATH.

The funeral of Thomas Malin, one of Worcester's well known bellringers, took place at Astwood Cemetery, on Sunday week. He was for nearly 40 years associated with campanology in the city, and for about 30 years rang the "Curfew" at St. Helen's Church, until bodily infirmity compelled his retirement. Besides members of his family attending the funeral there were present, to pay a last farewell to a departed comrade, Messrs. B. S. Hill, B. Hill, A. Hill, J. H. Hill, W. C. Jones, H. Wilkes, W. Powell, W. Banks, G. Hinton, J. Morris, J. Perry, T. Lane, C. Gregg, T. Brown, W. H. Johnson, W. Page, G. Checketts, W. Stone, N. Wale, members of the Cathedral and other Guilds of Bellringers in Worcester. At the conclusion of the service at the graveside a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, was rung by W. H. Johnson, G. Hinton, W. Powell, W. Page and G. Checketts. The effect was very solemn, and at the same time pathetic and sweet. The churchwardens, Mr. A. Harding and Mr. W. W. Harris (the latter having the charge of the "Curfew") of St. Helen's Church, also attended. On Sunday, for service at St. Helen's Church, the following ringers rang a quarter peal and other touches of Bob Major with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Malin: B. S. Hill, A. Hill, J. H. Hill, G. Checketts, J. Morris, G. Hinton, L. Longney, W. Powell, W. H. Johnson, W. Edgington, W. C. Jones, W. Page.

KIRKHEATON.—The farewell touch to Mr. P. Kidd, recorded last week, was rung on Sunday, August 20th, not 13th, as published.

WILLESDEN.—On August 9th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. Hill 1, G. Kilby 2, N. Alderman 3, R. Bevan 4, T. Langdon 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.—On August 15th, for practice, 720 "Willesden Delight" (if not otherwise named), No. 13 of fourth's place delights in Legitimate Methods: E. Cassel 1, G. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, T. Langdon 4, A. Hill 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.

COMPOSITIONS.

5003 DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

By A. KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

23456789		52364	I	6
65324978	I, 4, 5, 7	54263	—	—
35624	s6	25463	—	—
63524	6	42563	—	—
56324	6	43265	—	—
34256	I s4 6	24365	—	—
23456	—	32465	—	—
26354	—	35264	—	—
24653	—	23564	—	—
62453	—	54362	s	—
46253	—	35462	—	—
43652	—	43562	—	—
42356	—	42365	—	—
32546	—	45263	—	—
52436	—	24563	—	—
62435	s	52463	—	—
45362	— s	53264	—	—
34562	—	25364	—	—
53462	—	32564	—	—
52364	—	34265	—	—
		34265879	5	7s

Round in five leads.

Contains the 5th twelve times and the 6th 23 times and 4 leads behind the 9th.

First rung at Chesterfield on Saturday, August 26th; conducted by Sam Thomas.

5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By GEORGE CROSS, Norwich.

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
24536			—	—
52436			—	—
42635		—		
56234		—		—
25634			—	—
62534			—	—
43526		—	—	—
65324		—		—
36524			—	—
53624			—	—
63425		—		—
54326		—		—
35426			—	—
42356			—	—
63254		—		—
26354			—	—
32654			—	—
32546	—		—	—
53246			—	—
25346			—	—
34256		—	—	—
23456			—	—

The 4th and 6th the extent in sixths.

STEDMAN CATERS.

Two Peals by F. BENNETT, London.

5020	5067
123456789	231456789
132547698	514362
312456789	2463
321547698	3264
613452978	315462
2354	2564
4253	213465
416352	5364
2653	4563
214356	412365
6453	5263
3654	3562
312456	314265
6254	4562
4652	2465
413256	5264
3652	513462
2356	2364
6253	215463
613254	3564
513462	4365
2364	412563
4263	3265
415362	5362
2563	514263
214365	164352
5463	2453
3564	3254
312465	361452
5264	2154
4562	263451
413265	1354
3562	4153
2365	462351
5263	1253
215364879	3152
512463	514263879†
3264	415362
4362	2563
514263	3265
415362	314562
2563	2465
3265	5264
314562	513462
2465	2364
5264	215463
513462	3564
2364	4365
215463	
3564	
4365	

Round next change.

* 4, 5, 6, 7, 12s, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, August 22nd, for practice, 384 New Cambridge Surprise: F. Youngman 1, E. H. Bailey 2, J. M. Bailey 3, C. F. Bailey 4, E. S. Bailey 5, N. R. Bailey 6, C. Samson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8. Also 420 Stedman Triples: F. J. Smith 1, E. S. Bailey 2, J. M. Bailey 3, J. G. Rumsey 4, N. R. Bailey 5, E. H. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, C. Samson 8.

WEST LYDFORD'S ANCIENT BELLS.

REHUNG AND AUGMENTED.

West Lydford bells, one of which dates from 1587, and two others from a few years later, have been rehung and augmented in commemoration of the Coronation. Originally a peal of five, they had got into bad condition, and when, a short while ago, one of the gudgeons of the treble broke, and it was necessary to call in expert advice, it was found that a thorough overhauling was required. The Rector (the Rev. W. G. Paterson, R.D.), and churchwardens, determined that the restoration should be complete, and it was decided to clear out the tower, put in an iron and steel frame for six bells, add a new treble, recast the old, and tune the other four, rehanging them with entirely new fittings. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, and has been carried out in the most satisfactory manner. The cost of the work, together with incidental expenses, has been about £240. Towards this sum £20 has been subscribed by Mr. Colston, the lord of the manor, £70 by the parishioners, while £30 has been collected from friends. The six bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble, cast 1911, weighing 5½ cwt.: "Cast by John Warner and Sons, London. To the glory of God. The Coronation of King George V. W. G. Paterson, Rector; M. S. Welchman, C. Kerton, churchwardens. God save the King. A.D. MCMXI."

Second, weighing 6 cwt., dated 1742, T. Bilbie. Recast by J. Warner and Sons, 1911.

Third, 6½ cwt., dated 1607, Anno Domini.

Fourth, 9 cwt., dated 1587, Anno Domini.

Fifth, 10½ cwt., dated 1605, T.P. God. Anno Domini.

Tenor, 14½ cwt. 1687, Anno Domini, T.P. Thomas Young, John Sherovd.

THE DEDICATION.

The dedication of the bells took place on Friday week, when a large congregation joined in the service, which was conducted by the Venerable F. A. Brymer, Archdeacon of Wells. Amongst other clergy present were the Revs. W. G. Paterson, rector and rural dean; A. W. May (Lovington), T. Griffiths (Sparkford), G. S. Henning (East Lydford), H. Robertson (Babcary), A. B. Peacock (Barton St. David). The service opened with the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," which was sung as a procession. At the conclusion short prayers were said, and during the singing of a hymn the Archdeacon, Rector and churchwardens proceeded to the tower.

Receiving the bell ropes from the churchwardens, the Archdeacon dedicated the bells, and, delivering the ropes to the Rector, committed the bells to his care as a sacred trust to be used ever and only to the service and for the glory of God. Then, addressing the churchwardens, the Archdeacon said: "You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the Rector of the parish, to be used only with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese."

After further prayers, the bells were chimed, and during the singing of Psalm cl, the Archdeacon, Rector and churchwardens returned to their places. The Archdeacon afterwards addressed the congregation from the words, "For though I preach the gospel I have nothing to glory of; yea, woe is me if I preach not the gospel" (1 Cor., ix., 6), which are to be found on the great bell at St. Paul's Cathedral. The Archdeacon dwelt upon the message which the bells conveyed to each of them, the call to service and prayer; the message of happiness at a wedding, and of sorrow when tolled for a death. No matter how careless lives might be, there would come a time when the bell would be tolled for each one. He bade them, therefore, lay the message of the bells to heart, so that when in turn it tolled for them it would not give the terrible cry, "Too late, too late." Addressing the ringers, he urged them to remember that they were church workers, and that they must not absent themselves from service. In ringing the bells they must be reverent, and he advised them before ringing to join in prayer, for it would help them to bear in mind that they were doing God's service.

After the service the bells were rung by the West Lydford ringers, Messrs. M. S. Welchman (captain and churchwarden, and member of the Bath and Wells Association), C. Kerton (churchwarden), A. Thomas, W. Walker, W. Tudgay and T. Meek; assisted by members of the Bath and Wells Association: Messrs. T. G. Vincent, senr., T. G. Vincent, junr. (branch secretary of the Association), and T. Merryfield (Ditchat), E. F. Creed (captain), H. Milborne, G. Creed, G. Goddard and H. Creed (Castle Cary), and Robt. Warner (London).

TRENT BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I find I was incorrect in stating these are the very bells which Charles II listened to when in hiding at this place. I was quoting from Ellacombe's bells of Somerset, but since writing I have seen the bells. I find the tenor was cast in 1819 by Kingston, of Bridgwater, and not by Pennington in 1626, as stated by Ellacombe. The inscriptions on the remaining four bells, are as given by him, with this exception that the 3rd is dated 1603 not 1607.—Yours truly,
W. W. GIFFORD.

STEDMAN THEORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I certainly considered that Mr. James would, as a matter of course, have arranged his figures to suit his case. After he has stated that he carefully avoided doing so, most people will agree with him. I only used Mr. James' own block, enclosing six of the rows within a bracket to show that they are a complete B block.

Mr. James says I fail because his block D is not taken as a whole, and as a further proof he gives descriptions of the evolution of the bells at various bobs. These are correct when applied to bobs used in actual practice for producing touches and peals, but we are discussing whether there are bobs within a slow six of Stedman or not, and at present these are regarded as fixed places.

With regard to these, Mr. James still holds to his opinion that they are not bobs, and supports it by the statement that the bells are plain hunting, and by plain hunting I assume he means hunting in the order of 24531.

Now my last letter really disproved all these points, and showed conclusively that the effect of the bobs is between the rows 21435 and 24153, and that nothing which occurs either before or after these rows can affect the bobs. If you will grant me the space, I will endeavour to make the matter quite clear.

21435

12453

14235

41253

42135

24153

These six rows represent a round block, being a B block of Original Doubles. It is undeniable that it contains three successive bobs, and that the course order is changed three times between 21435 and 24153. After 1 has made third's place the original course order is restored, and then and then only do the bells begin plain hunting.

Then, if the course order is restored at 24153, the bob is completed as soon as the place is made, when 1, with the other bells, begins plain hunting, and it will not alter the fact that the place is a bob, whether she plain hunts forward or backward. That is my contention!

Now, if 1 plain hunts forward we get 21435, and the round block is completed. If she plain hunts backward we get 42513, the beginning of another B block, and five such blocks are Mr. James' block D.

Mr. James may assert that in the latter case, by some mysterious means, the bob places become plain, and there is no change in the course order between 21435 and 24153. However mere statements, whoever is the author, are not convincing.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Sunderland.

READING RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Giles' Church, Reading, were invited to Linslade for their annual outing, by the Vicar of that parish (the Rev. W. S. Mahony), late of St. Giles'. The party, which numbered 20, including ladies, travelled by train to Aylesbury, and then had an enjoyable drive by brake to Linslade, where they were met by the Vicar and the local ringers. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major, were rung on the bells, and then, on the Vicarage lawn, the party were entertained by the Vicar to a splendid dinner. In the afternoon, Leighton Buzzard was visited, the ringers being met by Mr. Nicholls. On the splendid peal of ten (tenor, 27 cwt.), touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. Afterwards the party dispersed, some going for a row on the canal, to meet again at Linslade Vicarage, where, after partaking of tea, they were photographed. The journey home was enlivened by songs, etc., and Reading was reached after midnight. The St. Giles' company desire to thank the respective Vicars for the use of their bells, and the ringers at the churches for their reception; while they particularly wish to thank the Rev. W. S. Mahony for his kind hospitality.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Eastern District of the Essex Association was held at Goldhanger, on Saturday last, and was attended by ringers from Braintree, Booking, Maldon, Great Totham, and Tolleshunt D'Arcy, as well as by the local band. Tea was provided at the Cricketers Inn, presided over by the Rector of Goldhanger (the Rev. F. T. Gardner). The place selected for the annual district meeting was Maldon.—The Rev. F. T. Gardner was elected an hon. member of the Association, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and for so kindly providing tea. Touches were rung in some eight Minor methods during the afternoon and evening, and touches of Major were also rung on handbells.

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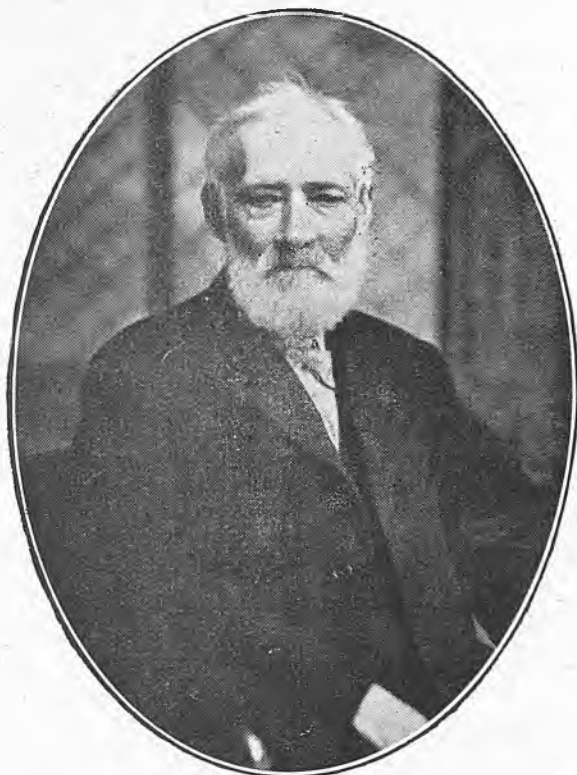
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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

One of "The Old Brigade."

It is interesting to turn sometimes from a review of the doings of some noteworthy ringers of to-day to read the story of one of those who struggled years ago to help lift ringing to the elevation it now has reached. The subject of our illustration this week, Mr. John Heathorn, of Guildford, is one of those who half a century and more ago endeavoured to overcome the difficulties with which ringers in many provincial towns had to contend in those days. He is veritably one of the "old brigade," and he can claim a distinction which few other members of the



MR. JOHN HEATHORN.

Exercise can. Born in the reign of George IV, he rang for the Coronation of George V.

If he is spared until January 11th next, Mr. Heathorn will be 88 years of age, having been born in 1824. He learnt to pull a bell at St. Mary's Church, Guildford, where there are six bells, about 1851. At that time there was very little change ringing in the neighbourhood, but this company got along fairly well with Grandsire Doubles until they broke up in the early '70's. Mr. Heathorn then went to Holy Trinity Church, and was instrumental in getting the bells rung regularly for Sunday service for some years. The bells, however, were sadly in need of the attention of a bell hanger, and when Messrs. Taylor and Co. put in the eight bells at St. Nicolas' Church in 1879, Mr. Heathorn threw in his lot with a band formed there. He was the only change ringer among them, and progress was very slow, indeed it was ten years later before they succeeded in ringing the first 168 of Grandsire. This was in January, 1889.

On May 27th in the same year, Mr. Heathorn rang his first peal—at the age of 65 years! It was a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Nicolas', conducted by Mr. G. Williams. Despite the fact that he was fast approaching "the allotted span," Mr. Heathorn went ahead with peal ringing, and as recently as his 84th birthday made an attempt for a five thousand at Hershams, but the peal was unfortunately lost. Altogether he has rung 23 peals, made up of Grandsire Triples 13, Grandsire Caters 1, Union Triples 1, Bob Triples 3, Bob Major 4, Oxford Bob Triples 1. Nearly the whole of these peals were conducted by Mr. Frank Bennett, when he was a member of the St. Nicolas' Society.

Mr. Heathorn's last peal was on October 1st, 1902, but, as mentioned above, he rang for King George's Coronation on June 22nd last, taking the 3rd to 518 Grandsire Triples, at the church with which he has been connected now for 30 odd years. He is still an hon. member of the St. Nicolas' Society, and belongs to both the Winchester Diocesan Guild and the Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. Heathorn has done a little composing in Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal and College Single Triples. He can remember seeing peal boards in the old tower of St. Nicolas' in 1850, recording peals rung on the old bells in that tower a hundred years before. What became of these interesting records no one seems to know, but perhaps they fell into the builders' hands, and were broken up.

Despite his 87 years, Mr. Heathorn is still keen of intellect and fairly active, and has recently recovered from a nasty street accident. He has been an inmate of Abbot's Hospital, Guildford's ancient almshouse, since August, 1897, and ringers will wish him health for many a year yet.

THE BELLS.

Merrily go the sweet toned bells,
Their tuneful music sinks and swells;
Each bell, each round, new sequence gives,
And change throughout melodious lives.

We will in the belfry glance,
See the ringers take their stance,
Rope in hand each man is set,
Hopeful a true peal to get.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight,
Not one too soon, not one too late,
The bells each giving perfect sound,
Treble to tenor make their round.

But not long they follow so,
At the leader's summons "Go,"
Handstroke, backstroke changes come,
Till at last the bells ring home.

Hand and eye in close accord,
Mind attention to the word,
Bent as one man all the eight
Ne'er their efforts to abate.

Thus the perfect changes run,
Thus a well struck peal is won,
As the music of the bells
Three full hours sinks and swells.

R. H. HART-DAVIS.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

A meeting of representative members of the two dioceses is to be held at Stonehouse on September 23rd, to further improve the organisation of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

For a collection of Biblical names among ringers in one peal, we think the performers of the 12,000 of Treble Bob, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, nearly 150 years ago—the particulars of which are given in another column—would be hard to beat. The names include James, Thomas, Isaiah, Abraham, and Malachi.

Among the towers which have been secured by Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association, for the ringing tour in South Wales this month are: Llandaff Cathedral; St. John's, Cardiff; Newport (2), Caerleon, Llangibby, Pontypool, Llanbradach, Caerphilly, Chepstow and Caldicot. The band will reach Newport, which they intend to make their headquarters for the week, on September 10th. The arrangements are planned for two towers a day, which can be readily managed, as they are within easy distance of each other.

They had been out ringing together, as they often had before, and met again an evening or two later. "What did your wife say to you the other night when you got home?" asked the one. "Nothing," replied the other, "she just sat down at the piano and played 'Tell me the old, old story.'"

A good many ringers have been showing the practical side of their patriotism for their country by spending their holidays under canvas with the Territorials recently. The hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association is an ardent "Terrier," and has put in a fortnight with the regiment, of which he is an N.C.O., in Dorsetshire. On the Sunday evenings, at his disposal, he has visited Christchurch Priory church and Wimborne Minster. At Wool, the first quarter-peal on the bells has been rung, with the assistance of three Chippenham Territorials.

The number of the clergy who now take their place in the belfry with the ringers to ring the bells for service is rapidly increasing, but we think that West Lydford, in Somerset, can claim a special distinction in the fact that both its churchwardens are ringers. At the dedication of the augmented peal both gentlemen took their places at the ropes.

Many and varied are the causes of losing a peal, but a painful one has now to be recorded. One afternoon recently, a peal was in progress at—well, never mind where, but in a country tower. The ringing was proceeding merrily and the bells were only two courses from home, when, to the astonishment of the other seven, a howl came from the gentleman in the neighbourhood of the fourth rope; there was a flourish of arms and a rope end was snapping uncontrolled about the belfry. When the rest of the band had recovered from their astonishment sufficiently to set their bells, and inquire what was the matter, they learned that a wasp had settled upon a bald spot on the cranium of the fourth man, and inconsiderately used its sting. From

what trivial causes peals are lost! But that fourth man does not agree that a wasp sting is a trifle when it is on a bald pate.

A most successful combined practice for the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Binfield on Saturday week. Eighteen members were present, representing the towers of Arborfield, Hurst, Binfield, Easthampstead, Sandhurst, Yateley, and Wokingham (All Saints'). Touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent, Oxford, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. The Vicar kindly entertained the ringers with refreshments during the evening.

The contract has been entrusted to Messrs. Charles Carr, Limited, Bellfounders, Smethwick, Birmingham, for the rehangng of the Broomfield Church Bells, Chelmsford, Essex, with new fittings in a new cast-iron frame, tuning of the treble, and supplying new steel girders, deadening floor, etc. The work is to be carried out to the satisfaction of the diocesan architect and surveyor, Mr. W. Chancellor, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., of Chelmsford, Essex.

A new treble is to be added to the peal of five at Moulton, Lincolnshire, the old bells are to be tuned and the third recast by Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. Change ringing was introduced into the tower two and a half years ago, Mr. A. J. Farr being then the only one who had rung more than one six-score. The half-dozen recruits included the vicar, and, with commendable perseverance, the band stuck to their task and last March rang 5040 Grandsire Doubles. Since then they have been busy with Stedman and now are to have another bell to extend the scope of their activities. Any subscriptions towards the new bell would be gratefully received by Mr. Farr, who is captain of the Moulton Ringers.

The Yorkshire Association scored a double success on Saturday, when the first peals of Double Norwich Caters and Erin Triples were placed to its credit. The former was rung to replace the false peal in the same method rung on June 11th.

OLDEST BELLS IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I noticed in an account of the visit of the Shirbeck ringers to Crowland Abbey, which appeared in "The Ringing World," that it is there stated that the Crowland Abbey bells are the oldest in England. This is not correct. It is true that, according to tradition, Crowland Abbey was the first church in England which possessed a peal of bells. But these were destroyed by fire some centuries ago, together with the tower in which they hung. The present peal of six, with the exception of the tenor, are all comparatively modern. The tenor is an old "black letter" bell, cast in the fifteenth century, and inscribed: "In multis annis resonet campana Johannis." Of the other bells, the fourth and fifth are by Edward Arnold, of Leicester, in 1788 and 1797 respectively, and the other three were all cast by Taylor, the second and third being recasts, and the treble an addition in 1903.—Yours, etc.,

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ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH.

We mentioned last week that an effort is to be made to put the bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in order, and mentioned a peal of 12,000 rung on the bells by the Cumberland Society in 1784. The particulars of this peal, together with two long peals rung by the College Youths on the same bells will, we are sure, be of interest to our readers. The records are taken from peal tablets in the church.

COLLEGE YOUTHS.

This tablet was erected by the Society to commemorate an extraordinary peal rung in this steeple on the 8th February, 1777, consisting of 10,000 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Ten, and was completed in 7 hrs. 28 mins. The curious composition, the great length of time, and the masterly manner in which it was rung, may justly entitle it the most excellent performance ever achieved from the first invention of the ingenious art of ringing to the present time.

William Richards	Treble	Josh. Monk	.....	6
James Darquitt	.... 2	Wm. Lyford	.....	7
William Halt 3	Josh. Holeworth	8
Chas. Purser 4	Edward Silvester	...	9
Jno. Povey 5	Saml. Muggeridge	10	

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The above select performers on the 19th day of May, 1777, rung a complete peal of 11,080 in the above method (time, 8 hrs. 2 mins.), which will be transmitted to posterity as a masterpiece of the Art.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27th, 1784.

The SOCIETY of CUMBERLAND YOUTHS rang in this steeple a complete peal, consisting of 12,000 changes with 60 course ends of Treble Bob Royal, was performed in 9 hrs. 5 mins. The length of time and the masterly manner in which it was rung will remain a surviving honour to the performers. It was allowed by all competent judges in this noble Art to be the greatest performance ever done on ten bells.

The Performers were:—

George Cross	... Treble	James Partrick	....	6
James Barnwell	... 2	Wm. Court	.....	7
Francis Nay	..... 3	Abraham Smith	....	8
Thomas Reeves	... 4	Malachi Channon	...	9
Isaiah Bey	..... 5	Allen Grant	.....	Tenor

William Greatham and Thomas White, Churchwardens.

This tablet was renovated by Churchwarden T. Martin-dill, Esq.

RINGING AT SHREWSBURY.

Mr. Ernest Jones, of Shrewsbury, writes to correct the statement in a recent issue that the muffled peal of Grandsire Triples for the late Bishop of Shrewsbury, was rung on the front eight of St. Chad's. The peal, he says, was rung on the back eight (tenor, 43 cwt.), and adds: It may not seem a very important matter, but it requires something more than a band of dummy ringers to ring a well-struck peal (as that was) on such a heavy peal of eight, even if it is only Grandsire Triples. It is better, I think, to ring Grandsire Triples than attempt a method in which the ringers are only half perfect, and in which the bells are struck anyhow, which, I believe, too often occurs. As for not following in the footsteps of our forefathers, I am sorry to admit that we are a long way off their standard, but perhaps they did not have so many grumbling parishioners as we have. It is much more difficult to keep a band together in these times of travelling in search of work, etc., than in those days when the majority of people ended their days in the same town that they were born in. But we are doing our best to improve matters, and I think we are succeeding quietly.

ERIN TRIPLES.

Mr. G. Astbury, of Stockport, referring to the remark made last week in our article upon Erin Caters, that peals of Triples require a large number of singles, writes that he was of the same opinion until a few days ago, but his views have been modified, for he now believes it is possible to get the whole 5040 with only two singles, and in proof of his contention sends the following quarter-peal, which he has composed.

1234567	3	4	5	6
365214	—	—	—	—
256314	—	—	—	—
345126	—	—	—	—
562431	—	—	—	—
426531	—	—	—	—
512346	—	—	—	—
264153	—	—	—	—
146253	—	—	—	—
234516	—	—	—	—
461325	—	—	—	—
316425	—	—	—	—
451236	—	—	—	—
163542	—	—	—	—
526413	—	—	—	—
432156	—	—	—	—

Repeated.

MR. M. SMITHER'S 100 PEALS.

The 100 peals rung by Mr. M. Smither, of Guildford, and completed by the recent peal of Bristol Surprise, at Warnham, are made up as follows:—

	Tower Bells.	Hand-bells.
Bob Minor	1	...
Bob Major	5	...
Bob Royal	1	...
Grandsire Triples	3	...
Grandsire Caters	1	...
Stedman Triples	13	...
Stedman Caters	7	...
Stedman Cinques	...	1
Treble Bob Major	2	...
Treble Bob Royal	1	...
Double Norwich Major	7	...
Norfolk Surprise	1	...
Superlative Surprise	7	...
Cambridge Surprise	1	...
Bristol Surprise	6	...
London Surprise	5	...
	61	39

BELL RESTORATION AT WORKSOP.

The eight bells in the Priory Church, Worksop, were re-opened on Monday week, after a month's silence, during which they have been thoroughly overhauled and rehung in the old frame with entirely new gudgeons and bearings. The frame has been strengthened with iron brackets and long through bolts; new fittings have been provided for each bell, together with a new set of ropes. The chiming apparatus has also been adjusted, and the work which has been executed in the best possible manner, reflects great credit upon the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were entrusted with the restoration, which was carried out under the supervision of Mr. Daniel Gibbons. At the re-opening ceremony, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. J. A. D'Arcy) and Mr. E. Mann (churchwarden) were present, the Vicar congratulated the ringers on having such a nice ring of bells in good order, and wished the ringers every success. During the evening several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, in which Mr. Gibbons took part.

BELL RINGER'S GIFT TO EASTON NESTON.

Mr. James Slarke, of Towcester, through whose generosity and that of his family, two new bells have been added to the peal at Easton Neston, to complete the octave, has been a ringer for 58 years. Now a septuagenarian, he commenced ringing when quite in his boyhood, his father and grandfather also being keen campanologists, as are Mr. Slarke's son and grandson, so that he is able to recollect no less than five generations of his family who have been ardent and active supporters of the belfry.

Mr. Slarke is a native of Cottesbrooke, at which parish church he became a proficient ringer by the time he reached the age of 12. For 18 years he resided at Wollas-



MR. JAMES SLARKE,

Who, with members of his family, has given two trebles to Easton Neston Church.

ton, and on removing to Towcester he at once entered as a ringer at Easton Neston Church, where he has figured regularly ever since. After a big effort the Towcester and District Association of Church Bellringers was formed about 18 years ago, thanks to Mr. Slarke's initiative, and to-day it can boast of a membership of 22 towers. After 58 years as a ringer, Mr. Slarke has, as it were, set the seal upon his life's work by completing the peal of eight bells at the pretty church at Easton Neston.

The dedication services reported in our last issue, were continued on the following Sunday, when the sermon was preached by the Rector, the Rev. R. C. Collins. Very suitable remarks were made with regard to the kindness of Mr. J. Slarke and family in giving the two new bells. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung on the bells

during the day. Ringers were present from Northampton, Irthlingborough, Stony Stratford, Weston Favell, Moulton, Wicken, Bradden, Leckhampstead, and Greensnorton, as well as the local ringers, and the visitors were kindly entertained throughout the day by Mr. J. Slarke.

AN APPEAL.

Owing to a severe motor car accident over two years ago, Edward Cash, who is so well known and respected amongst bellringers, Oddfellows and others in Lancashire, has been incapacitated from work for a long time, and is now in the Salford Royal Hospital. A few friends, desirous of assisting him, have decided to make an appeal for help, and at a meeting held at Swinton, it was decided to get up a draw for his benefit. Every effort has failed to find the owner of the car. It is sincerely hoped that his many friends will make the matter widely known; and those willing to assist will oblige the committee by doing their utmost for this worthy object, either in soliciting subscriptions or selling tickets. The appeal is signed on behalf of the committee by James Barrat, Chairman, 7, College Croft, Eccles; Harry Chapman, Vice-Chairman, Plymouth Grove, Manchester; Samuel Wood, Treasurer, 44, Crowthorn Road, Ashton-under-Lyne; Charles Cash, 16, Partington Lane, Swinton, and Saml. Greenhalgh, 72, Brindle Heath Road, Pendleton, Joint Secs.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association was held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock, and continued until 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where handbell ringing was indulged in until tea-time.

In the absence of the Vicar, the chair at the meeting was taken by the Rev. H. E. Tilston, who, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the Association to St. Saviour's.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) replied, proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Siddons), for the use of the bells, and also to the curate and the local ringers for their kind welcome, and to Mr. Townsend and friends, who had very kindly provided tea.—The election of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, editor of "The Ringing World," as a member of the Association, which took place prior to ringing a peal of Bristol Surprise, at Chiswick, on July 22nd, was unanimously confirmed.—Ringing in various methods, including Double Norwich and Superlative, took place until 8 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to St. Mary's, where the ringing of Stedman Caters and Kent Royal was much enjoyed, and brought a successful gathering to a close.

THE SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

The monthly meeting of the South and West District was held at Sunbury on Saturday last. A grand peal of bells and the beauty of the riverside attracted a goodly number of members and friends, some 40 or more being present from Sunbury, Hillingdon, Kingston, Wandsworth, Fulham, Ealing, Camberwell, Farnham Royal, Brockley, Old Windsor, Feltham, Isleworth, Woking, Cranleigh, Hammersmith, Twickenham, Shepperton, Wokingham, Willesden, Staines, Hounslow and Heston.

Touches in various methods were rung, and tea, followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. C. D. Buller (Curate-in-Charge) presided, took place in the Parish Hall. As the annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Heston on September 23rd, it was decided to hold the next district meeting in October, when, in all probability, St. John's, Hillingdon, will be available. The fine old peal of eight at this church is now being augmented to ten by the addition of two trebles.—The usual votes of thanks having been accorded and responded to, the tower was again visited, touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire, bringing a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, August 15th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 53 mins.: C. Pidgeon 1, R. Christian 2, J. W. Kelley (Chiswick), conductor, 3, H. E. Parker (Barking) 4, E. Todd 5, G. Orford 6, H. Wright 7, D. Hayward 8, C. Fenn (Barking) 9, W. J. Lee 10. The visitors wish to thank Mr. D. Hayward and the Great Yarmouth company for the opportunity of ringing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EXTENSION OF AREA DECIDED ON.

A special general meeting of the London County Association was held on Monday week, at the headquarters, Milford Lane, Strand. Despite the heavy thunderstorm, which swept through London about that time, a fairly representative attendance was present. Owing to the absence of the steeplekeeper no ringing could be had. The Master (Mr. George R. Fardon) was unable to be present, and the District Master (Mr. H. Ellis) was voted to the chair at the business meeting.

The arrangements for the concert, which will take place on October 14th, were considered, and it was decided to ask Mr. W. G. Matthews to act as vice-chairman, and to request Mr. J. Pryor to undertake the duties of musical director. The elections of officers at the district meetings were then ratified as follow: Southern District: Mr. H. Ellis, Master; Mr. F. A. Smith, hon. secretary; Mr. H. Mance, treasurer; Mr. C. H. Hughes, steward. Northern District: Mr. A. D. Barker, Master; Mr. W. J. Kemp, hon. secretary; Mr. T. Walker, treasurer; Mr. T. Green, steward.—Three new members were duly elected.

The following recommendations of the committee were next considered: (1) That Mr. F. Hardy be asked to become general secretary in the place of Mr. Taffender, who has unfortunately retired; (2) That it was not desirable for any member to hold dual office; (3) That business meetings of the society shall take place at the first practice in the months of January, April, July and October; (4) That all district meetings be held on the third Saturday of each month.—All these recommendations were accepted, and Mr. Young was then elected to act as steward in the place of Mr. F. J. Hardy, who accepted the secretaryship.

The Secretary read a letter from the authorities of Shoreditch Parish Church, asking for help towards a fund to rehang the bells.—After a short discussion, it was decided to open a subscription list, and the secretary will be pleased to receive subscriptions, no matter how small, from anyone who would care to contribute.

It was decided that the inaugural expenses of the districts be defrayed out of the general fund. A recommendation from the Southern District that the area of operations of the society should extend ten miles from its headquarters was next discussed. It was pointed out that towers where the society had had several good meetings, and where there were a number of members, were disfranchised owing to the present formation of the districts, while the tendency of people nowadays to live more on the outskirts of London necessitated an increased radius for the Society.—After a short discussion, the proposal was carried, and the new rules will be altered accordingly.—The qualification to vote at a district meeting led to a lengthy discussion.—It was proposed that a member shall vote in the district in which he rings, instead of the district in which he resides.—An amendment to the effect that a member could vote in the district in which he rings, if he gave three months' notice to the general secretary, was, however, moved, and, on being put to the meeting, carried.—This terminated the business.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WOOL.—The first quarter-peak of Doubles was rung on the bells at Wool Church, in 43 mins., on August 11th, when three of the 4th Wilts Territorials, from Chippenham, in camp at Bovington, assisted the local men: H. A. Runyard 1, W. Aillingham 2, A. Green (Chippenham) 3, F. Hulbert (Chippenham) 4, S. Wilshire (conductor) 5, W. Riggs 6.

DERBY.—At 81, Nottingham Road, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins.: S. Vickers 1—2, J. Vickers 3—4, A. Braines 5—6, J. Pagett (conductor) 7—8. Also 504 Grandsire Caters: J. Pagett 1—2, J. Vickers, senr., 3—4, A. H. Ward 5—6, A. Braines 7—8, Bart Mitchell 9—10. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Vickers, senr.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On August 19th, at St. Margaret's Church, 180 Double Court and 180 Double Oxford: O. W. Layng 1, T. Moulding 2, R. W. Hyner 3, G. W. Townsend 4, G. Lancaster 5, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 6.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO.—On Sunday, August 20th, a quarter-peak of Minor, 360 Oxford Bob, 360 College Single and 540 Bob Minor, in 48½ mins.: H. England 1, A. T. Atherton 2, J. Atherton 3, J. Caple 4, Lewis Moore 5, G. H. Gale (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Lewis Moore on the 17th anniversary of his wedding.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Wood 1, C. Starkey 2, T. Verry 3, B. Starkey 4, W. Anker 5, R. Faux 6, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 7, E. Starkey 8.

STOKE POGES.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Thursday, August 24th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, being the first 720 of Minor rung on the bells by the local band: H. Harcing (first 720) 1, J. Clark 2, J. Bateman 3, E. Garbett 4, W. Bateman 5, W. Henley (conductor) 6.

CARDIFF.—Llandaff Diocesan Association, St. John's Guild.—At St. John's Church, on August 23rd, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. (composed by James George, of Rugby): S. Williams 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, C. O. Hobbs 3, H. Day 4, W. Millar 5, S. Dawe 6, W. Bolton 7, F. Chamberlain 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Williams 1, S. Dawe 2, W. Bolton 3, H. Day 4, C. O. Hobbs 5, W. Biss (conductor) 6, W. Millar 7, F. Chamberlain 8. Also two touches of Stedman Triples, with B. Heath taking part. These touches were rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Llewellyn Rees Morgan, solicitor, of Brynhybryd, Neath, and Miss Ada Gertrude Earl, of 96, Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.—The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—In the belfry of St. Wulfrun's Church, on Friday evening, August 25th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells, in 19 mins.: S. Proctor (conductor) 1—2, W. G. Thorpe 3—4, A. C. Darnell 5—6, Umpire, H. Thorpe. First 720 double-handed by all. Also 168 Grandsire Triples: S. Proctor 1—2, A. C. Darnell 3—4, W. G. Thorpe 5—6, H. Thorpe (conductor) 7—8. Umpire, D. B. Overton.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, August 26th, at All Saints' Church, 288 of Oxford Treble Bob and 240 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, College Exercise and Woodbine Treble Bob; also 120 of Stedman Doubles. The above touches were rung at combined practice, the following ringers taking part: A. J. Green, E. Yates, S. C. Tompkins, J. Tompkins, W. G. Tompkins, H. C. Edwards, C. A. Valentine, W. W. Bonham, A. Clark.

WOKING.—At St. Peter's Church, Old Woking, for evening service, on Sunday, August 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: J. Brackley 1, C. J. Hamblin (conductor) 2, D. Hampton 3, S. Pether 4, T. Strudwick 5, E. J. Hamblin 6.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, for evening service, 740 Grandsire Triples: W. Davis 1, E. Wiltshire 2, C. L. Sadler 3, W. Page (conductor) 4, C. Camm 5, J. R. Newman 6, C. Young 7, G. Gillam 8. First attempt at Triples by Messrs. Davis, Young and Gillam, the two last-named hailing from Castlemorton.

SCARBOROUGH.—On a recent Wednesday evening, the practice of St. Mary's Church was well attended by visitors to the town, and a pleasant evening was spent with the bells. Among other touches, the following were brought round: 209 Grandsire Triples, 252 and 180 Stedman Triples, and 224 Bob Major, the following taking part: J. Jones (Aston), L. E. Allen and F. H. Dexter (Leicester), C. P. Chalk (Pittlewell), H. Swan (Birmingham), J. R. Barton and H. Ferguson, of the local band, and another.

ALDINGTON.—Sussex County Association.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday last, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. M. Ingram, formerly Rector of Aldington, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Sharp 1, A. White 2, H. Gillam 3, T. Steele 4, J. White (conductor) 5, G. Dray 6.—For evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: H. Gillam 1, A. White 2, M. Broomfield 3, J. White 4, G. Steele 5, F. Steele (conductor) 6.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday last, at St. Leonard's Church, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 41 mins. (tenor, one ton): J. Overton 1, A. Newsome 2, F. Downing 3, J. Elecock 4, B. Head 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, W. Saunders (first quarter-peak with a bob bell) 7, H. W. Overton 8.

UDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday last, the quarterly meeting of the Dudley and Districts Guild was held at Wombourne. When the visitors arrived they found everything arranged for their comfort and pleasure by Mr. R. Cartwright, of Wombourne. At 5 o'clock the beautiful Guild service was said in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. P. Nicholas), who also gave an interesting address on bell ringing and bell ringers as church workers.

At the close of the service, an adjournment was made to the Church Institute, where the business meeting was held.—The Vicar presided, and welcomed the Guild to Wombourne, and hoped that ere long he would have the pleasure of seeing them there again.—Apologies for absence were received from Mr. S. Spittle (Master) and Mr. John Smith.

After the meeting some of the members repaired to the belfry, while others strolled round the village. The bells were kept merrily going until about 8 o'clock.—On the proposition of Mr. W. R. Small, the best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Vicar for his kindness in conducting the service, presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the belfry and bells, and the Institute, and to the organist and choir boys for their assistance in making the service bright and enjoyable.—The Vicar briefly replied.—The best thanks of the meeting were also tendered to Mr. R. Cartwright for the trouble he had gone to in making the successful arrangements for the meeting.—It was resolved that the peals not attempted last quarter should be attempted during the ensuing quarter, while, on the proposition of Mr. D. Jones, it was unanimously decided that the next meeting be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Calverley, on Saturday week. No attempt was made for a peal, but touches in various methods were rung. A peal board, recording the first peal of London Treble Bob, by the Society, and rung by the local company, was unveiled by the Vicar in the evening. The business meeting was held at the Thornhill Arms Hotel, with the president in the chair, supported by members from the following towers: Tong, Pudsey, Holbeck, Headingley, Far Headingley, Shipley, Guiseley, and the local company. As the next meeting, which is to be held at Drighlington, would in the ordinary course of events fall on the same day as the Yorkshire Association meeting, it was proposed by Mr. J. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. J. Broadley, that it be postponed until the following Saturday, Sept. 23rd, and members are requested to make a note of this alteration.—Mr. W. Popplewell moved, and Mr. W. Whitaker seconded, that the arrangements for a peal attempt on that day be left in the hands of the secretary.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Calverley, and to the local company for the day's arrangements, was proposed by Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by Mr. T. Maude, and carried unanimously.—Mr. W. Popplewell responded, and afterwards courses of Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters, together with touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, were rung on handbells. The tower was again visited, and further touches rung before the lowering of the bells brought the meeting to a close.

NOTICES.

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THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will be held at headquarters, the Parish Church, Sheffield, on Saturday next, September 2nd. Bells (12) available from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton, on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30. All members are requested to attend.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available all the afternoon. Tea at the Lytton Arms.—B. H. T. Drake, 12, Grove Road, Hitchin.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 2nd, at Wortley (eight bells). Four to eight p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Sec., 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, September 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham (12 bells) on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Barlow, Branch Sec., 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishopstoke on Saturday, September 9th. By the kindness of Henry White, Esq., members are invited to tea at his residence, "Oakwood," Bishopstoke, at 5 o'clock. The church bells will be available during the afternoon, and the gardens of "Oakwood" will also be open to members. Twyford Tower will be open in the evening. Members intending to be present at tea must let me know by Wednesday, September 6th.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place on Saturday, September 9th, 3.30 p.m. Albrighton (6); 4.45 p.m. Codsall (6); 6.45 p.m. Bushbury (6).—E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., 6, Upper Foster Street, Walsall.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Skipton on Saturday, September 16th. For full particulars see Association circular.—Clement Glenn, Hon. Sec., 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 16th, 1911. Ringing at St. Chad's at 2.30 p.m.—Rev. P. H. Green, Hon. Sec., South Hermitage, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury.

NOTICES (continued).

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 16th, 2.30 ringing; 4.45 committee meeting in vestry; 5.15 unveiling of peal board; 5.30 service in church, with address by the Vicar; 6.0 Tea, at 1s. each. Please notify intention of being present not later than Tuesday, 12th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester, on Saturday, September 16th, 1911. Further particulars next week.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, September 23rd. Full particulars will be given next week.—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, 1, Church Road, Heston, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Blackpool on September 30th. Nominations are required for the following offices:—Vice-president, General Secretary, Ringing Secretary, two Auditors. Nominations to be returned on August 28th.—W. H. Shuker, J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

"WILLIAM VERRY" COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The 7th annual dinner will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 30th. Further details later.—C. Starkey, Hon. Sec.

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