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BELLS,

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

The Record Long Peal of
Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes)
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In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were
repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) com-
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LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

The many letters which we publish this week upon the subject of ladies in the belfry shows that the attitude taken up by the clergyman referred to by our correspondent "E. J. B." a fortnight ago is strongly resented, and with good reason. The rev. gentleman makes a reflection upon the character of ringers, which is of a most unkind nature, and one which cannot be justified by the slightest tittle of evidence. It is curious that there still remains in the minds of many people that prejudice against the belfry which the habits of olden times gave rise to. It exists, of course, only because those who retain it are totally unacquainted with the belfry proceedings of to-day, and goes to show that while the Associations of the country continue to encourage "belfry reform" they have also another duty—to educate the public, and, it seems, incidentally, some of the clergy, to the fact that ringers nowadays appreciate their calling and recognise the belfry as a part of the church. The old order of things has passed away, thanks to the beneficent influence of the ringing organisations, and we live in other days. Ringers know how to conduct themselves in the belfry, and it seems to us that the presence of ladies in the ringing chamber would, if anything, give a still greater assurance of decorum.

As to whether church bell ringing is a suitable hobby for ladies to follow is a question upon which there may be, perhaps, some divergence of opinion, but in these modern days the fair sex enter so largely into pursuits which were once looked upon as the exclusive domain of mere man that there is no need to make a special exception of our Art. Among all the correspondence which we publish this week there is only one letter which supports the view that the belfry is not a place for ladies, and the reasons given are certainly not very serious ones. Ringers need not have fears that the ladies will do them out of their hobby, as the writer suggests, or that they will have to take "a back seat" because the ladies will be given all the privileges. The ranks of the lady ringers are not so strong that they are likely to exclude the men from the belfry, while the suggestion that what the Exercise needs is a better class of men to learn the Art needs no comment beyond recalling the fact that there never was a better class of men in the Exercise than there is to-day. The belfry is no place for snobbery. There is no class distinction in the ringing chamber, and equally, it may be said, that, in the practice of change ringing in the perfectly decorous atmosphere of the belfry, there is nothing that is unfit for a lady.

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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Todmorden,
Solicitor, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,
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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer
of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmor-
den, 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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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ERIN CINQUES, 5063 CHANCES ;

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES Treble	GEORGE HUGHES 7
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	JOHN CARTER 8
WILLIAM SHORT 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
ALF PADDON SMITH 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
JAMES L. WELLS 6	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This is the first peal of Erin Cinques ever rung. All the above are also members of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EWERBY, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 6
†ARTHUR ANDREWS 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 7
JOHN T. HOLMES 3	†JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 8
SIDNEY F. PALMER 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 9
CLEMENT GLENN 5	*THOMAS WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First attempt for a peal in any method. † First peal on ten bells and first attempt. ‡ First peal of Caters away from the tenor.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANCES ;

Tenor, 19 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lbs.

GEORGE F. HOAD Treble	ISAAC EMERY 6
EDWARD F. COLE 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
THOMAS H. COLBURN ... 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 8
HENRY F. EWINS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS 9
*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HONITON CLYST.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE W. CHALLICE ... Treble	WILLIAM MOGRIDGE ... 5
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ... 2	*CHARLES G. GLASS ... 6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDS ... 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
HERBERT V. RICHARDS ... 4	EDWIN SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

A. W. Brighton hails from London, and Lilley from Caversham.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. The band wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. H. B. Clarke, for the use of the bells and for his hospitality after the peal. Mr. Churchwarden Shepherd has now rung every bell to Thurstans' peal.

HAGWORTHINGHAM, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor about 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... Treble	CLEMENT GLENN 5
JOHN T. HOLMES 2	*JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
†ARTHUR ANDREWS 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the bells. * First peal in the method with a bob bell.
† First peal of Triples.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES ;

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

BENJAMIN TREVITT ... Treble	FREDERICK J. HANCOCK ... 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 6
REGINALD A. CARTWRIGHT . 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7
JOHN A. CALLAND 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

SOUTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt., in G.

ROBERT RICHARDS ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 5
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 2	EDWARD A. HERN 6
ALFRED F. HILLIER 3	WILLIAM STORY 7
JOEL HERN 4	GEORGE R. POTTER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

MIDDLETON'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK PERRIN ... Treble	WILLIAM HEWETT 5
FRANK HAIRS 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
H. RANZETTA 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS

The Conductor's 400th peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY BREWER Treble	ALBERT ELLIS 5
FREDK. W. RICE 2	GEORGE ILLMAN 6
ALBERT HARMAN 3	GEORGE W. STOKES ... 7
ALBERT MITCHELL 4	*OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOSEPH SMITH Treble	W. W. WORTHINGTON ... 5
JAMES HUTCHLEY 2	CHARLES HARRIMAN ... 6
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... 3	EDWARD READER ... 7
REV. A. F. H. BOUGHEY ... 4	JOSEPH POWELL Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

The Rev. A. F. H. Boughey, for whom the appeal was arranged, hails from Cambridge, W. W. Worthington from Netherseale.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	JOHN NEAL 5
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 2	*ALBERT J. HUGHES... .. 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	†SAMUEL GROVE 7
CHARLES DICKENS 4	JAMES DOWLER Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to James Dowler. A. J. Hughes hails from Bangor.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES ;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

CHARLES MILLS Treble	THOMAS FORD, JUNR. ... 5
GEORGE ARCHER 2	CLEMENT J. MOORE... .. 6
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	HARRY CATTERMOLLE ... 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung in honour of the conductor's birthday. First peal in the method on the bells.

POOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 21, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	ELI WATERS 5
GEORGE PRESTON 2	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 6
F. W. TOWNSEND 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 4	F. CASE Tenor

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

This peal was arranged for Miss Parker, who was visiting Bourne-mouth, and is the first peal rung on tower bells in the Salisbury Diocese in which a lady has taken part. It was also the quickest peal on the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON... Treble	EDWARD J. BOOT 5
ALBERT COPPOCK... .. 2	*ERNEST J. OLIVIER ... 6
J. CHARLES DICKEN 3	BART MITCHELL 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	WILLIAM BELLAMY... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Bellamy.

WRITTLIE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES ;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble	GEORGE F. MARGETSON ... 5
LEWIS GREEN 2	HENRY F. COOPER 6
FREDK. G. RADLEY 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
PERCY LETCH 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Arranged for Messrs. L. Green and G. F. Margetson, and rung as a Centenary Peal for the bells which were cast 1811.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt., in F.

PERCY LANGSTON Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
WALTER SADLER 2	FRANK CLAYDON... .. 6
*THOMAS CRANFIELD ... 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY... .. Treble	*FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 5
THOMAS KING 2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	JOHN LARTER 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	EDGAR H. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by D. WOODS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

*WILLIAM FLETCHER... ..Treble	REGINALD BROUGH 5
FREDERICK J. FRENCH 2	EDWARD AUDSLEY 6
GEORGE POVEY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
RICHARD MORGAN 4	WILLIAM FLOYDTenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal of Stedman.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

JOHN W. WHITINGTreble	REV. E. BANKES JAMES... .. 5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKERTenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. P. Reading, a late member of the choir of this church.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT...Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
JOHN ALDIS 2	FREDERICK MANSEY... .. 6
FREDERICK WHITHAM 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
WILLIAM STEELE 4	FREDERICK SMITHTenor

Composed by J. PLATT, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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

*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE...Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
REV. WILLIAM A. PEARSON ... 2	FRANK HAIRS 6
EDGAR PEMBERTON 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
SEDLEY J. COLLINS 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK KIRKTreble	EDWARD CHAPMAN 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3	ALBERT V. INNS 7
ARTHUR E. PAYNE 4	DAVID J. NICHOLSTenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVERN, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

*REV. R. L. B. OLIVER ...Treble	*NORMAN ADDISON 5
FREDERICK LAVERICK 2	*GEORGE CATTLE 6
WILLIAM RUDD 3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 7
*FREDERICK BARKER... .. 4	JOHN H. JONESTenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

* First peal in any method. Rung as a parting compliment to the Rev. H. E. Booty, M.A., who is leaving Thornaby for Tickhill, Rotherham.

MORTIMER, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

*GEORGE EATWELLTreble	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5
MISS ALICE WHITE 2	WILLIAM FORD 6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
THOMAS NEVILLE 4	WILLIAM RAGGETTTenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. The band wish to thank Messrs. Ford, Neville, and Eatwell for kindly providing refreshment before and after the peal. Miss White belongs to Basingstoke, C. R. Lilley to Caversham, and the brothers Shepherd to Hersham.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ...Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
HERBERT SHARP 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON... .. 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE... .. 3	CHARLES A. ROBINSONTenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

ADDINGTON MAGNA, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN COLEMAN... ..Treble	WILLIAM HAYS 4
BERT PERRET 2	DANIEL REDHEAD 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN 3	JAMES M. NICKERSONTenor

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

* First peal. The peal was arranged for Mr. J. Coleman.

WORFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR NEWSOME Treble	BERTRAM HEAD 4
JOHN OVERTON 2	HORACE W. OVERTON 5
JOHN ELCOCK 3	WILFRED OVERTON Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

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

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 4
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON 2	WALTER T. WILSON ... 5
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3	CHARLES W. BIRD Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT 7, THE BROADWAY.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT V. INNS... .. 1-2	*E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
DAVID J. NICHOLS 3-4	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 7-8

FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 9-10.

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire, R. CHAPMAN. * 5th peal as conductor.

This is the first ten-bell peal by all, and first in hand by the Association.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Friday, September 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minute

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. ARTHUR ANDREWS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 1-2	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	†RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7-8

Composed by W. ROYLE, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire, JOHN H. BROTHWELL. Witness, ARTHUR ANDREWS.

* First handbell peal. † First handbell peal on eight bells.

This was Rupert Richardson's rooth peal. First handbell peal in the method by the Guild, and in the County.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

TWO COMPOSITIONS.

A period of 25 years elapsed between the production of Little Bob Major and the ringing of the first peal of the method. We have not had long to wait, however, for the second, which was accomplished, as our peal columns show, at Runcorn, on September 19th. A noteworthy feature of the peal is the fact that it is probably the first exact 5000 ever rung in five equal parts. Appended is the composition:—

5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

By E. H. LEWIS (April, 1910).

2 3 4 5 6	3rds.	w.	5ths.	H.
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Four times repeated.

A 5000 with more musical properties is very easily obtained, and an example with 4-5-6 each 24 times in 6th's place (also by Mr. E. H. Lewis) is here given. If called in full this would run to the 120 course ends, but 23 of the courses with the 2nd in 6th's are cut out.

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2 4 3 6		s			—
6 2 3 4		—			3
4 6 3 2		—			3
4 3 2 6		—			2
4 2 6 3 5		—			2
6 4 5 2 3	A, omitting the 5 sets of 3 bobs at H				
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2 3 4 5 6	A				

LADIES IN THE BELFRY CORRESPONDENCE.

LADY RINGERS' VIEWS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am not in the habit of rushing into print, but I must protest against the unjust insinuation brought against ringers in general by the clergyman mentioned by "E. J. B." in "The Ringing World" of Sept. 15th. I have been a ringer now over two years, and I can confidently say that I have always had the utmost courtesy and respect shown to me by all ringers, in whatever tower I have had the pleasure to ring. I see no more harm in ringing with young men than doing any other Church work where young men and young women have to work together. Perhaps the reverend gentleman is a "woman hater," and does not like to see a woman take any pleasure at all, for ringing is a very great pleasure to me. It is good for the Church that there are not many like him, and as for saying that the belfry is not a part of the church, we have always been taught that both the tower and the bells have been made a part of the church, generally by the Bishop.—Yours faithfully,
E. M. G.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Referring to your correspondent's letter on "Ladies in the belfry," I should like to say a word on the subject. I have been in about 80 towers in different parts of the country, and have met hundreds of ringers, and have the greatest respect for them all. I have never heard or seen any conduct that any lady need be ashamed of, or that in any way warrants such a cruel statement as that made by the reverend gentleman, according to the letter in question. He surely cannot know what he is talking about. I feel very sorry for all the band of ringers, and especially for the lady. They must feel very uncomfortable at such words, and it is quite an insult to all ringers. I trust the reverend gentleman will soon get a better opinion of us all, and would like to suggest that he join some band, when, no doubt, he will soon alter his opinion. (MRS.) R. WHITTINGTON.
Winterfold, Cranleigh.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you allow me to say that as an old bell ringer, I entirely disagree with the attitude of the clergyman mentioned by your correspondent "E. J. B." In this parish we have the help of one lady bell ringer, and there is not the slightest hint given of any impropriety in our so doing. Besides, why should there not be lady Churchworkers in a belfry as well as in a choir? What is the difference? No one but a "Mrs. Grundy" would ever suggest there was anything wrong in it. I regret to say that our present Vicar is leaving, and I sincerely trust that no one of the "Mrs. Grundy" stamp will find a habitation here. I think if there were more lady bell ringers it would improve still further the tone of the belfry.—Yours truly,
W. THOMPSON.
South Wigston.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read "E. J. B.'s" letter on "Lady Ringers," I think that the Vicar is in the right, and the ringers are wrong (not because he is a Vicar, that makes no difference), but because a woman has no right in a tower which is not really a part of the church. Those towers where they ring on the ground-floor are part of the church, but no ringer is going to make me believe that a tower where you ring hidden from the church is a part of the church, it is all nonsense.

What the ringing world wants is a better class of men to learn to ring, viz., the middle-classes, then things would go better. My objections to lady ringers are these:—

1. They will do men out of their hobby.
2. They will be given all the privileges, while the gentlemen ringers will have to "take a back seat" and look on.
3. They will do as that Vicar at Quorn (Leicestershire) once said: "Cause all the trouble."

ARTHUR COX.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice "E. J. B.'s" letter in your issue of Sept. 15th. My experience of the clergyman in question is identical. The choir and myself were refused access to the church for the Weekly Full Choir practice. He stated the church was "God's House," presumably, therefore, we were unfit persons to assemble there. As he was only acting "locum tenens," the Vicar was appealed to, and he was quickly told he had exceeded his instructions. I have been 29 years in the service of the Church, and unhesitatingly say I have never before met such intolerance. As regards our belfry, during my eight years at the church our ringers have been earnest in their endeavours to improve in the art of change ringing, an art in which I have always taken an interest, and our band is held in high esteem. Nothing could have been more unjust than to debar the lady from the belfry. As well debar the ladies who I have at times in the choir to assist with services.

THE ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER OF THE CHURCH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter signed by "E. J. B.," published in "The Ringing World" of the 15th September, comes as a big surprise to all those who take part in the work of the church. That a lady should be forbidden to work in the belfry (which without doubt must be a part of the work of the church) if she so desires, one cannot understand. I should consider it a great indignity if any of my lady friends were forbidden to enter the belfry, where I have had the pleasure of ringing for many years. The clergyman referred to must be sadly in want of further instruction in that part of his work, and the sooner he makes himself acquainted therewith the better. The ringers it has been my pleasure to meet here and at other towers, are at all times pleased to welcome a lady whether that lady be a ringer or otherwise, and what is more, ringers generally are conceited enough to believe that we know how to comport ourselves whether ladies be present in the belfry or not, and for anyone to assert the contrary is travelling from the path of the truth. After all it is gratifying to know that some of the clergy are pleased to welcome ladies in the belfry. We here are all looking forward to welcoming a band of lady ringers for a peal in the course of the next few weeks, and I go further and say I believe the clergy would like to be the first to congratulate them on their success. I don't think it necessary to touch upon that part of the letter as to questionable actions, only to say that it is absurd.

It would be interesting, however, to have the opinion of the daughter of the Astronomer Royal, who took a lively interest in ringing with the band at St. Alphege, Greenwich, some few years ago, on the point of ladies in the belfry.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES T. CLARK.

197, Manchester Road, Cubitt Town.

[Other letters on this subject are unavoidably held over.—Ed.]

A DAY AT BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH.

The annual outing of the St. Ann's Guild, Tottenham, took place on Saturday, Sept. 16th, when a visit was paid to Burnham-on-Crouch, which is famous for its oyster beds and as a centre for yachting on the east coast. The morning was spent in a pleasant ramble round the quiet old nooks which abound along the river bank, and in watching the graceful yachts getting under way. These boats, of which there are several hundreds, ranging from a 50-ton schooner down to a little 4-tonner, afforded a magnificent spectacle, and were in direct contrast to the business like motor boats, and the scene was full of interest to the visitors.

The parish church of St. Mary was next visited, and the various historic objects which it contained were examined with interest. The church is in the late perpendicular style, and has an embattled western tower. The tower was once the loftiest in this part of the country, and formed a beacon for vessels at sea, but having been blown down many years ago, it was rebuilt at a lower elevation. After inspecting the church, the visitors proceeded to the comfortable and well ventilated ringing chamber, and several touches were rung upon the new ring of six, the "go" of which was everything that could be desired. The party was then joined by Mr. Robert Warner, who motored over, and by the Rev. H. W. Watson, M.A., who takes a real personal interest in the ringers, and his bells. After the party had lined up at the foot of the tower, the local photographer got to work, and a picture was secured to complete a series depicting the history of the bells. A general move was then made to the "Welcome Sailor" where Mr. Waldo, of Cricksea (who is instructor of the band of St. Mary's), had ready a sumptuous meat tea, which was done full justice to.

Touches on the handbells followed, and the Vicar then expressed his great appreciation of the visit of St. Ann's Guild which, he felt sure, would encourage their young ringers, and thus cause greater interest to be taken in church work.—Mr. Waldo echoed the sentiments of the Vicar, and sincerely hoped that this would be the first visit of many.—The Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells and for their great kindness in providing tea, and the hostess for the splendid way in which the catering was undertaken.

After tea the party proceeded to the church, and more ringing was the order, including a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), which was brought round in 50 mins.: T. Sharnan 1, T. C. Ringrose 2, J. Waldo 3, F. E. Ringrose 4, C. H. Ross (conductor) 5, C. Davidson 6.

Before proceeding to the station, refreshments were partaken of at "The Welcome Sailor," and "Mine Hostess" sat down at the piano and sang some splendid songs. The train was supposed to go at 8.15, and after having seen the Messrs. Warner start on their long drive, it was suddenly discerned that the train was really due away at 8.3. A wild dash was made for the station, which was reached only just in time, the train being boarded as it was starting away. It was indeed a most enjoyable day, and all felt the beneficial effect of the bracing air, combined with healthy exercise, which had been indulged in.

RINGERS' GRIEVANCES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—You have, I think, given good advice to your two correspondents with "grievances." Their cases are not exceptional, as I have reason to know from my former experience as Master of a large County Association. I was, on various occasions, appealed to, both by ringers and by clergy: and my conclusion was that at least three-fourths of the grievances brought before me were due to misunderstanding of each other's position and rights, or want of consideration for each other's point of view—in one word, to want of "tact." It is strange how many clergy do not understand their own powers and responsibilities with regard to the belfry, or fail to realise that ringers are grown men—and often rather "touchy" men—who require careful handling, and cannot be ordered about like school-boys. On the other hand, ringers are often curiously indifferent to the point of view of the clergy and churchpeople generally. For instance, in the matter of attendance at church, one of the most difficult and delicate questions that arise between the clergy and their ringers—if clergy are sometimes over-exacting, ringers seem often either quite unaware or utterly careless of the feeling with which not only clergy, but (as I well know) many laymen, see the ringers walking away from church as the congregation assembles. Tact and "sweet reasonableness" on either side is the most effective remedy. Again, ringers (especially where the clergy neglect the belfry) are often too much inclined to look on belfry and bells as belonging to them. One reads now and then that the head ringer or ringers of some church have refused admission to the belfry, as if they were masters there: and not long ago one of your correspondents, apropos of some difficulty between an incumbent and his ringers and the proposed substitution of others in their place, seemed to think that a legitimate course for the expelled ringers to take would be to cut the ropes—as if the ropes were their property, not church property, for damaging which they could be prosecuted as surely as if they destroyed the organ bellows to spite the organist!

I never had much difficulty with the ringers of my own parish church: but I found that it required quite as much tact and discretion to deal with ringers as with choirmen—and that is saying a good deal. Tact and discretion will smooth over most difficulties; but the tact must be shown on both sides, by ringers as well as by clergy.—Yours faithfully,
T. L. PAPILLON.

A NOTTINGHAM TOWER CLOSED.

As we briefly noted in our last issue, the bells of All Saints', Nottingham, are to be closed for ringing. The bell ringers have received a quarter's notice of the intention of the Church authorities to discontinue the present method of ringing, and have been informed that their services will no longer be required. This marks the termination of a long series of agitations and complaints from residents in the neighbourhood. It was explained at a church meeting that, in addition to complaints of noise from the residents, the patients at the Samaritan Hospital in Raleigh Street and at a private hospital near by were disturbed, and it not infrequently happened that requesters were sent just before the bells started ringing for the services for them to be kept quiet as some poor man or woman lay dying. The weekly practice night was stopped some time ago. The crisis has been hastened by the fact that the hangings of the bells were perceived to be wearing out, and an examination revealed that before long an expenditure of between £50 and £100 would be necessary to repair them. A chiming apparatus is now to be provided.

The tower is a very massive one, and would hold a heavy ring of twelve comfortably. While, in the ringing chamber, the conditions are well-nigh perfect, the bells, we are informed, are very noisy outside, despite the fact that the louvres were partly bricked up.

A correspondent informs us that it is true there are two hospitals practically in the shadow of the tower, but during his twelve years' connection with the church, the number of complaints from there was almost nil. To give an idea of the feeling of the district, one complaint is well worth recalling. At the time of the sinking of H.M. battleship "Victoria" by the "Camperdown," a half-muffled touch was being rung, when a young man requested that the bells should be stopped because his mother had the toothache. The verges suggested that he would surely not stop a muffled peal for so trivial a cause, but the young man eventually obtained his request. A little more firmness at headquarters would have prevented many of the complaints.

HERTS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

An ideal September afternoon, a pretty village, a handy and musical ring of bells, and a warm welcome for all by the Rector, the Rev. W. Mills. Such were the conditions under which the meeting of the Herts County Association held their district meeting, at Bennington on Saturday last. Members were present from ten different towers.

Tea was kindly provided by the Rector, and the business meeting was afterwards held, the Rev. W. Mills being voted to the chair. The

meeting was honoured with the presence of two ringing clergymen, the Rev. A. G. Langdon and the Rev. B. H. T. Drake, a feature which a few years ago would have been considered a wonderful thing, but, happily, now becoming a more frequent occurrence. Ringing was freely indulged in, and all enjoyed the opportunity for practice.

LADY RINGER ENTERTAINED.

On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at St. Peter's, Dorchester, by members of the Salisbury Guild, the band being as follows: C. Goodenough 1, Miss Edith Parker (conductress) 2, F. Uphill 3, J. Benger 4, T. Wolley 5, C. B. Hurst 6, G. T. White 7, T. Hyde 8. The peal had been arranged by Mr. Martin Stewart (Master of the Guild)—who at the last minute was unable to take part—for Miss Parker, who had been spending her holiday with a lady friend at Bournemouth. Unfortunately the peal was lost, after ringing 4000 changes, the striking, which was listened to by several campanologists outside, having been excellent.

After the ringing, the band and several ringers from the district were entertained to supper by the churchwardens of St. Peter's to celebrate the occasion of the first visit to Dorchester of Miss Parker. The chair was taken by Mr. R. N. Dawes, who was supported by Mr. J. Hannah (churchwarden) and Mr. J. T. Godwin, the vice-chair being taken by Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary of the Dorchester branch of the Guild).—The Chairman, in the name of the St. Peter's Society, welcomed Miss Parker to Dorchester, and expressed a hope that she would shortly come again, and be successful with the peal.—The Vice-Chairman also welcomed Miss Parker, in the name of the Dorchester branch, and Miss Parker thanked them all for the kindness that had been shown her on her visit.—Mr. Hodges, the "Father" of the St. Peter's Society, in eulogistic terms, proposed a vote of thanks to the churchwardens for their generous hospitality.—Mr. C. Goodenough seconded, and the manner in which the vote was accorded testified to the appreciation of the ringers.—A most pleasant evening was spent.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

It was a merry party of twenty-five that met on the 20th inst., at "Auburn," Shakespeare Road, Hanwell, to celebrate the "silver wedding" day of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lawrence, and the coming of age of their eldest son, Stedman Lawrence. Amongst the company were several of the guests who were present at the ceremony of twenty-five years ago, some coming from long distances, to attend the happy celebration. During dinner the toast of the host, hostess, and their son was most enthusiastically honoured. Music and handbell ringing was then the order of the evening, and included amongst the band were such well known ringers as Messrs. W. and A. Shepherd (of Hersham), and Mr. G. Edser (of London), who, with the host, rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples on handbells cast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, in 1787. The ringing drew forth rounds of applause from the assembled company.

A PRESENTATION.

On Wednesday week, an interesting presentation took place in the Oldham Parish Church belfry, Mr. John Davies being the recipient of a gold medal, in the form of a bell, from his fellow members of the tower. Mr. Samuel Stott presided over the gathering, and the presentation was made by Mr. Edmund Mills, one of the churchwardens, in the absence of the Vicar. Mr. Mills spoke of the good work that Mr. Davies had rendered to church and schools—he had been a ringer for twenty-seven years. The medal is engraved with the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. J. Davies by the O.C.S., O.C.R., 1911." Mr. Davies left England for Auckland, New Zealand, yesterday (Thursday). An attempt was made for a farewell peal of Caters on Sunday, Sept. 24th, but unfortunately came to grief after 2 hrs. and 40 mins. ringing.

MEETING AT DRIGHLINGTON.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Drighlington, on Saturday. A peal of Bob Major was attempted in the afternoon, but unfortunately came to grief, after about an hour's ringing. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were then rung by visitors. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom. The President occupied the chair, supported by members from Armley, Bolton, Calverley, Holbeck, Far Headingley, Hunslet, Wakefield, Shipley, Pudsey, Tong, Leeds Parish Church, and the local company.—The President announced with regret, the death of Mr. Wm. Hollings, of Calverley, and a vote of sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Hollings was passed by all standing in silence. The final arrangements for a peal attempt at Bolton, on October 14th, were left in the secretary's hands, on the motion of Mr. J. Broadley, and seconded by Mr. J. Peacock.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Drighlington and to the local company for the day's arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. Broadley, seconded by Mr. G. Eolland, and carried unanimously.—A vote of thanks to the President brought the meeting to a close. The tower bells and handbells were then rung until late in the evening.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

DALTON.

The Dalton Parish Church ringers had their annual outing on Saturday week, when they visited Liverpool. Going first to St. James' Church, West Derby, they were met by Mr. John Hudson, who made up a band for Minor ringing. A 720 Oxford Single came to grief, but 720 of Plain Bob was brought home by: T. R. Jackson 1, J. Hudson 2, T. Metcalfe 3, J. Huddleston 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows (conductor) 6.—After dinner, at which Mr. Hudson joined the company, the party visited Walton-on-the-Hill, where they were met by Mr. H. Fyles, who assisted to ring 720 Bob Minor on the handy ring of six: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, H. Fyles 2, T. Metcalfe 3, J. Huddleston 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows 6. Mr. Horrocks conducted the party to Christ Church, Bootle, where there is a ring of six steel bells, by Vickers, of Sheffield, and 720 Bob Minor was brought round, Mr. A. Jackson taking part. Mr. A. Jackson invited the ringers to tea, a kindness that was much appreciated. Afterwards the visitors enjoyed themselves in the city. They wish to take this opportunity of thanking the various Vicars for allowing them the use of the bells, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Fyles, Mr. A. Jackson and Mr. Horrocks for their assistance, and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson for their kind hospitality.

DITCHLING.

The annual outing of the Ditchling, Sussex, ringers took place on Wednesday, Sept. 13th, when they made Epsom their centre. They were joined on the excursion by friends from Burgess Hill, Keymer, Lindfield, Hurst, and Brighton, and reaching Redhill by train, drove by brakes to Mersham, where the verger kindly had everything in readiness. Touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were brought round with difficulty, owing to the bad "go" of the tenor. On leaving the tower, the band were met by the Rector (the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse), who gave them a hearty welcome, and conducted them round the interior of the church, which dates back to 1220, and explained the history of the ancient brasses and other relics, for which the church is noted. The Rector was warmly thanked for his kindness. In descending from the tower one of the visitors missed his footing on the rather awkward staircase, and in falling, sustained a badly sprained ankle. After receiving medical assistance he was able to resume the journey, but was out of action for the rest of the day.

At Epsom dinner was partaken of, and afterwards the visitors were met by Mr. Allan Gower, who conducted them to Christ Church, the bells of which had been placed at their disposal by Canon Hunter. Touches of Bob Major and Triples were brought round, and then the journey was resumed to Reigate, where tea was partaken of, and ringing enjoyed upon the excellent peal of ten bells, which had been got in readiness by Mr. G. F. Hoad and other members of the local band. Touches of Royal, Caters, Major and Triples were rung, and then the return journey was commenced, after a very enjoyable day. The ringers wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, Canon Hunter and the Rev. F. C. Davies for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and Mr. A. Gower and Mr. G. F. Hoad for their kindness in making the visitors welcome.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

On Monday, Sept. 18th, the ringers of St. Giles' Church and friends, numbering 19 in all, made an excursion to Blackpool. Two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the beautiful bells at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), and the visitors then spent the remainder of the morning sight-seeing. After dinner, seven of the party met at St. John's Church, and with the help of one of the local band, tapped off some Grandsire Triples. Most of the party then proceeded to the South Shore, and there enjoyed the rest of the afternoon. The remainder, after a pleasant ride on the car to St. Anne's, visited the parish church, where the nice ring of eight were set going to Grandsire, the touches being joined in by several of the local ringers. The ringing concluded with Bob Minor, rung by four of the local band, together with F. W. Perrens and C. Wallater. The ringers taking part during the day were: R. Baker, C. Wallater, E. Hortin, C. Beech, H. Ward, D. Appleby, L. Williams, F. Ward, J. Adams, G. Saunders and F. W. Perrens. The return journey, which commenced at 8.45, was made very enjoyable by handbell ringing, singing, etc., and Willenhall was reached at one a.m., after a most pleasant and enjoyable day's outing. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the clergy of the churches for the use of their bells, and also those who helped to arrange the ringing and make the outing so enjoyable.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon last a visit was paid to Newport by the ringers of Rumney Parish Church. The journey was made in a pair-horse brake, and although a thin drizzling rain was falling, the drive was much enjoyed. On reaching Newport the party was met by Mr. J. W. Jones, and escorted to All Saints' Church, where a committee meeting of the Llandaff Association was held, at the close of which the bells were raised, and various touches rung. Subsequently an excellent meat tea was partaken of at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Mr. Jones joining the party. Mention was made that before long it was hoped to ring a wedding peal for "George," but it so happens that

this particular individual is not in a hurry to enter the ranks of the Benedicts. At 9.30 the parting came, and the return journey to Rumney was commenced, after a most enjoyable day.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

On Sunday, Sept. 24th, the Shipley band, accompanied by H. Tourle, of West Grinstead, paid a visit to Worth Church. They were met at Three Bridges by Mr. F. W. Rice, who acted as pilot, and landed them at the tower entrance, where they were met by Mr. J. Box, the clerk, who had everything in readiness. The bells were soon running to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob, Mr. F. Rice taking part. After service another touch was brought round, and then an adjournment was made for dinner. To the surprise of some of the band the hostess proved to be a sister of one of the company, and it is not surprising, therefore, that this function went off in first-class order, as no one knows better what ringers require than their wives or sisters. After dinner a move was again made to the belfry, where a capital 720 Cambridge Surprise was brought round by W. Denman, junr., 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, with H. Tourle 3, A. Cripps 4, W. Denman, senr. (conductor) 6. This concluded the day's ringing, and after tea the return journey was made. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for granting the use of the bells, the Sexton for having them in readiness, Mr. F. W. Rice for meeting them; and last, but not least, Mr. and Mrs. P. Dench for the excellent catering and the kindly welcome they extended to the party.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT GRIMSBY.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at Grimsby on Saturday last, members being present from Lincoln, Gainsborough, Brigg, Louth, Kirtton, Lindsey, Barton, Gosberton, Sheffield, Bolsover, together with Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow, and the local men.

Ringings commenced soon after two o'clock at St. James' Church, the intention of attempting a peal in the morning having fallen through. Several members rang their first touches of Kent and Stedman. St. Andrew's bells, by kind permission of the Vicar, were open from 2.45 to 4 p.m., and touches of Stedman and a course of Double Norwich were rung upon them. A good muster attended the service in St. Andrew's Church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Lenton), who gave an excellent address, based on the text "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification and exhortation and comfort," 1 Cor. xiv., 3.

Tea was served at the Albert Cafe, and the meeting followed, the President (Mr. F. F. Linley) occupying the chair. Three honorary members having been elected, the President extended a hearty welcome to the visitors from Sheffield, Bolsover, and Harlow, after which Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow, by request, gave an interesting and racy description of the recent ringing tour in South Wales, for which he was most heartily thanked.—Mr. G. Lewis cordially thanked the members for their hearty welcome, assuring them that the pleasure was not all on one side. Afterwards handbell ringing was indulged in, and a well-tapped course of Royal, by Mr. W. Allwood, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present, brought to a close one of the most enjoyable meetings held by the branch.

VETERAN LEEK RINGER'S DEATH.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. Edwin Sherratt, a veteran bell ringer, of Leek Parish Church, who passed away on Thursday of last week, at the age of 72 years. The deceased was one of the oldest ringers in the county, having assisted in the ringing when the two trebles, hung to supplement the original peal of six, were opened in 1863. During his 50 years' association with the belfry, Mr. Sherratt assisted in ringing at the celebration of many royal events from the marriage of the late King Edward to the Coronation of King George. The funeral took place on Monday.

HARWICH.—The Essex Association.—On September 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on handbells at the residence of Mr. A. T. Morris: G. Thompson 1—2, T. Bernard (first 720 on handbells) 3—4, A. T. Morris (conductor) 5—6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles.

STRETFORD.—The Lancashire Association.—On Friday, September 1st, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: W. Birchall 1, J. J. Moss 2, C. W. Birchall 3, T. Birchall 4, W. Wigglesworth 5, W. J. Moss (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Owen, Mr. Owen being a former ringer at the above church.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—At the Parish Church, on September 5th, for practice, 704 Grandsire Cinques: C. Pidgeon 1, F. Pestell 2, R. H. Hayward (Marlesford) 3, A. Webber 4, A. G. Ellis (London) 5, W. Blyth 6, G. Howchin (Norwich) 7, J. S. White (Northampton) 8, G. Orford 9, G. E. Howchin (Norwich) 10, D. Hayward (conductor) 11, R. Christian 12. Also 593 Grandsire Caters: C. Pidgeon 1, A. G. Ellis 2, R. Christian 3, A. Webber 4, W. Blyth 5, G. E. Howchin 6, E. Todd 7, F. Pestell 8, D. Hayward 9, J. S. White 10.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

Among the ringing societies of the country the Kent County Association occupies a foremost place, not only in regard to its membership, but because of its admirable organisation and its consistently high average of peal ringing successes. This position has only been attained by the enthusiasm of its officers, and to nothing more than to the efforts of its hon. secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who, for upwards of twenty years, has occupied this responsible post with conspicuous success. Mr. Helmore is among the best known of the ringing clergy, and the



THE REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

Kent Association is extremely fortunate in having a gentleman of such ability and practical knowledge to conduct its affairs. And yet it was quite a fortuitous circumstance that brought him into the Exercise.

Frederick John Ottley Helmore was born in London on December 2nd, 1851, and educated at St. Paul's School, where he gained one of the Mercers' Company's exhibitions in 1870, and went up to Oriel College, Oxford, taking his B.A. in 1874, and M.A. in 1877. He was ordained at Hereford, deacon 1875, priest 1876, being at the time an assistant Vicar-choral in the Cathedral. After a brief sojourn (1877-78) at Stratford-on-Avon as curate and precentor of Holy Trinity (Shakespeare's Church), he was appointed minor canon of Canterbury Cathedral, chaplain of Canterbury Union, surrogate in 1882, and precentor of the Cathedral in 1883—all of which offices he still holds.

The almost accidental circumstances by which Mr. Helmore became a ringer are certainly interesting. In the year 1882 a company of amateurs applied to Dean Payne

Smith for permission to learn to ring on the Cathedral bells. This the Dean declined to grant unless they could induce one of the Cathedral clergy to superintend their practices, and he recommended them to apply to the junior minor canon. It was not until it had been clearly pointed out that their chance of pulling the Cathedral bells depended entirely upon his consent to join them that Mr. Helmore was prevailed upon to touch a bell rope. For months these amateurs attended a weekly practice, but very little progress was made, and it became evident that very few of them had any real desire to become proficient change ringers. By the spring of 1884 Mr. Helmore was heartily sick of scrambling through the plain course of Grandsire Doubles, and was preparing to give up all idea of becoming a change ringer, when, luckily, the conductor of the Cathedral ringers (the late Mr. G. Stancombe) interested himself in one or two of the amateurs, and, by getting them to practice with some of the Cathedral men at St. Stephen's, soon got them on through Grandsire Minor to ring decent touches of Triples.

Mr. Helmore rang his first peal (Grandsire) at Faversham on November 10th, 1884. In January, 1885, he was elected president of the Cathedral Company, and remains so after the lapse of a quarter of a century. In those days there was little variety in the Canterbury ringing, and the Kent County Association had no peals to its credit beyond Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Accordingly his first peal of Stedman Triples was a College Youths peal, rung at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and conducted by Mr. James Pettit on January 31st, 1887—the only peal Mr. Helmore has rung in the City of London. His first peals of Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Superlative were scored under the auspices of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in conjunction with Mr. J. W. Washbrook and the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

On the retirement of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter in 1891, after only two years' tenure of office, Mr. Helmore became honorary secretary of the Kent County Association. For upwards of twenty years, ably assisted by his six district secretaries, he has been responsible for the management of the Association, and has had the gratification of watching its gradual growth and expansion; the number of members and of towers in union more than doubled; an all round improvement in ringers and ringing; and its funds so increased as to make it one of the richest associations in the kingdom. In 1895 he started a special "Belfry Repairs Fund" with the modest sum of £7 5s. At the end of 1910 the balance in hand was £108 11s. 7d., and yet during the fifteen or sixteen years of its existence grants have been made to the extent of £40, and another ten or twelve pounds will probably be granted in the immediate future.

Four years ago the Association presented him with a handsome oak roll top writing desk, with a silver bell in the centre panel inside, at once an eminently suitable gift to a secretary, and a genuine token of the members' appreciation of his work on their behalf. Mr. Helmore's name stands high in the list of clerical peal ringers. We understand that he is most anxious that one or more of the younger ringing clergy should obtain preferment in Kent, and so be in a position to take up the work, which he must necessarily resign before long. Altogether he has rung up to date 169 peals, all but 38 of them for the Kent Association. A peal of 5000 odd is his extent. His objection to long or "record" peals is well known to Kentish ringers, and has several times found expression in the annual reports. In that published last year he wrote: "In January a mixed company succeeded in ringing a sufficiently long

peal (10,080) of Double Norwich. An attempt by the same band in April to 'ring round the clock' was happily abandoned after four and a half hours ringing. Many of us are of opinion that these dangerous (and, as may turn out if persisted in, fatal) attempts at 'record breaking' should be steadily discouraged and even prohibited. Church bells were never intended for such vain-glorious uses. If our ringers must make 'records' let them try what they can do in the way of regularity of attendance at their own churches."

Mr. Helmore is also a member of the College Youths, London County, Oxford, Salisbury, Winchester, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan, Devonshire and Surrey Associations, and his list of peals is as follows:—

Bob Triples	1		
Bob Major	2		
Grandsire Triples	22	Conducted	11
Grandsire Caters	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	10		
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Major...	1		
Double Norwich Major ...	12		
Stedman Triples	97	Conducted	11
Stedman Caters	20	Conducted	5
Superlative Surprise Major	2		

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ODD CHANGES.

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In the rules which govern the proceedings of the Central Council is the following: "That . . . the business transacted at each meeting be entered in the minute book and reported to the ringing papers."

The meeting of the Central Council took place on June 6th, and we have been favoured this week with the official minutes. As we have been asking that for the benefit of our readers we should receive equal treatment with our contemporary in regard to the official communications of the Council, we publish the minutes which have been sent us, although with the proceedings fully and accurately reported in our columns in the two weeks following the meeting there will be nothing found in the official record which was not known to our readers over three months ago.

There are many wonderful men in the ringing world today, and it is really marvellous to what extent some of them can train their minds in the direction of change ringing. During the visit of members of the Midland Counties' Association to Rutland, Mr. A. P. Wakley, of Burton, not only astonished the natives, but many of his ringing friends as well, with the facility with which he tapped Stedman Triples on the piano.

At Langham he played a course in a room full of people, including many ringers, but at Belton on the Sunday morning Mr. Willson called a touch which he tapped off quite correctly in perfect time, as five other Stedman ringers can testify. He also played a course of Double Norwich. This talented young man will go far in the world of ring-

ing, and is, without doubt, a born ringer in more than one sense.

Last week we published a lead of Little Bob Major, a method produced about a quarter of a century ago by the Rev. E. Bankes James, and a peal of which was rung for the first time just recently. Ringers will find that this method will add variety to their performances if they will study it. It will be found more interesting than the old-fashioned Plain Bob Major, and we publish this week a couple of 5000's which will doubtless enable other bands to ring peals in the method.

This week we have enlarged "The Ringing World" to 20 pages, in order that the large volume of matter sent in for publication may appear without delay.

It has been found impossible to arrange for the attempt for the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town until November

The bells of the Parish Church of Brigg, Lincolnshire, are to be sent to the foundry of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, to be retuned and re-hung in a new iron and steel frame, and fitted with the most modern fittings.

It is not often that the loss of a peal is a subject for merriment, but last Saturday afternoon at Pendleton, Lancs, an amusing incident resulted in a peal being brought to an untimely end. Eight members of the Lancs Association met to ring one of Mr. Arthur Knights' peals of Treble Bob, and all went as merrily as the proverbial "marriage bell" until the seventh course came up with two "middles" in it.

Just as the conductor was calling the first of the pair, there came an awful row from the belfry door. Harry looked at Sam and Sam looked at Joe as much as to say "Shall we go on?" The conductor said nothing, and the ringing proceeded. Then came a piercing whistle that would have done credit to a locomotive, and next a shout, "Heigh, you chaps, will you come down?"

The second bob was called, and was followed by an imperious thumping at the door. There was evidently something serious the matter, and the bells were set up. Dick jumped up to the window to see what was wrong, when a youthful voice exclaimed, "Will you come down and open this door? I've brought the bread for to-morrow's service." It might be explained that at Pendleton bread is given away every Sunday to the aged poor. Having stopped the bells and got into the church to deposit his load, the baker's boy was triumphant, but the faces of the peal band were a picture.

Apropos our article last week upon the subject of church bells and the law of nuisance, an incident, showing how distracting the continuous clanging of a single bell may be, was related by the Vicar of Wool at a meeting of the Salisbury Guild. While recuperating recently at Weymouth he stayed opposite a church with a solitary bell of the bucket kind. He was driven nearly mad by its noise, and on one occasion counted the strokes. A "touch" of 634 was rung on this bell in a quarter of an hour—surely enough to drive anyone crazy, and it is not surprising that the rev. gentleman was glad to get back to the sweet sounds of his own peal of six.

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THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL MEETING AT HESTON.

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES DISCUSSED.

"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

An annual meeting that was not an annual meeting was the somewhat paradoxical position of the gathering of members of the Middlesex County Association, at Heston on Saturday. Hitherto the annual meeting has been held in September, and consequently the year's work had been completed, and the time had arrived for the election of officers, etc. But the Middlesex Association, for the better conduct of its business, has decided to make its financial year terminate in future on December 31st, and to hold the annual meeting in Easter week. Consequently Saturday's meeting was one which, while for courtesy's sake termed annual, was merely of an interim nature in order to carry on the affairs of the Association on a business-like footing until next April.

The Middlesex men are proud of their Association—and no wonder. It is a remarkably successful one, and is still showing signs of vigorous growth. On Saturday the members turned up at Heston in great strength from the four corners of the populous county, and beyond. There were three towers available for ringing—Heston and St. Paul's, Hounslow, with their peals of eight, and Norwood Green, with a peal of six—and during the afternoon and evening the members practised methods, ranging from the homely Grandsire Doubles to the aristocratic Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

THE SERVICE.

At half-past five they gathered in Heston Church, which was bright in a festal garb of flowers, foliage and fruit, donned in readiness for the harvest thanksgiving to be held on the morrow. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson), and the well-known hymns, "O God, our help, in ages past," "All people that on earth do dwell," and "Fight the good fight," were heartily joined in by the congregation, who also followed with close attention the address which the Vicar delivered. He first of all, in the name of the churchwardens and himself, extended to the Association a very cordial welcome to the ancient parish church of Heston. The people of Heston were very proud of their bells, and it was a great satisfaction to him that one of their churchwardens led the bell ringers, some of whom not only helped in the service of the church by ringing the bells, but also by singing in the choir. By their presence there that day the members showed their interest in ringing the bells in the service of God. England stood first and foremost as the leader of all nations in the excellence of its bell ringing, and their gathering that day indicated that, as far as they were concerned, that reputation should not be lost. Basing his subsequent remarks upon Exodus xxviii, 33-35, the reverend gentleman said this text provided the earliest reference to bells. There was no record of bells in any literature prior to this, and they would notice that this first reference to bells was in their connection with the service of God. The Jewish worship was a worship full of symbolism, and the golden bells on the garment of the High Priest were a symbol of joyfulness of heart in their service to God. As they rang forth the bells Sunday by Sunday let them regard them as joy bells, recollecting that, through the sacrifice of His Son, God had blotted out the past, that the present was provided for, and that the future opened a glorious prospect. The bells were also bells of warning. The passing bell told them of a soul departed. Last week the bells had tolled for the death of Canon Duckworth who, two years ago, had preached at their annual gathering. The call would come to all of them sooner or later; let them not forget, therefore, that while the bells were bells of love and bells of joy, they also sounded a note of warning, and let them not themselves neglect the sound of invitation. Let them see to it that they who preached, did not fail to enter into the fullness of the privileges which lay within their reach as members of the Church of the living God. The bells of gold reminded them that all that was given to the service of God should be of the very best. The very best skill they could put into bell ringing should be given for Him. The goodness of God should lead them to render unto Him the best service they could, but there was also another reason. He had given of His best to us—he gave us His only begotten Son.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After service tea took place at the schoolroom, and the business meeting followed. Mr. F. A. Milne presided, supported by the hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and H. Chandler.—Mr. Coles said he had received letters of apology from Mr. A. T. King and the Rev. H. G. Bird (president).—Fourteen new members were elected, including the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson, five from All Hallows, Tottenham, and five from Norwood Green. The confirmation of elections that had taken place in towers was also agreed to.

In view of the annual meeting which is to take place at Easter, the officers were re-elected en bloc to serve until that time, while the appointment of representatives on the Central Council was deferred until that meeting.

Mr. C. T. Coles presented an interim report, which explained the transitional state of the Association's financial year, and called attention to some of the salient features of the work since the departure of the late hon. secretary, who, though no longer actively present with them, might be relied on to take an active interest in all that concerns the welfare of the Association. The report went on to relate the proceedings of the last annual meeting, including the presentation to Mr. King. Between the date of that meeting and the end of 1910, the report continued, 25 peals (two of which, Sedman Caters and Cinques, were on handbells) were rung. They consisted of Grandsire Triples 2, Bob Major 2, Double Norwich 1, Superlative 5, Bristol 3, Stedman Triples 4, Caters 5, Cinques 3.

NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCES.

The report congratulated the band to whom had fallen the honour of ringing the 1000th peal by the Association, a peal of Superlative Surprise at St. Mary Magdalene's, Enfield, on April 29th, conducted by Mr. Sidney Wade. It was also a great pleasure to again offer congratulations to Miss Edith Parker, this time upon being the first lady ringer to conduct a peal for the Association, a peal of Stedman Triples at Waltham Abbey on March 4th. A like tribute was also given to the band who rang the handbell peal of Grandsire Triples, after great perseverance and many disappointments, at Pinner, on May 26th, conducted by Mr. Frank Martin. During the present year the Association had rung two peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and had gone far in an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, most coveted because most intricate. Out of eleven courses to ring, the band had completed seven courses and two leads in 2 hrs. and 52 mins., when the peal had to be stopped owing to the bad "go" of the tenor. This was on February 25th, at St. Giles', Cripplegate. It might be possible to renew the attempt in the coming winter, and they would endeavour once more to achieve success, if the conditions permitted of it. A peal of London Surprise Major rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on February 11th, was noticeable, because it was the 100th peal in that method conducted by Mr. William Pye, whom they hoped very soon to congratulate on reaching his 1000th peal. The Association had to lament the loss, by death, of Mr. Frederick Squires, who was killed at the Great Eastern Railway Works, at Stratford, on April 12th; of Arthur Keit, of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, who died on May 4th; and of Harry Spencer, of Stoke Newington, who died through being overcome by foul gases in Abney Park Cemetery, whilst following his occupation of grave digger. The Association had also lost the increasingly useful services of Mr. A. R. Macdonald, who had gone to Vancouver. They wished him every success in his new career, and could only say he carried with him the affectionate regard of a wide circle of ringing friends.

The report was received and adopted, and at the suggestion of Mr. Coles, it was decided that the report and audited balance sheet for the period up to December 31st be printed prior to the annual meeting at Easter.

The Central Committee brought forward a proposal that the Association peal books when filled be placed in the belfry, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon.—Mr. Coles pointed out that he had raised the question because he had these peal books at home. There were three of them, two were full up, and the other nearly so, and he did not like to have the responsibility for their safety, because there was a certain amount of danger from fire. It was, therefore, suggested to place the books in some tower, and as St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, was the President's tower, it was thought best to place them there.—Mr. Hubbard thought they should guard against the books being placed in the tower and forgotten, and moved that the books be deposited at St. Andrew's for the ensuing year, his object being to have the matter kept in view by a resolution at each annual meeting.—Mr. Carter seconded the motion, which was carried.

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

The question of the district boundaries was raised by Mr. Chandler. He said this had always been a sore point, for they found in the report a lot of members who resided in the South and West district who had their names in the North and East. There ought to be some definite line of division.

It appeared from the minutes of one of the early meetings of the Association that the idea was that the South and West district should consist of the Parliamentary Divisions of Uxbridge, Brentford, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham.—Mr. Chandler said he did not know that this minute was in existence. He expressed himself satisfied if this division of the area was adhered to.—After some further discussion, the meeting passed the following resolution: "That the members attached to towers situated in the Parliamentary Divisions of Uxbridge, Ealing, Brentford, Hammersmith and Fulham, shall be deemed to belong to the South and West district, and members affiliated to towers situated in any other Parliamentary Division of the County of Middlesex, or of the County of London lying North of the Thames shall be deemed to be members of the North and East district; that members not affiliated to a tower shall be deemed to belong to the district in which they reside; and that members outside the county shall belong to whichever district they elect."—This resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority, after an amendment to refer the matter to the Central Committee had been defeated.

It was decided that the place of the next annual meeting be left to the selection of the Central Committee, with the recommendation that it be held at Clapton if the bells are available.

Mr. Chandler announced that the next meeting of the South and West District would be at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th, and Mr. Coles stated that the next meeting of the North and East District would be held at Southgate on November 4th.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson (Heston), the Rev. A. E. Bull (Hounslow), and the Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald (Norwood Green) for the use of the bells of their respective churches, to Mr. Wilkinson for the bright service and earnest address which he had given, and to Mr. Carter and the ladies who assisted in serving the tea.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE LEICESTER MEETING.

On Tuesday we received for publication from the hon. secretary of the Central Council the following official minutes of the proceedings at Leicester on June 6th:—

The Third Session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) was held in the Old Town Hall, at Leicester, on Whitsun Tuesday, 6th June, 1911, when there were present 51 out of 96 representative members, and 9 out of 13 honorary members, making a total of 60 members present.

The chair was taken at 11 a.m. by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., the president.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed, the Hon. Secretary reported that in accordance with the resolution passed last year, he had conveyed the condolences of the Council to Mrs. Robinson, and read the reply that had been received.

At this point the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn called attention to the position of the fund for the erection of a memorial to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and after discussion of the subject, in which many members joined, proposed that "In the event of the required amount of £300 not being in the hands of the Robinson Memorial Committee by the end of August, the Council sees no objection to the committee reconsidering what form the memorial should take." This was seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and adopted.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed that "The Council having in grateful recollection the many and great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Mr. R. S. Story, do hereby instruct the hon. secretary to send a letter expressing sincere sympathy with Mrs. Story and the family in their bereavement." This having been seconded by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, and feelingly supported by the president, was unanimously adopted in silence, the members rising.

The Hon. Secretary then read the statement of accounts, of which the following is a summary: Balance from last year, £52 18s. 1d.; affiliation fees, £12; sale of publications, £2 6s. 1d. Against this there was: Expenses of last year's meeting, £2 9s. 6d.; insurance and committee's expenses, 7s.; postage and printing, 12s., leaving in hand a present balance of £63 15s. 8d. He also read the principal items in the account of sales of publications, rendered by Messrs. Allen, stating that he had examined them carefully in detail, and had found them correct, that he estimated the net value of those remaining in hand at £126 19s. 6d. The accounts, which had been previously audited in detail by the Standing Committee, were passed, on the proposal of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. F. B. Tompkins.

It was proposed by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. H. White, and carried unanimously, that the Rev. E. W. Carpenter be re-elected an honorary member, the name of Mr. H. W. Wilde being also added to the list, on the proposal of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. W. E. White.

The Hon. Secretary announced that expressions of regret for absence had been received from the Revs. H. E. Tilney Bassett and Canon Papillon, and from Messrs. C. E. Borrett, R. Cartwright, H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, J. Parker, and J. R. Sharman.

The Rev. A. T. Beeson, representing the Chester Guild, and Mr. J. W. Parker, an honorary member, were introduced to and shook hands with the president.

On behalf of the Peal Collection Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported progress with regard to the Treble Bob section, and on the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. H. W. Wilde was added to the committee.

In the absence of Mr. R. A. Daniell, through indisposition, no formal report was presented in connection with the work of the Church Press Committee, but it was understood that the work was making duo progress.

The Rev. H. Law James reported progress on behalf of the committee for the collection of legitimate methods.

For the Peal Values Committee Dr. Carpenter brought forward a schedule of points for peals on seven bells and upwards, founded on the formula $\frac{VN^2}{8A}$ together with a schedule of points for peals of Minor, stating that the committee recommended three points for 42 six-scores of Doubles, and proposed the adoption of the whole. This having been seconded by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Griffin proposed as an amendment to the schedule of points for Triples and upward a schedule founded on the formula $\frac{VN^3}{8A}$ the amendment being seconded by Mr. A. T. King.

The President at this point, said that if it were adopted, it would be best to refer it to the Peal Values Committee for their consideration.—It was carried in this form by 25 votes to 12.

With respect to the schedule for peals of Minor, it was agreed on the proposal of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, that it be referred to the committee, specially with reference to certain suggestions which had been put forward by Mr. J. S. Pritchett and the Hon. Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. A. T. King, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, the Analysis of Peals for the year 1910 was unanimously adopted, the thanks of the Council being accorded to the committee for their laborious and valuable work.

The Rev. H. Law James proposed, and Mr. R. Richardson seconded, "That nothing shall be recognised as a peal of Minor unless it consists of at least seven true and complete 720's, but that the 5040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes, with or without extra 720's."—Mr. J. W. Parker proposed as an amendment that the first clause should read: "That the Council recommends that a peal of Minor should consist of at least," etc.—This was seconded by Mr. E. H. Lewis, and adopted unanimously, the resolution as so amended being then carried as the substantive motion.

Mr. W. Story moved that "For the purpose of representation on the Central Council only such members of any Territorial Association as are resident within the area covered by such Association shall be considered in fixing the number of representatives which such Association is entitled to elect."—This was seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, and was lost by a large majority.

Mr. J. A. Trollope moved, and Mr. R. J. Dawe seconded, "That the Central Council give 'The Ringing World' recognition equal to that accorded to the 'Bell News' for the publication of official reports and communications, and that any peals published exclusively in 'The Ringing World' shall be counted in the Central Council's analysis."

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter moved to omit all words following "communications," and this was carried.

After much discussion, Mr. J. S. Pritchett moved the previous question, which was seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, and carried.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved a vote of thanks to the President, and the meeting was adjourned.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PLEASANT MEETING AT WOOL.

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Wool, on Thursday week, and was combined with the celebration of the anniversary of the dedication of the bells. The Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Dobie) had sent out invitations to the members of the branch, and representatives from Dorchester, Bournemouth, West Lulworth and Wyke Regis joined a full muster of the local band to take part in the proceedings. The bells of Wool are a very musical ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.), by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and "go" excellently. They were rung during the afternoon to various methods. The business meeting of the branch was held in the schoolroom, Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch) presiding, supported by the Rev. W. P. Schuster (general secretary of the Guild), the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary East Dorset branch), Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary), and the officers of the Dorchester branch. Letters of regret for absence were read from Mr. Martin Stewart and the Fordington St. George ringers.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Puddletown, in January.—The Hon. Secretary raised the question of attempting a quarterly peal for the branch, and the suggestion was readily agreed to by the members, the arrangements being left in the hands of the hon. secretary. After the meeting members and friends, to the number of about 25, sat down to a bountiful tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, who welcomed the Guild to his parish, and remarked that he was especially glad to see his friends from Dorchester. He was always glad to see any ringing company there at any time, and they could be sure of a hearty welcome.

The Chairman proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. C. A. Dobie for his kindness, and this was seconded by the Hon. Sec., and endorsed by the Rev. C. A. Phillips, and the Rev. W. P. Schuster. Both the latter expressed pleasure at the Vicar's recovery from his recent illness.—The Rev. C. A. Dobie, in responding, related, amid laughter, an experience which he had at Weymouth, where he stayed while recovering his health. He was residing opposite St. John's Church, where they had only one bell, and that of the bucket type. He was driven nearly mad by it. On one occasion the bell started at 10.45, and was rung until 11. He counted the strokes, and there were 634 of them. He was only too glad to get back to his dear old bells at Wool. In the course of further remarks, the Vicar paid a high compliment to his own band who rang on four occasions every Sunday.

Subsequently a service was held in the church, which the ringers attended, and an excellent address was given by the Rector of Coombe-Keynes. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going to Gardsire Doubles until 9 p.m.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING IN CATHEDRAL CITY.

The annual meeting of the Rochester district was held at Rochester on Saturday week. The Cathedral bells were raised at 3.0 p.m., to ring for the 4 o'clock service, at which some 40 members were present. The Archdeacon (the Rev. John Titley Rowe) gave a short address, taking his text from Exodus xxviii., 12-13. In the course of his address, he emphasised the great privileges of bell ringers, whose duty it was to call God's people to prayer and praise. They took the place together by the blowing of trumpets. He urged them to aim high in their religious life, with the enthusiasm that they put into their ringing.

After the service tea was served in the committee room at the New Corn Exchange, kindly lent by the Mayor (Mr. Alfred J. Knight), a party of 60 sitting down, representing Queensborough, Tunstall, Rodmersham, Borden, Newington, Upchurch, Hartlip, Rainham, Gillingham, Chatham, Swanscombe, Gravesend, Milton-next-Gravesend, Cobham and Rochester, in the district; Lyminge in the Canterbury district, Maidstone district, Dartford, Crayford, and some unattached members from the Lewisham district. At the business meeting which followed, Mr. W. Harper, of Swanscombe, was elected as chairman. A letter was read from the Mayor extending a welcome to the city, and expressing his regret in not being present, owing to a prior engagement, and the hope that the members would have a pleasant and successful meeting.

A report of the district was read and adopted. Two new members for Queensborough were admitted. The district secretary and representative were again elected. A collection was made on behalf of the Repair Funds for Gillingham and Rainham bells, amounting to 16s.—Votes of thanks were accorded the local clergy for the use of their respective towers, the Archdeacon for his address, the Mayor for the use of the committee room, and to the chairman for presiding. Ringing was again indulged in during the evening at the Cathedral and Chatham. The methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise Major.

DEATH OF MR. E. FRANCIS, NORWICH.

Members of the Norwich Association will receive with regret the news of the death of Edward Francis, of Norwich, who passed away on September 15th, at the age of 59 years. He was born at Roydon, near Diss, and in the towers in that district he learned his ringing. He was an original member of the Norwich Association, and his first peal (7040 Oxford Treble Bob Major), rung at Diss in 1877, was the third peal scored by the Association. He removed to Norwich in 1886, and soon joined the Norwich Scholars at St. Peter Mancroft. As a composer in plain methods, he was well known in the composition pages of the ringing papers, and as a man of genial manner and high spirits, he will be greatly missed by a large circle of ringers. His last peal was one of Grandsire Caters, at Great Yarmouth on May 11th last, and, at its conclusion, he himself suggested a visit in the following September for Cinques—"Man proposes: God disposes," was only too true in his case!

The interment took place at the Norwich Cemetery, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and was attended by a representative gathering of ringers and fellow employees. The service was conducted by the Vicar of St. James'—under whom the deceased had served as a sidesman for some years—and handbells were rung over the open grave before the Benediction.

By permission of the authorities, the bells of St. Peter Mancroft were rung half-muffled in the evening, the members of the Norwich Scholars and of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild combining, to show this mark of respect. The "whole pull and stand" was rung by the following: C. E. Borrett 1, F. Knights 2, F. J. Howchin 3, P. C. Artis 4, B. J. Howchin 5, A. Rought 6, G. Howchin 7, S. Smith 8, F. H. Knights 9, G. Mayers 10, A. G. Wannes 11, D. T. Potter 12, and was followed by touches of Caters and Cinques, with other members standing in.

Edward Francis had just completed his half century of peals, rung as follows: Kent Maximus 4, Stedman Cinques 2, Grandsire Cinques 2, Oxford Royal 2, Kent Royal 2, Bob Royal 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Oxford Major 12, Kent Major 11, Bob Major 9, Grandsire Triples 3.

The sympathy of many ringers in Norwich and Norfolk will go out to the widow and her family in their heavy bereavement.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Cassell 1, T. Bolton 2, H. Barrett 3, G. W. Honeyball 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington 6, C. F. W. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Bolton and Hunt.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, for morning service, 544 Double Norwich: P. Tyler 1, A. J. Lewis (Westerham) 2, A. D. Mills 3, A. E. Mitchell 4, J. Rice 5, G. W. Stokes 6, O. Sippetts 7, F. W. Rice (conductor) 8.

MR. J. E. DAVIS' 400 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire and Plain Doubles ..	1	
Grandsire Triples ..	23	5
" Major ..	1	
" Caters ..	16	
Bob Major ..	8	
Kent Treble Bob Major ..	12	11
" Royal ..	23	14
" Maximus ..	1	
Stedman Triples ..	42	
" Caters ..	64	24
" Cinques ..	9	
Double Oxford Bob Major ..	1	
Double Norwich Major ..	108	61
Double Norwich Royal ..	1	
Real Double Norwich Major ..	2	
Forward Major ..	1	1
Forward Royal ..	1	
Duffield Royal ..	1	
Superlative Surprise Major ..	34	5
New Cumberland Surprise Major ..	5	
Cambridge Surprise Major ..	20	2
Cambridge Surprise Royal ..	2	
London Surprise Major ..	4	
Total ..	400	123

Rung in 11 counties and 102 towers.

* Including Holt's Original non-conducted.

MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON'S 100 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles in 5 methods ..	1	
Minor in 1 method (1 on handbells) ..	7	6
" 2 methods ..	1	
" 3 ..	5	1
" 4 ..	3	
" 5 ..	3	1
" 7 ..	8	
" 8 ..	2	1
" 9 ..	3	
" 14 ..	1	
Grandsire Triples ..	4	
Stedman Triples ..	18	
Bob Major (1 on handbells) ..	11	2
Double Norwich Major ..	9	1
Double Oxford Major ..	2	
Cambridge Surprise Major ..	4	
Superlative ..	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major ..	8	
Oxford ..	1	
Grandsire Caters ..	2	
Stedman Caters ..	1	
Bob Roy 1 ..	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal ..	2	
Total ..	100	12

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CONDOVER, SALOP.—The Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—On Tuesday, September 5th, for practice, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Gurney 1, W. Passmore 2, G. J. Taylor (conductor) 3, T. W. Steadman 4, E. R. Trevor Corbett 5, W. T. Ashton 6, R. B. Wood 7, H. Davies 8.

STAMFORD HILL.—On Sept. 10th, at St. Ann's Church, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *A. Keay 1, E. Davidson 2, *S. Sharman 3, *F. Gerkin 4, S. C. Ringrose (conductor) 5, C. Davidson 6. *First 720.—On Sept. 17th, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: S. Sharman 1, E. Davidson 2, T. C. Ringrose 3, F. Gerkin 4, F. E. Ringrose (first 720 as conductor) 5, C. Davidson 6.—On Sept. 24th, for evensong, 720 in the same method: F. Gerkin 1, E. Davidson 2, F. E. Ringrose (conductor) 3, T. C. Ringrose 4, W. Boittrill 5, C. Davidson 6.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Fairclough 1, J. Garside 2, W. Robinson (conductor) 3, A. Newton 4, T. F. Hewerton 5, G. Shipp 6, J. Holmes 7, R. Satterthwaite 8.—On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 51½ mins.: E. L. Bennett 1, J. Garside 2, A. Newton 3, W. E. Sharp 4, T. F. Hewerton 5, G. Shipp 6, W. Robinson (conductor) 7, R. Satterthwaite 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Hanson 1, J. Garside 2, G. Whittam 3, A. Newton 4, T. F. Hewerton 5, W. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Holmes 7, R. Satterthwaite 8.—On handbells, on August 16th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Robinson 1-2, E. L. Bennett 3-4, W. E. Sharp (conductor) 5-6.—On August 19th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Shipp 1-2, E. L. Bennett 3-4, W. Robinson (conductor) 5-6.—On Sept. 13th, 209 Grandsire Triples: E. L. Bennett 1-2, J. Garside 3-4, W. Robinson 5-6, W. E. Sharp (conductor) 7-8.—672 Bob Major: J. Garside 1-2, E. L. Bennett 3-4, W. Robinson 5-6, W. E. Sharp (conductor) 7-8. G. Shipp holds from Pinner, Middlesex, and J. Hanson from Ramsbottom, Lancashire.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Webb, senr., 1, Walt. Judge 2, J. Franklin 3, E. H. Harding 4, J. Matthews 5, R. Judge 6, William Judge (conductor) 7, F. Webb, junr., 8. This was arranged specially for E. H. Harding, of Trowbridge.

BLACKBURN.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (by J. Sholicar, Ormskirk), in 45 mins.: W. J. Edmonson 1, H. Walker 2, F. Hindle 3, W. H. Idle 4, E. Du'eson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. Watson 6, W. E. Wilson 7, J. Ashton 8.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—On Sunday evening, 672 London Surprise Major, for Divine service: W. Taylor 1, Walter Malins 2, H. O. White 3, J. A. Fenton, junr., 4, C. W. Whisler 5, A. J. Heslian 6, J. B. Fenton (first touch of London as conductor) 7, J. W. Chandler 8. First touch of London Surprise upon the bells, and by all except J. B. Fenton.

BATHEASTON.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Sunday for evening service, at St. John the Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. C. Rich 1, G. Jones 2, C. W. Bell 3, J. Taylor 4, S. J. Hee or (Trowbridge) 5, H. Taylor (conductor) 6.

STREATHAM.—At St. Leonard's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Barington 1, J. Figgures 2, F. Smith 3, I. Attwater (conductor) 4, C. Hughes 5, J. Lee 6, E. Blatt 7, L. Attwater 8. Rung as a farewell touch to J. Figgures, who is leaving the district.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.—On Monday, Sept. 11th, for practice, 720 Treble Bob Minor: W. E. Sharp (conductor) 1, E. L. Bennett 2, W. Robinson 3, W. Nevinson 4, J. Holmes 5, G. Shipp 6.—720 Oxford: E. L. Bennett 1, J. Garside 2, W. Nevinson 3, W. E. Sharp (conductor) 4, G. Shipp 5, J. Holme 6.

HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—On Monday last, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: M. Hedges 1, G. Dowling 2, F. Merrison 3, C. Jackson (conductor) 4, T. Stockdale 5, H. Rodmell 6, G. T. Miller 7, J. Chamberlain (first quarter-peal) 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John Church, on Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Frampton 1, H. Frampton 2, B. Gough 3, Miss E. K. Parker 4, C. Forfit 5, H. Bennett 6, C. Goodenough (conductor) 7, F. Forsyth 8. Also 168 in same method.—504 Stedman Triples: H. Bennett 1, G. Doel 2, C. Goodenough 3, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 4, C. Forfit 5, B. Gough 6, F. Townsend 7, F. Forsyth 8.—336 Bob Major: H. Frampton 1, F. Forsyth 2, H. Bennett 3, Miss E. K. Parker 4, C. Forfit 5, F. Townsend 6, B. Gough 7, C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Wednesday, Sept. 13th, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Williams 1, Miss N. Gillingham (conductress) 2, E. Goldstone 3, J. Hemming 4, R. J. Wilkins 5, J. Nisbett 6, W. Gillingham 7, G. Luke 8.

BRIERLEY HILL.—At St. Michael's Church, for the Harvest Festival service, on Wednesday, Sept. 13th, 240 Bob Minor, conducted by C. R. Lilley. On Sunday, 224 Bob Major and 252 Stedman Triples, before evening service, and 224 Bob Major, after service, conducted by A. E. Whatmore. The ringers taking part in these touches were: P. Harley, A. W. Whatmore, J. V. Allen, J. Whatmore, J. Lloyd, C. R. Lilley, R. Matthews, W. Potter, J. Piper, H. Hill, E. Perkins, J. Bass and J. W. Williams.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—The St. Michael's Society.—On Thursday, Sept. 14th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: T. Newman 1, F. Bird 2, P. Springham, junr., 3, H. M. White 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, P. Springham, senr., 6, W. Wilkinson 7, C. Ridgwell 8. Rung as a compliment to P. Springham, junr., on his 17th birthday, the band wishing him "many happy returns of the day." It was his first quarter-peal.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Thursday, Sept. 14th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: J. Collins 1, C. Brett 2, O. Collins 3, A. Lavender (first 720 as conductor) 4, G. Taylor 5, W. Booth 6.

BOREHAM.—The Essex Association.—In connection with the Harvest Thanksgiving services, the following 720's were rung on Thursday, Sept. 14th. Before service, 720 New London: J. Roote 1, A. Edwards 2, P. Letch 3, J. Walden 4, W. Allen 5, J. W. Wood 6.—After service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Roote 1, H. W. Kirton 2, P. Letch 3, J. Walden 4, A. Edwards 5, J. W. Wood 6.—On Sunday, for Divine service, in the evening, 720 Double Court: J. Roote 1, *A. Church 2, P. Letch 3, *H. W. Kirton 4, J. Walden 5, A. Edwards 6. *First 720 of Double Court. Each of the above 720's were conducted by A. Edwards.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—On Thursday, Sept. 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Parker's twelve-part. W. D. Allan's first quarter-peal as conductor.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Friday, Sept. 15th, for practice on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter): W. Shepherd (conductor) 1—2, A. F. Shepherd 3—4, W. A. Woodrow 5—6, J. Loveridge (first quarter-peal) 7—8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Sept. 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Day 1, R. W. Hyner 2, G. Lancaster 3, F. Looker 4, J. Tuckwell (first 720) 5, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 6. Also 180 Double Oxford, 180 Double Court and 120 St. Clement's, in which the following took part: O. W. Layng, T. Moulden, R. W. Hyner, F. Looker, G. Lancaster and C. J. Gardiner. Conducted by C. J. Gardiner and R. W. Hyner.

NUNEATON.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples and 168 Stedman Triples: J. Clarke 1, E. Stone 2, R. Pollard 3, W. Martin 4, H. Cure 5, T. W. Chapman 6, D. H. Argyle (conductor) 7, J. Greasley 8.—For evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob: H. Argyle 1, E. Stone 2, W. Martin 3, J. Clarke 4, H. Cure 5, D. H. Argyle 6, J. Clarke, junr., 7, T. W. Chapman 8; and 336 Double Norwich: E. Stone 1, J. Clarke, junr., 2, H. Argyle 3, T. Dickens 4, H. Cure 5, H. D. Argyle 6, J. Clarke, senr., 7, T. W. Chapman 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, at St. Martin's Church, 293 Stedman Caters: G. Cleal 1, G. Holmes 2, L. E. Allen 3, J. Jenney 4, T. L. Allen 5, J. Buttery 6, S. Cotton 7, F. H. Dexter 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10. Also 270 Stedman Caters, with G. Pilmore 2, rest as before. First touch of Stedman Caters by Messrs. Holmes, Jenney and Pilmore.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Bob, conducted by H. Meadows.—For evening service, 720 Double Court: E. Hodson 1, J. Pettit 2, A. Henman (first in the method) 3, M. Norton 4, A. Pettit 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6.

DEVONPORT.—At the Dockyard Chapel, on Sunday, Sept. 17th, for Harvest Festival, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: E. W. Marsh 1, H. Bennett 2, W. H. Marsh 3, W. Rundle 4, F. Hockerdale 5, W. D. James (conductor) 6, W. Ford 7, H. Buckingham (first quarter-peal) 8.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, at the Parish Church, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: W. Wood 1, H. Pratt 2, A. G. Cartwright 3, C. Starkey 4, W. Anker 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, G. Verry 7, R. Speakman 8.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, at St. Stephen's Church, for evensong, 447 Grandsire Triples: W. Farmer 1, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 2, J. Clarke 3, S. Eels 4, F. Messenger 5, G. Lancaster 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, W. Clack 8.

WHITBY.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, lost after some brilliant ringing owing to a bob being called in the wrong place, a quarter-peal was rung in 43 mins.: T. Steele 1, W. Breckon 2, F. Hodgson 3, A. Coates 4, W. Knaggs 5, G. Hill 6, W. Harland 7, W. Stapley 8.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.—The Devonshire Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for Harvest Festival, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., composed by Sir John Hare, of Hitchin: F. Dimond 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, J. Skinner 3, R. Snow 4, A. Snow 5, W. Hayman 6, J. Hayman 7, E. G. Stocker 8. Also 672 and 742 of Grandsire. C. R. Lilley belongs to Caversham, Oxon, and was spending a holiday in the village.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Grinstead, on Saturday, September 30th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. Evans, Hon. Div. Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chaddesly Corbett, on Saturday, September 30th. Service in Church at 4.15. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 4.45 in the Schools. Business Meeting to follow. A Brake will leave the residence of Mr. T. J. Salter, Bromsgrove St., Kidderminster at 2.45. Return Fare 1s.—E. J. Dowler, Hon. Sec., 54, Tiverton Road, Bournbrook, Selly Oak, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, September 30th. Tower (8 bells) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5 (1s. each), both in the Grouse Inn.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

NOTICES (continued).

"WILLIAM VERRY" COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Dinner 6.30 sharp. Tickets, 2s. 6d., may be had from C. Starkey, Honorary Secretary, 23, Tudor Street, Winson Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackpool on September 30th, when the bells at Lytham, St. Anne's, and Blackpool will be available all day. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF BELL RINGERS.—The autumn meeting will be held at Caterick Bridge and Richmond to-morrow (Saturday, September 30th), when the bells of both churches (eight) will be available all day. Tea will be provided at the Town Hall Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Members 6d. each. Non-members 1s.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, October 7th.—A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th next, at Christ Church, Dore. Eight bells, tenor 11 cwt., available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at All Saints', Sheffield, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available from 5 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warbleton on October 7th. Ringing from 3 o'clock, tea at 5.30, 6d. each, to members letting me know by October 4th.—George H. Howse, Divisional Sec., Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of new peal at St. Ardan's, West Hartlepool, takes place on October 11th at 3 p.m. All members invited; those intending to be present please notify Charles Todd, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late St. James' Society), Established 1824.—The ninth Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will take place at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., on Saturday, October 14th. Doors open at 7.15, start 7.45. Admission by programme price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association, or from Frederick J. Hardy, Hon. Sec., 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Charing on Saturday, October 14th, 1911. Through the generosity of the Rev. Rendell Carter tea will be provided to all members who attend, and who notify the district secretary not later than Monday, October 9th. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by the usual business meeting. Half railway fares up to 2s.—G. Moore, District Secretary, Bellville, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Lightcliffe Congregational Church on Saturday, October 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who order from me by October 9th.—Geo. Naylor, Honorary Secretary, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton, near Bradford, on October 14th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Park Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, October 14th. Reduced railway fares from Preston (1s. 4d. return) will be granted if a sufficient number is obtained.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary, 106, Bank Street, Clayton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social of the above branch will be held on Saturday, October 14th, 1911, at Heywood. Tea on tables at 5 o'clock. Social at 7 o'clock. The party will be held in the Conservative Club, York Street. Tickets, gentlemen 1s. 3d., ladies 1s.—J. H. Barton, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. M. Harvey), at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be kindly provided by the donor of the bells, J. F. Stilwell, Esq. Those members intending to be present are requested to notify me not later than the 11th. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, October 14th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Paul's, Fulney, will be available from 11 o'clock. Dinner at the White Hart Hotel at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Service with short address at the Parish Church at 3.30.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

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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.

In my last notes I dealt in part with the inquiry of a correspondent who wanted to know the correct way of calling a peal without an observation bell, such for instance as a peal of Minor containing 42 singles. Let me this week enlarge somewhat upon what I have previously said about the matter, because, while there is no royal road to acquiring the ability to conduct without an observation bell, there are, as I have already pointed out, certain aids to a ringer in conducting compositions from a non-observation bell.

I will deal with Bob Minor, but what I have to say may be applied with certain modifications to many other methods, whose scale of lead-ends are the same. When conducting from a non-observation bell one of the most important things for a ringer to be able to do is to be able to "transpose himself" as he goes along, that is to say, when he has called one bob, to be able to tell where he will be at the next bob, whether it is at the next or any lead. To be able to do this provides a check upon him in watching the fixed bell, and it is, after all, only working out for himself what has been already provided for him in regard to the observation bell in the figures of the composition.

First of all as to bobs at consecutive leads in Bob Minor. Just examine these figures:—

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      2 3 4 5 6
—    2 3 5 6 4
—    2 3 6 4 5
—    2 3 4 5 6

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It will be seen that the bell that makes 2nd's place at one lead, runs "in" at the next lead if a bob be called, and repeats the operation so long as bobs follow at consecutive leads. Similarly, the bell that dodged in 3-4 up runs "out" at the next lead if a bob be called, and repeats this performance so long as bobs follow at consecutive leads. So, in transposing oneself there is no difficulty, if two bobs occur at consecutive leads, in knowing that running "in" at the first will involve running "in" at the second also, and running "out" at the first involves running "out" again at the second.

In the other three places the work comes in regular order. Following the dodge in 3-4 down, we have seen from the table that in the next lead the bell dodges in 5-6 down, and in the next in 5-6 up—that part is unaffected by bobs. If a bob be called at the lead after 5-6 up, it brings this bell to make 4th's place, or "make the bob," which is the equivalent position to a dodge in 3-4 down at a plain lead. Therefore there ought, in these positions, to be no difficulty in transposing oneself for the calls at successive leads, for the order of the work is: Dodge 5-6 down, dodge 5-6 up, make the bob.

When, however, there are plain leads between the bobs or singles—as, of course, there must be in a touch of any length—the difficulty is slightly increased, but again there are some easy guides:—

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

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These are what are known as "course ends," i.e., the last row of changes after the full course of five leads has been rung, and these particular figures are produced by a bob

called each time the 6th is at "home," or "right," which is the last lead in each course. With the 5th, the calls are made at the "wrong" each time, but in the case of the other three bells their positions change at each call. Just remember these three positions in the order given, and you have what I consider is the key to the whole matter:—

In,
Out,

Make the Bob (or 4th's).

Whether you take the 2, 3, or 4 you will find that the bells do the bob work in the above order, each, of course, beginning at a different place, thus:—

4th bell.	2nd bell.	3rd bell.
In	Out	4th's
Out	4th's	In
4th's	In	Out

In a touch in which there are any courses produced by bobs at "home" only, the position of either of the three bob making bells can thus easily be ascertained by the conductor while the ringing is in progress. If a bell runs "in" at the first bob it runs "out" at the next; if it runs "out" at the first it "makes the bob" at the next; and if it "made the bob" at the first it will "run in" at the next, the work rotating, as it were, in a cycle.

A correspondent has reminded me of a 720 of Bob Minor that can be easily called without an observation bell, and I give the calling without the figures, which my readers can easily prick out for themselves. The 720 is by J. F. Penning: Call bobs at two leads and miss two, until the 5-6 come together behind, when call a bob; then call one and miss one until they come behind together again, this time with a single. This is half the peal and must be repeated.

CONDUCTOR.

"OLD PRIORY BELLS."

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to your correspondent, the bells of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, were certainly not those formerly at St. Martin-le-Grand. They were all cast since the great fire of 1666. Their history will be best explained by the inscriptions on them, which are as follows:—

Treble.—Glory to God on high. John Darbie made me 1672.
2nd.—Feare God. King C. R. John Darbie made mee 1672.
3rd.—Good Peter Pickering Churchwarden Benefactor. John Darbie made me 1672.

4th.—Thomas Mears of London fecit 1797.

5th.—John Venport Benefactor 50 pounds. John Darbie made mee 1671.

Tenor.—Tho: Lawrence Cha: Shveckbvrgh Ch: Wns. of St. Martin
Gvl: Sleath Th: Barry Ch: Wns of St. Vedast alius
Foster. R: Phelps of London fecit 1726.

Clock-bell.—The gift of Peter Pickering 1706.

It will be noticed that the names of the churchwardens elected for St. Martin's parish are placed on the tenor as well as those of St. Vedast. This was the usual practice in cases where churches had not been rebuilt after the great fire, or where they have since been demolished; wardens being elected to represent parishes where no church existed. Evidently all the bells at St. Vedast were originally cast by John Darbie, the fourth and tenor having been since recast.

—Yours faithfully,
Salisbury.

J. R. JERRAM.

STEDMAN THEORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I cannot ask you to reprint my last letter, but I must ask you to let me restate a part of it, as it seems that Mr. Parker has failed to understand it. The quick sixes can be shown to be a touch of Original Doubles, obtained from the plain course. Will Mr. Parker please prove that five slow sixes are the same; if he cannot do that, then he will realise that they form a new principle, different from Original. It is no use my saying any more at present, because an endless argument in a circle is useless, and we must clear up one point at a time.

H. LAW JAMES.

RINGING IN BERKSHIRE.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In your article on ringing in Berkshire, a fortnight ago, Mr. R. G. Rice is quoted as saying, "Owing to the fine band at Caversham ringing is very good in the Reading district. Of the other places the only decent ringing is at Appleton." I feel sure Mr. Rice must have overlooked the parish of Sandhurst (or he may be like a number of other ringers who do not consider six-bell ringing good), but I think the majority of the Exercise will agree that a local band (without any assistance from the places mentioned by him) that have rung 550 720's during the last four years, in eleven Minor methods, including Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, four Treble Bob and five plain methods, are worth calling good ringers. As over 50 per cent. of them were rung for services, I can assure you it was decent. If Mr. Rice had carefully read your most valued paper, he would have seen the reports of the monthly combined practices in this branch, at which most of the above methods, also Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples have been rung. My object in writing is, because, if ringing in the county as a whole is bad, the places that are trying to raise the standard of it should get their meed of praise.

—Yours faithfully,
Sandhurst, Berks.

J. MOTH.

A WORCESTERSHIRE CYCLE TOUR.

On Sunday, September 10th, six members of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association journeyed, by cycle, to a few of the towers situated on the extreme border of the county. Within a few minutes of the fixed time Bromsberrow was reached, several of the local ringers meeting the party, which consisted of Messrs. Page (Master), H. T. Knowles, W. Shepherd, J. Sadler, E. E. Barber and G. Camm. A fine peal of six, of the Rudall period (tenor about 10 cwt.) were found in good order, and 310 Oxford Single Bob and six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman, with the local band, were accomplished. The tower is of unusual construction, the upper portion is half-timbered and in first-class condition, as are all the other parts, showing great care by the authorities.

The next move was to Redmarley, the ride taking the party through delightful scenery of copse and enchanting hills and dales, with cottages and farms dotted here and there. The place takes its name from the nature of its principal soil, and looked very bright at this time, owing to the extreme drought. The bells here are in good order, and go well. Several short touches were rung, and the bells, which were also by Rudall, were lowered. By kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Niblett, the company were entertained to tea. Before reaching this delightful vicarage, acting upon the directions of a local worthy, to "go through a white gate," the ringers "stormed" the castle, much to the surprise of the occupier. The party had gone astray, and apologies being given, they later found their proper course, and arrived at the Vicarage to find tea awaiting them. The Vicar sat down with the visitors, who, after enjoying his hospitality, thanked him most heartily, and journeyed on to Eldersfield, the Vicar piloting them part of the way, through lanes of many twists and turns.

After a stiff climb up-hill, a surprise awaited the ringers. Here, situated in lonely grandeur, was found a tower and church of magnificent dimensions, style and durability, emblematic of the great power and strength of Christ's Gospel, which for generation upon generation had there been preached to the toilers of the land. In fitting harmony they found a truly grand ring of six (tenor about a ton) and rang 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. It is to be regretted that the inside of the tower should be used as a general storage, entirely out of keeping with the beauty of the structure. But perhaps this may soon be altered.

Once more a wheel, the cyclists journeyed on to Longdon, but the company was depleted by the hurried departure of the "Shepherd," whose energy and perseverance in finding out all about the tenor is well known. On reaching Longdon, evening service had concluded, so with the help of a local stalwart, a few six-scores were rung. The visitors were greatly troubled with the dim light and the immense sallies on the ropes. Worcester may be noted for "sauce," but not for bell ropes, and it was suggested that this set should be disposed of at once to some swing boat proprietor, and a new lot obtained. The programme completed, the last course home was accomplished. The journey of 40 miles or so had taken the party through beautiful scenery, and they received great hospitality. To all they tender their thanks.

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