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So far, of course, as numbers go the Bailey brothers have eclipsed anything hitherto recorded, and their performance recalls other celebrated families of ringers. The name of Pye is a name to conjure with in the Exercise. No family has ever produced three more clever ringers than William, Ernest, and George R. Pye, and with their brother, who wore the King's uniform for so many years, they have accomplished a peal on handbells. The Wightmans, of Suffolk, are another large family of ringers who have rung a peal on six bells with a band of six brothers in 1898, while the Graters, of Devon, scored a family peal of Grandsire Triples in 1894. Only a week or two ago six brothers Lambert scored a 5040 of Minor at Lamberhurst in Kent. There is still another company who have achieved success in family peal ringing, and these are the Goftons, of Whitley Bay, Northumberland, who have rung Stedman Triples together on handbells.

These are some of the instances of the way in which whole families have taken up ringing as a pastime and have been successful in reaching the ringer's goal of ambition, but the Baileys have certainly put up a record that will require a good deal of beating. There is an old and expressive saying: "First catch your hare." For a performance such as that at Leiston you have first to find your eight brothers. There is no other such number of members of one family on the active ringing list, so that the Baileys need fear no rivals for the present. There are three other brothers in the family, and if it ever comes to needing a greater performance to retain the record, the Leiston men may be expected to train at least two more and score a peal on ten. But for the present the Bob Major is quite enough, although as several members of the band are already Surprise Method ringers, we may in the future look for something higher than Plain Bob by this wonderful company of eight. Ringers will follow their progress with interest.

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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**TWELVE BELL PEAL.**

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANCES;**

Tenor 41 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX... ..	Treble	WILLIAM TRUSS	...	7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2	JOHN THOMAS	...	8
HENRY SPRINGALL	3	ALFRED B. PECK	...	9
RICHARD F. DEAL	4	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	...	10
FREDERICK J. HARDY	5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	...	11
*ARTHUR D. BARKER...	6	WALTER PRIME	...	Tenor

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

\* First peal on twelve bells.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Thursday, October 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS	Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT	...	6
ALBERT D. STONE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	...	7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	3	KEITH HART	...	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ERNEST PYE	...	9
GEORGE R. PYE	5	WILLIAM PYE	...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. Messrs. Hart and Stone  
bail from Brighton, and were elected members of the Association  
previous to starting for the peal.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON	Treble	*ALBERT H. WARD	...	6
*EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	JOHN FLOWER	...	7
*NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	3	ERNEST J. OLIVER	...	8
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	BART MITCHELL	...	9
*JOSEPH BAILEY	5	*GEORGE ROBINSON, Senr.	Tenor	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

\* First peal of Caters. First peal as conductor in the method.  
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Fred  
Hickling.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

*On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;**

JOSEPH WEST	Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.	...	6
WILLIAM GOODMAN	2	SAMUEL SPITTLE	...	7
HERBERT SHEPPARD	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	...	8
THOMAS WATTON	4	HARRY GOODMAN	...	9
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr.	5	CHARLES FAULKS	...	Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and  
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Dr. V. Gray Maitland, M.O.H.,  
Nuneaton, son of the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley; also  
as a birthday compliment to Herbert Sheppard.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED. P. HOWCROFT	Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON	...	6
*ALBERT SIMPSON	2	ALBERT A. HUGHES	...	7
JOHN G. HALL	3	*SAMPSON T. WRIGHT	...	8
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	4	THOMAS METCALFE	...	9
THOMAS T. GOFTON	5	*WILLIAM BROADLEY	Tenor	

Composed by J. GEORGE, and  
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to  
R. Alder Gofton.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

*On Tuesday, October 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

ALBERT CLEGG	Treble	JOSEPH OGDEN	...	5
GEORGE H. BEEVER	2	HERBERT BARLOW	...	6
HARRY HAMPSON	3	LUKE HAMPSON	...	7
FRANK WILD	4	CHARLES PLATT	Tenor	

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, October 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALFRED SHEPPARD	Treble	OWEN W. PORTER	...	5
PERCY W. WITHAM	2	JESSE HISCOCK	...	6
ARTHUR HISTEAD	3	GEORGE CLEAVE	...	7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	4	WILLIAM COOK	Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

*On Friday, October 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	...	5
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	2	ARTHUR D. BARKER	...	6
WILLIAM TRUSS	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	...	7
LOUIS ATTWATER	4	FREDERICK J. HARDY	Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Mr. Sidney F. Gowlett,  
a member of the local company, who died on July 31st. The peal could  
not be previously attempted, the church being under repair.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,  
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.*On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS	Treble	GEORGE CONDLICK, Senr.	...	5
JESSE GILLET	2	JOHN AUSTIN	...	6
*CHARLES H. AUSTIN	3	†THOMAS NEWMAN	...	7
THOMAS BALDWIN	4	JOSIAH STEPHENS	Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal as conductor.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

*WILLIAM BUTLER ... .. Treble	†JOSEPH CAPLE ... .. 5
LEWIS MOORE ... .. 2	†HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 6
GEORGE H. GALE ... .. 3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 7
ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 4	HENRY BRIDLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. This peal was arranged by G. H. Gale for Gabriel Chamberlain and Ernest B. Crowder, of Burnham.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5216 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN DYSON ... .. Treble	JAMES T. SHAW ... .. 5
DAVID BREARLEY ... .. 2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... .. 6
ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 3	*HARRY SAMPSON ... .. 7
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

\* First peal of College Single.

OXHEY, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, October 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.,

GEORGE N. PRICE ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM WARD ... .. 5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS ... .. 2	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 6
ARTHUR W. DIX ... .. 3	HUBERT EDEN ... .. 7
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

\* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD DARLOW ... .. Treble	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY ... .. 5
*HENRY J. RANZETTA ... .. 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... .. 6
FRANCIS A. SMITH ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... .. 4	ROBERT E. STAVERT ... .. Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method.

LINCOLN.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wednesday, October 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOHN W. WATSON ... .. Treble	*SANTLEY J. WOLFE ... .. 5
GEORGE FLINTHAM ... .. 2	GEORGE CHESTER ... .. 6
*TOM PYLE ... .. 3	*JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
EDWARD LLOYD ... .. 4	*JAMES MUSSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by a local band and Mr. Freeman's first peal as conductor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Thursday, October 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt., in E.

*ROLAND POLLARD ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 5
JAMES F. CLARKE, JUNR. ... .. 2	†E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 6
*ERNEST STONE ... .. 3	HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 7
†GEOFFREY STONELEY ... .. 4	JOHN BALLARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Messrs. G. and E. Stoneley hail from Stoke Golding.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Thursday, October 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

AN IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JESSE B. TYLER ... .. Treble	HARRY BROWNJOHN ... .. 5
GEORGE SEWARD ... .. 2	GEORGE CONDICK ... .. 6
CHARLES H. GORDON ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 7
EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

For composition see "Stedman," p. 64. The peal has all the 6-7s at back stroke.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

This is the first peal ever rung by eight brothers.

EASTBOURNE.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. Treble	JOSEPH SHARP ... .. 5
BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 2	GEORGE PENFOLD ... .. 6
ERNEST GOWER ... .. 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 7
GEORGE H. HOWSE ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung on Trafalgar Day.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	HARRY FRANCE ... .. 5
JOSEPH TURNER ... .. 2	BENJAMIN GILL ... .. 6
TITUS BARLOW ... .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 7
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.



## CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE ... .. Treble	HERBERT CURE... .. 5
E. HARRY STONELEY... .. 2	D. HAROLD ARGYLE ... 6
THOMAS DICKEN... .. 3	JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr. 7
THOMAS VALLANCE ... .. 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL, and

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung on Trafalgar Day. Messrs. Stoneley and Vallance hail from Stoke Golding, Leicestershire.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt., in E.

GEORGE W. BEMROSE ... Treble	WILLIAM J. SEVIER ... 5
THOMAS W. GORE ... .. 2	WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 6
*GEORGE DAVIS ... .. 3	SAM THOMAS ... .. 7
FRANK JACOBS ... .. 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

W. J. Sevier hails from Gloucester. Rung after meeting short for Erin Caters. W. Lambert's 250th peal. \* First peal in the method.

## OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6176 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

HAROLD LAWTON ... .. Treble	SAMUEL STOTT ... .. 5
GEORGE H. BEEVER ... .. 2	JOSEPH OGDEN ... .. 6
HARRY HAMPSON ... .. 3	LUKE HAMPSON ... .. 7
FRANK WILD ... .. 4	CHARLES PLATT... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and

Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank Wild. The ringers wish to thank Mr. William Terry for his kind hospitality after the peal.

## GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 37 cwt.

*ERNEST NIDD ... .. Treble	†DAVID B. OVERTON... .. 5
†HARRY THORPE... .. 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 6
WILLIAM CAWTON ... .. 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 7
†WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 4	*THOMAS H. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rung on the Patronal Festival of the Church. It is the first peal on the bells by a local band since the year 1881, W. Cawton having taken part in both these peals.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED H. MARTIN ... Treble	JAMES T. WARD ... .. 5
FRED. WILFORD ... .. 2	J. HUBERT HORN ... .. 6
WALTER J. GERMAN ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 4	*GEORGE DOWNING ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal. Rung in memory of F. Palmer.

## ILKLEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK ... Treble	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ... 5
*WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... 3	*JOHN MCKELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM B. SMITH ... 4	*WILLIAM D. HILLARY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Woodhead.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

## SNAITH, YORKS.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent, and three of Plain Bob.

F. TATE ... .. Treble	T. SMITH ... .. 4
M. TATE ... .. 2	J. D. BULLOCK... .. 5
C. W. KING ... .. 3	H. LUDKIN... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

First peal on the bells. This peal was rung by five ringers from the Goole Parish Church, and J. D. Bullock, captain of the Snaith band. The bells have recently been re-hung by J. Mallaby, of Barnby Don.

## CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT... Treble	HENRY F. COOPER ... .. 4
ARTHUR H. TOOK ... .. 2	JAMES HOWARD ... .. 5
CHARLES MOSS ... .. 3	ALBERT LEE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

First peal on the bells since being augmented to six. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. R. Upcher, vicar, and arranged for the ringer of the 4th who hails from Chelmsford.

## HARROLD, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY W. GAYTON ... Treble	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 4
FRANK SKEVINGTON ... 2	HERBERT ROBINSON ... 5
WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 3	GEORGE THEW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob.

Tenor  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

PERCY WEBB ... .. Treble	WILLIAM L. DARLOW ... 4
ALBERT GILBERT ... .. 2	ERNEST BONNETT ... 5
ROBERT WILKERSON ... .. 3	ROBERT G. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KING.

P. Webb, who was elected a member previous to starting, hails from Ickleton, Camb.; the rest are members of the Royston Society. First peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung, two of them recast and a new treble added by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The "go" and tone is splendid and reflects great credit on the firm.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**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.

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE H. F. WEST ... Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 4
FREDERICK J. MYNARD ... 2	WILLIAM FREEMAN ... 5
JOHN LOVELL ... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION & THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one of Double Court. Tenor  $6\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

ARTHUR E. MOORE ... Treble	FREDERICK DEWELL ... 4
JOHN SPARROW ... .. 2	WALTER RADLEY ... 5
*FRANK LEVITT ... .. 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

\* First peal on tower bells.

STICKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
[(EASTERN BRANCH.)]

On Tuesday, October 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being five 6-scores of Stedman, four each of St. Simon's, Canterbury and Plain Bob, ten of Grandsire and fifteen of St. Dunstan's.

J. T. CLARKE ... Treble	A. SHARPE ... 3
WM. METCALF ... .. 2	EDWARD DODDS ... 4
H. LANCASTER ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by A. SHARPE.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2	JAMES HUNT ... 5—6
MAURICE SMITHER ... 3—4	FRANK BLONDELL ... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

Rung on bells, size 21 in D.

LONDON.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(YORK TOWN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, October 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT 52, SHIRLAND ROAD, PADDINGTON, W.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

GEORGE B. EDSER ... 1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3—4	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 7—8

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER ... —6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 3—4	*THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

\* First peal on handbells and first attempt.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 Single Oxford and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 1—2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4
JAMES OSBORN ... ..	... 5—6

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witnesses, MRS. J. OSBORN and MISS J. HOLLIS.

SKENFRITH, MON.—The Hereford Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday, Sept. 17th. for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, and 720 of Grandsire Minor, the following taking part: J. Taylor, H. Taylor, G. Taylor, G. Harris, C. Powell, A. Kaitson, W. H. Young (conductor).

DEEPING ST. JAMES', Lincs. — On Sunday, September 24th, for the harvest festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Crowson 1, G. Hollis 2, A. A. Crowson 3, G. Wells 4, J. W. Lakin (conductor) 5.—Also on Wednesday, September 27th, for practice, several six scores of Bob and Grandsire Doubles, the following taking part: Messrs. Crowson, Wells, Bennett, Smeath, Lakin (2), Woollaton, Hollis, etc.

**ELIJAH ROBERTS.**

AND HIS 19,440 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, TAPPED ON HAND-BELLS.

(By WILLIAM SNOWDON.)

Coming now to the third part of our examination, the choice of a suitable period, and of a day on which he was absolutely fit: On this head, remembering that at 17 he could tap plain courses; even to "sixteen in" of Treble Bob; that at 26 he rang the peal of Stedman Cinques heard by Henry Johnson, we must admit that at 30 years old—his age at the date of this world record performance—he must have been in the very prime of life, ready for making this great effort. He would at this age embark on his task with no nervous flutter, as he would long since have learnt that youthful excitement would not help him through, and that nothing but calm and methodical work would assist him to accomplish his great undertaking. That he was methodical is proved by his time keeping, for his changes-per-minute in his performance of plain courses, and his well authenticated peal of Stedman Cinques ran to about 25, whereas in his great peal they were slowed down to less than 23½. This is just what one would have expected, as a long sustained effort was before him; one that certainly could not be rushed, the time chosen being that of a peal with a tenor of some 30 cwt. or so.

**THE FINAL EFFORT.**

Probably on many occasions he would have had preliminary canters, may we call them, of ten thousand or so, and he would estimate from his comparative tiredness whether he could ultimately accomplish his task or not. Of one thing we may be certain, namely, that on certain days he would find himself in better trim than on others, and on some particular occasion, possibly unexpected, he would find himself "going strong" at the third part end, and "bucking up" as the American says, he would make a grand final effort—a "now or never" struggle—and the feat would be done. This may well be put forward as the reason why no witness or umpire was in attendance. Indeed we can believe that the presence of any such companion, waiting as it were for the end, might bring on just the nervousness which would render his success out of his reach; and certainly he would need no conductor.

It is not without interest to note that the date of the letter referred to by your correspondent, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, is 1844, which is about half way through his coach driving career, which coach ran from Derby, from which the letter is dated, and from which town the coach started each day, leaving him, doubtless, a little time each evening for his correspondence.

We have now examined every point we set out for, and are of an opinion that every fair minded reader will give his judgment in favour of the peal having been truly accomplished. In this connection I fully believe that my brother's judgment was quite in its favour, as may be gathered from the spirit of the article itself.

Would it not be unthinkable that such a manifestly talented man would wish to "fake" such a peal, when all he had to say was that he had never quite succeeded and thought it impossible—for he had no rival, bear it in mind. Again, could he, or would he, in the middle of his coach running, when he must have been very busily employed, take up a pen, some seven years after, and endeavour to confirm an untruth, and that with such exact detail and absolute coolness. No, we may all safely judge

Elijah Roberts as one who at the time of the peal would think and act in the spirit of Shakespeare's grand words:—"To thine own self be true, and it shall follow thou shalt be false to no man."

There let us leave it, as a really wonderful feat of a marvellously gifted man, even though there be no exact proof on which one can put one's finger, having entire faith for once in one's fellow man.

(Concluded.)

**READING RINGERS AT BASINGSTOKE.**

On Saturday, Reading St. Mary's ringers spent a very pleasant half-day at Basingstoke. The party, 17 in number, assembled at Reading Station at 1.40, under the leadership of their worthy captain, Mr. J. Swain. Basingstoke was reached about 2.30. Mr. Henry White and his daughter, Miss Alice White, were at the station to welcome the party, and conducted them to the belfry, where they found everything ready. The bells were soon going to 354 Superlative Surprise, the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. H. White, taking part. Both, however, had to take a hasty farewell of the ringers, having to leave for Winchester for the first peal of the Hampshire tour. Next came 336 Stedman Triples, 416 Double Norwich, 220 Stedman Triples, and 336 Double Norwich, in which Miss Alice White took a rope, 180 Stedman Triples, and a plain course of Kent Treble Bob. The party then adjourned for tea, Mr. W. Pole Routh, who kindly entertained the party, being in the chair. After the cloth had been removed, a few songs were sung, and a recitation given by the renowned Reading star, Mr. J. E. Hern. Another visit was then paid to the belfry, and a plain course of Superlative Surprise, 420 Stedman Triples, 240 Double Norwich, and 167 Grandsire Triples, were rung, the conducting being shared by Messrs. C. Giles, A. E. Reeves, A. W. Pike and W. Shepherd. The ringers, through the medium of "The Ringing World," wish to thank Mr. H. White for having everything ready, Mr. W. Pole Routh for kindly entertaining them to tea, and the Rector of Basingstoke for the use of the bells.

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## EIGHT BROTHERS RING A PEAL.

A remarkable performance, unique in the annals of ringing, was accomplished at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, Suffolk, on Saturday, when eight brothers Bailey rang a peal of Bob Major. There are eleven boys in this wonderful family, but it is no less extraordinary that so many of them should have taken up the Art. They are excellent ringers and strikers, and we may expect to see further: Bailey peals before long. In the peal of Bob Major, the treble was rung by Allan, the youngest of the eight brothers, and the rest stood in the order of their ages, Edgar, the eldest, ringing the tenor, which is a bell of 20½ cwt. The peal was attempted the previous week, but was lost, after more than an hour's ringing.

Further interest attaches to the performance last Saturday, as it was the 27th anniversary of the opening of the bells, and the peal brought the total number rung in the tower to exactly 100. Ringers generally will join in the congratulations already extended to the eight brothers by the residents of Leiston, who are very proud of their bellringers.

Allan F. Bailey was born April 30th, 1896, and commenced ringing only last year. This was his first peal.

Frederick W. Bailey, born April 19th, 1894, commenced ringing in 1909, and scored his first peal in 1910.

Leonard P. Bailey was born April 5th, 1892. He also began ringing in 1909, and scored his first peal in 1910.

James M. Bailey, born January 30th, 1890, learned to pull a bell in 1906, and rang his first peal in 1907.

Norman R. Bailey was born Sept. 30th, 1887, began ringing in 1903, and rang his first peal in 1904.

Ernest S. Bailey, who was born January 13th, 1882, learned to ring in 1900, and accomplished his first peal in 1902.

Charles F. Bailey was born December 28th, 1879. He began ringing in 1896, and rang his first peal in 1900. He has been the conductor of the family, and as will be seen from the list of his performances, has called 87 of the 113 peals he has rung.

Edgar H. Bailey was born November 26th, 1877, learned to ring in 1895, and scored his first peal in 1898.

Appended is a list of the peals rung by each of the brothers.

	Allan	Frederick	Leonard	James	Norman	Ernest	Charles	Conductor	Edgar
Bob Minor .....									
Grandsire Triples .....									
Bob Major .....	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kent T. B. Major .....		1	1	8a	13a	17a	20a-9	22a	
Oxford T. B. Major .....		1	1	6	8	8	9-7	9	
Double Norwich .....		2	4	8b	25b	25b	26b-19	24a	
Double Oxford .....				1		1	1-1	1	
Superlative .....			1	19	18	21	20-20	20	
Cambridge .....			1	11	12	13	13-13	12	
New Cambridge .....				4	4	4	4-4	4	
Kent T. B. Royal .....				1		1		1	
	1	9	14	69	97	106	113-a6	106	

a Includes 7003. b Includes 11,040.



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[Waddell, Leiston.

### THE EIGHT BROTHERS IN THE BELFRY.

JAMES M. NORMAN R. ERNEST S. CHARLES F. EDGAR H.  
LEONARD P. FREDERICK W. ALLAN F.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, September 28th, a 720 London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Treble Bob.—On Tuesday, October 10th, 720 Duke of Norfolk and Islington, rung on the principle advocated by the Rev. H. Law James: W. Fernley 1, J. Fernley 2, H. Langley 3, H. Williamson 4, H. S. Gordon 5, J. W. Hartley 6.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.—On September 23th, for the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor in 21 mins.: E. Wright (Maxey) 1, G. Hollis (Chesterfield) 2, G. Wells (Deeping, St. James) 3, J. H. Reden (West Deeping) 4, H. Woollaton (Deeping, St. Nicholas) 5, J. W. Lakin (Deeping, St. Nicholas) conductor 6.

## ODD CHANGES.

### Collected from all Quarters.

In reply to a correspondent, the Rev. C. E. Matthews writes to say that "London Church Bells and Founders," by Walters, is not a separate book, but a paper printed in the transactions of the St. Paul's Ecclesiological Society, volume vi., part 2 (1907). Mr. T. Falconer, 11, Hart Street, W.C., will supply a copy of this paper for 3s.

The ranks of the lady ringers are growing. At a Sussex Association district meeting, four of the fair sex, including the Rector's two daughters, were admitted to membership.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Charles McGlinn, who passed away on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the age of 76 years. Deceased had been a ringer for sixty-two years, for the last forty of which he had been secretary to Christ Church Cathedral Society, Dublin. He was much respected by his colleagues, and was well known to many ringing visitors from England.

There are not many Nonconformist places of worship which possess peals of bells, but Lightcliffe Congregational Church is one of them. Here, on Saturday week, the Halifax Association held their annual six-bell contest. The minister of the church afterwards joined the members at the general meeting, and presented the cup to the winners of the competition.

A good deal of local interest in bells might be stirred up in many parishes by a lantern lecture on the subject. Mr. J. W. Simpson, of West Hartlepool, has an excellent series of slides upon the subject of church bells, which can be had for use at any time free of charge, the borrower to pay carriage both ways. Communications must be sent to Miss Simpson, 8, Mitchell Street, West Hartlepool and a stamped, addressed envelope enclosed for reply. It would save time and trouble if an alternate date on which they are required is given.

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff writes: Mr. Dains is going a distance back for his "new" method of Doubles published in a recent issue of "The Ringing World." The method will be found in, I think, the 5th edition of "Monk, on Ringing," and was known as St. Clement's Doubles.

We are asked to state that the subscription list for the benefit of Mr. W. V. Newman, of Irthlingborough, will close on November 11th. Subscriptions to the fund should be forwarded as early as possible to Mr. W. Perkins, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, which had been fixed for November 4th, has been postponed until November 11th. As will be seen from the notice the gathering will be held at Southgate.

Three hours nine minutes for 5040 Double Norwich Major is very good time for a 24½ cwt. tenor. This was the performance at Chesterfield on Saturday, with Mr. Arthur Knights on the tenor.

An interesting record of a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, rung at Arksey, near Doncaster, comes to hand, the ringers being all church workers in another capacity: F. Garner (organ blower) 1, Rev. A. Rhys James (Vicar) 2, H. Woodhouse (organist) 3, E. Arrand (sidesman) 4, G. Clark (choirman), conductor 5, H. Trout (choirman) 6.

A peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham has just been lost by an unfortunate contretemps. There had been an hour's good ringing, when one of the curates, who had been showing someone round the church, switched out the belfry light in mistake as he left. The ringers' feelings can be better imagined than described.

The bells at Bemfield, near Oundle, Northants, are being rehung in a steel frame, and a new treble added to make a peal of six. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

### BACK TO THE OLD HOME.

#### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION MEETING AT CLERKENWELL.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held on Saturday last at St. James', Clerkenwell—a very fitting place for a gathering of the kind, as the society derives its original name (the St. James' Society) from the fact that its first meetings were held there. Its headquarters remained in the parish for some years. It is doubtful whether the ringers who formed the St. James' Society in 1824 thought that it would ever reach the popular stage it has done, and become one of London's leading associations. The meeting was fairly well attended, considering the fact that another meeting was being held at a neighbouring tower, and some good touches were rung in the various methods. Tea was partaken of in the vestry, after which the business meeting was held, Mr. E. A. Young presiding in the absence of Mr. A. D. Barker, the District Master. One new member was elected and St. Dunstan's, Stepney, was decided upon as the place of the next meeting in December, or, failing that, All Saints', West Ham. After the meeting a visit was again made to the tower, the bells being kept going until 8.30.

### PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT NOTTINGHAM.

On Thursday evening of last week a peal board, recording the first district peal of Double Norwich rung in the City of Nottingham, was unveiled in St. Peter's belfry. The Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Dewick, exhibiting great interest in the event, held a short service in the church previous to the ceremony, and, basing his address on the text "I was glad when they said, we will go into the House of the Lord," interpreted the music of the bells as extending, to all who heard them, an invitation and a hearty welcome to attend and worship the Lord. After ascending the tower, Mr. J. Hickman, in his introductory remarks, spoke at length on the varying conditions of the belfry, both from a social and a scientific standpoint, during his 46 years connection with ringing, adding that the present band and ringing room were a credit to any church.—Mrs. A. W. Dewick, the Vicar's wife, then unveiled the board, which is of wood, in gothic style, painted black, and nicely written in gold.—The customary thanks and acknowledgments were exchanged, embracing speeches by Mrs. Dewick, the Vicar, Mr. H. R. Cobbin, Mr. W. E. White and Mr. A. Coppock, the conductor of the peal, who expressed thanks to the Vicars of both St. Peter's and Beeston, for facilities freely granted for practice, without which the peal could not have been scored. Nearly 30 ringers and friends were present, including Nottingham's lady ringer, Miss Woolley. All were pleased to hear the Vicar state that he himself had practised the Art in his younger days, and that only pressure of work kept him from the belfry now.

### STEDMAN THEORY.

#### To the Editor.

Sir,—For some reason my copy of "The Ringing World" of October 6th has only just arrived. In it appears a letter from Mr. Parker, in which he has at last given an answer to my original question—an answer which shows that Mr. Parker has not yet taken the trouble to study the difference between a principle and a method, and yet he has been writing to you, sir, to question my proofs. Now, this is hardly fair either to you, to the Exercise, or to me. Whatever the seven slow sixes are, they are not a method, and if Mr. Parker will study the report of the Methods Committee in Rules and Decisions of the Central Council he will see his mistake.

H. LAW JAMES.

October 20th, 1911.

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## RINGING IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a member of the Bedfordshire Association, who is well acquainted with the district in which Mr. Blood resides, I think that I may be permitted to reply to him. He writes that he has only resided a short time in the district; it is then a pity, for his own sake, that he has been so impetuous in advertising his name, together with his lack of knowledge, regarding the work of the Bedfordshire Association. Had he communicated with the Rev. A. Rust, hon. secretary, or any ringers in the Bedford district, he would have been a wiser, and, alas! perhaps a sadder man. But, for the good intentions, we can and do forgive him, and I hope that we will secure his co-operation in furthering the objects which he and we desire.

The Clifton district—all the towers he mentions are within a radius of six or seven miles—is a bad district to get at. The train service is of no use unless a ringer loses part of his morning's work, and, excluding Sandy, there is a considerable distance to walk to any of the towers. Meetings of the Bedfordshire Association have been, and, I believe will again be, held in the district. On a great number of occasions individual ringers and bodies of ringers have visited the district. Change ringing was planted firmly at Old Warden (six bells), and at Clifton (eight bells); good progress was made with method ringing; members of both companies have rung peals and made attempts, in their own towers and others, with Association members that have visited the district. But to go further, the Bedfordshire Association about four years ago departed from its usual practice, and passed a resolution authorising the expenditure of a certain sum per annum for arranging monthly meetings in that and other districts, if the local ringers would take it up. The resolution is not rescinded. If any band requires an instructor, and a person is found willing to take up the duties, the Association is willing to pay part of the expenses.

Now, sir, an Association is a body of persons united by mutual interest for a common purpose; in this instance the promotion of belfry reform and the propagation of scientific change ringing. Every member is as responsible for the work as is the hon. secretary or committee. The Association had a duty to perform to the members; and I can assure you that the Bedfordshire Association has faithfully endeavoured to carry out that duty. On the other hand, the member has a duty that he owes to the Association. He should not expect the other members to continually run to him, but it is his duty to "associate" with the other members; also, individually to carry forward and spread the principles of the Association. He should remember that he, as much as other ringers, is the Association, and that if he complains, he finds fault with himself. In the Bedfordshire Association the member has golden opportunities four times yearly, to bring forward schemes, suggestions and invitations to spread our principles, and I can assure you, sir, sympathetic attention is given by the other members. The spade work of an Association is carried out by individual effort, and I wish that every member of an Association would recognise his individual responsibility to his Association. Now, sir, is not Mr. Blood finding fault, not with the Bedfordshire Association, but with the members in his district? These remarks are addressed not personally to him, but to those members of any Association who love to have a grumble at their societies. I could, sir, write pages about the spade work that has been done in this county. An ounce of local and individual effort is worth a pound of outside help. If ringers would only make some effort to grasp the ounce that is oftentimes offered they would without any effort gather tons of experience and knowledge. I can assure Mr. Blood that if he will, or can find a ringer who will, arrange monthly meetings in his district, satisfactory arrangements would be made with the Rev. A. Rust, Husbome Crawley, hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, with regard to the expenses of arranging, and a postcard to Bedford would bring one or more ringers to those meetings. In our Association the subscription is 1s. per annum, and the rules allow half-fare to be paid to those members who attend any or all the four general meetings of the Association. A ringer to take advantage of all benefits is expected to be competent to ring the treble to 120 Doubles. Probationers are welcomed and accepted.—Yours very truly,

24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford. JOHN W. PARKER.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Hoghton on Saturday last, and was fairly well attended. In the afternoon Bob Minor, Grand-sire Triples and Treble Bob Minor were rung. At the business meeting, Mr. F. Harwood presiding, details were given by the secretary regarding a new arrangement of the meetings, which was recommended by the branch committee, and accepted. This provides that business meetings shall in future be held quarterly, the intervening ones being meetings for practice only. One new member was elected, and Higher Walton was agreed to as the next meeting place.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Vogwill, the tower keeper, for having all in readiness. Ringing was afterwards again indulged in, and, though the methods rung, were not of a high order, good work was done in helping on the novices.

## SIX-BELL CONTEST.

BRIGHOUSE SUCCESSFUL FOR THE TENTH TIME.

The general meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Lightcliffe Congregational Church on Saturday week, when the bells and schools were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the minister, the Rev. W. David Ffrench. Eight companies entered for the contest, each set ringing 600 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges were Mr. Peacock, of Arnley, Mr. Hardcastle, of Bradford, and Mr. Peckott, of Lightcliffe. The draw for order of ringing took place at 2.45 p.m., the competition being completed about 8 p.m. During the afternoon a splendid tea was served to the visitors, who numbered about 80.

The general meeting was held in the schoolroom at the conclusion of the ringing, the president (Mr. Lawson) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. W. David Ffrench and the society's officers.—A kind invitation for the next meeting from the Earlsheaton branch was accepted, on the motion of Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Hardy.—A letter was read with regard to funds for rehanging the bells at the Parish Church, Shoreditch, but it was decided to take no action in the matter.—A vote of thanks to the minister and deacons for the use of their bells and schools, and also to the local company and the ladies for so kindly entertaining the visitors, was proposed by the Chairman, who said he hoped the friendly relations between the Church of England and the Congregational Church would continue.—The motion was seconded by Mr. Bolland, and carried by acclamation.

The judges' decision was then announced by Mr. Peacock, as follows:

Heptonstall	... ..	209 Faults.
Tong	... ..	Rung out.
Armitage Bridge	... ..	Rung out.
Earlsheaton	... ..	227 Faults.
Lightcliffe	... ..	180 Faults.
Halifax	... ..	157 Faults.
Brighouse	... ..	94 Faults.

Brighouse were, therefore, declared the winners.

The Rev. W. D. Ffrench, in responding to the vote of thanks, and in presenting the cup to the winning team, expressed his pleasure in being present that night. He had been in the tower on two occasions for lessons on bell ringing, and he found it was a very dangerous task, as the first time he was nearly taken to the ceiling of the ringing chamber. He was not one of those cranks who were always grumbling about the bells ringing. He was fond of hearing their sweet sounds. He expressed his appreciation of the real service which ringers were doing in the country in calling people to worship. He was glad to be among ringers of the Church of England, and he hoped they would try to work in unison together. He had hoped Lightcliffe would win the competition, and he thought if his own ringers had been competing they would have been successful, but, as the cup was going to near neighbours, he had great pleasure in handing it over to Mr. Drake, the conductor of the winning team.—Mr. Drake, in thanking Mr. Ffrench for making the presentation, said he was proud to accept the cup. It was the tenth time he had conducted the winning team. He had been told by one of the local ringers that Mr. Ffrench had said, on being asked if he would present the cup, that he would do anything he could to help. This showed that the authorities were working hand in hand with the ringers. Mr. Drake then proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, who, from his point of view, had done very well.—Mr. Sharman seconded the motion, which was carried.—Mr. Drake then moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, which Mr. Sharman seconded, and the Chairman, having replied, another very successful meeting was brought to a close.

### MEETING AT WEST LYDFORD.

A quarterly meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at West Lydford on Saturday last, when between 30 and 40 members were present, representing the following towers:—Bruton, Babcary, Barton St. David, Butleigh, Castle Cary, Charlton Ham, Ditchat, Street, West Lydford, King Weston and Taunton. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. W. Paterson) officiating, and the Rev. Moss, of Charlton Ham, giving a most interesting address. After the service the ringers were entertained to tea, very kindly provided in the church room by the Rector and the churchwardens (Messrs. M. S. Welchman and C. Kerton). At the subsequent business meeting the Rev. W. Paterson presided, supported by the president of the branch (Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr.), Messrs. M. S. Welchman, C. Kerton (churchwardens), Mr. Burgees, etc. The Rev. Paterson welcomed the ringers to West Lydford, and stated that sometimes little places like West Lydford were left out by Associations, but he was pleased to say such was not the case with them. Twenty performing members were elected, and one tower affiliated to the Association. Batcombe was chosen for the next place of meeting, which will be held early in January.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Paterson for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells, to the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness in entertaining the ringers to tea, to the ladies who presided at the tables, and to the Rev. Moss for the interesting address given at the service.—Afterwards the tower was again visited, and Stedman, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor rung.



## RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

An exceedingly pretty wedding was solemnised at the Church of St Laurence, Hawkhurst, Kent, on Saturday, 14th October, the contracting parties being Mr. Thomas Ashenden, sixth son of Mr. Arthur Ashenden, and the late Mrs. Frances Ashenden, of Northiam, and Miss Ellen Amelia Pankhurst, third daughter of Mr. George and Mrs. Agnes Pankhurst, of East View, Station Road, Hawkhurst. The bridegroom at one time resided at Rye, Sussex, and was closely connected with the church in that old cinque port town, being a bellringer, choirman and member of the Choral Society. In change ringing he was of valuable assistance to the Rye Society, and possessed three very important factors that many campanologists fail to bring into operation—punctuality, regularity and perseverance. His work as a choirman was carried out thoroughly, and he was very popular among his fellow-choristers. He also was a regular attendant at the practices of the Rye Choral Society, and was held in high esteem and regard by the members of that body.

The time came when he had to leave Rye to take up a position at Hawkhurst. The Rye ringers presented him with a silver miniature bell, as a token of their gratitude for his services. His departure was much regretted by the church folk, but Rye's loss was Hawkhurst's gain, for he immediately joined the church choir, with which he is still associated. He has had no opportunity, however, of continuing the art of ringing at Hawkhurst, as, although there is a fine tone peal of eight bells there, the local ringers have no inclination to take up change ringing. In spite of this, he has not altogether been lost sight of, for he attends the monthly meetings of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, of which he is a member, and pays occasional visits to the Rye tower. He belongs to the Sussex and Kent County Associations.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Waldebrand-Evans, M.A.), and Mr. A. Adams presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a dress of cream colienne, in the Princess robe fashion, with silk trimmings. In addition to this, she was adorned with a beautiful veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She also wore a magnificent gold locket, and carried a splendid bouquet of choice white flowers, gifts of the bridegroom, and was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Elizabeth Pankhurst (sister), Miss Annie Ashenden (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Akehurst. They looked very becoming in mauve dresses and black picture hats, trimmed with white feathers. They carried Prayer Books, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom wore a gold Albert, a present from the bride. His brother, Mr. John Ashenden, of Hawkhurst, acted in the capacity of best man. As the bridal procession left the church the "Bridal March" from Lohengrin was played by the organist, who, although totally blind, is a skilful musician. Subsequently a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, the guests numbering nearly thirty, among them being Mr. G. Billenness, of Rye, Master of the Romney Marsh and District Guild of Change Ringers. Members of this society had decided to start for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Appledore Church the previous evening in honour of the event, but could not do so, owing to serious illness in the vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashenden spent their honeymoon at Folkestone, and have been the recipients of about 80 handsome and useful presents.

At Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale, Salop, on Saturday, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but, unfortunately, came to grief, owing to a change course, after ringing just over 1200 changes: J. Hanley 1, J. York 2, F. S. Wilson 3, W. Weatherby 4, F. S. Downing 5, W. Saunders (conductor) 6, H. Overton 7, H. Aston 8. As there was not time to start for the peal again, ringing was kept up for another hour, and several good touches of Stedman Triples were brought round—the ringing being in honour of the wedding of Mr. Charles Arthur Hammond, son of the Rev. Canon C. E. Hammond, of Edenherriot, Cornwall, and Miss Edith Willan, of London, the ringers wishing them every happiness. Messrs. Weatherby, Overton and Wilson hail from Market Drayton, Bridgnorth and Ludlow respectively, and the rest of the ringers belong to the local band.

On the occasion of the wedding of G. Gumbrell, a member of the Henfield, Sussex, band a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes) was rung: E. Lish 1, S. Burt 2, G. Gander 3, G. Payne 4, J. Burt 5, J. W. Allis 6, L. Payne (conductor) 7, W. Markwell 8.

## WORCESTER'S CENTURY.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As an outsider, I should say that Mr. F. A. Smith, being born in Worcester is a Worcester man, but certainly not a Worcester ringer. The late James W. Hinton was born in Worcester, and, I believe, started his ringing there, and has rung at least one peal there. Although he did not keep a detailed record of his peals, it was generally believed that he exceeded the century. By the aid of Association reports and a list made out by him on the back of two old handbells, dated 1890, I traced 99, but I expect the total was nearer 110 if the truth were known.—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE

Bristol.

## BIRMINGHAM MEMORIES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD AT HARBORNE.

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Harborne on Saturday last.

Harborne is a delightfully rural suburb of Birmingham, and it is difficult to imagine that it is so close to a large city—only three miles separating it from the New Street Station. It is indeed actually within the city boundary, and is shortly to be linked up by an electric tramway. The low, old-fashioned tower contains a light but musical ring of eight, tenor about 10 cwt., and has for many years been a centre of change ringing.

The late John Day was a regular ringer here up till the time of his death, and now lies within the shadow of the church he loved so well, along with those other worthies of a bygone day—William Chattell, John Perks, and Thomas Day.

The guild's form of service was taken in church at 5 o'clock, and an address was given by the Rev. Rees-Jones, who was, as a boy, in the choir at St. Martin's. In the course of conversation he told how, more than twenty years ago, he used to creep up the tower there and watch with awe and wonder the ringers at work. He remembered one particularly stout man, who usually rang "one of the big ones," and was interested to know that the stout man still rang there as regularly as of yore, though not now always "one of the big ones." A splendid tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting. Most of the business was of a routine character, but a proposal by Mr. Russam that Rule 4 be altered provoked a discussion that would have done credit to the Mother of Parliaments itself. An amendment proposed by Mr. Dowler that rules be only altered at the annual meeting was eventually carried by a majority of four, and Mr. Russam then gave notice of his intention to bring his motion before the members again on that occasion.

The chair was very ably filled by Mr. Churchwarden Tilley, who is himself a ringer at Harborne. The Vicar, Canon Price, was unavoidably absent, but the Guild wish to express their thanks to him through the medium of "The Ringing World" for the use of the bells and schoolroom. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in various methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and London. Later the members gathered at the Bell for a social hour, when the proceedings were considerably enlivened by the handbell performances of Messrs. Verry and Starkey (2), of the Handsworth band.

## LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last a meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild was held at Croston, about 40 members attending. A short service was held, the prayers being read by Canon Howson, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Southport, and a practical address given by the Rev. E. C. Collier, Vicar of St. James', Birkdale, who spoke of the inscriptions upon the bells of Croston Church, and gave an explanation of them. The interesting address was listened to with rapt attention. After service the members adjourned to the Lord Nelson Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided. At the subsequent business meeting the Rev. E. C. Collier presided (Canon Howson having to leave early owing to a prior engagement). The Chairman stated that the Master, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, had unfortunately met with an accident whilst in London, and was now an inmate of Guy's Hospital.—A vote of sympathy was carried, and a telegram despatched to the worthy Master, expressing the hope that he would soon be restored to health and be amongst his lads again.—The other business was of a routine character, and the usual vote of thanks brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

## THE RINGERS' STRIKE AT LEEDS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In your issue of last week you report a "ringers strike" at St. Chad's, Leeds. I feel sorry that such a discreditable exposure should have appeared in a Manchester daily paper. Ringers are supposed to be loyal church workers, and payment for Sunday ringing is only a small part of their object surely! But such an action as "a strike" is discreditable to any ringers, and especially to the reputation which Leeds ringers hold. One would have thought the Vicar's position over the church (including the tower) would have been enough to secure loyalty, and his position as president of the great Association of which his ringers are members makes their action the more discreditable. Untidiness of the ringers' place is again discreditable to ringers. Paid ringing is, as a rule, discreditable to ringers; but it will be interesting to hear more about the affair.—Yours truly,

H. C. PAULI.

Middleham, Yorkshire.

CRANSLEY, NORTHANTS.—Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Sunday, October 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), consisting of 360 each of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Oxford Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: E. Lenton 1, F. C. Wolley 2, P. J. Lenton 3, George Holland 4, A. E. Wykes 5, H. W. Sharman (conductor) 6.

## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

### HELP FOR SHOREDITCH BELL FUND.

A most successful meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths was held on Saturday last at St. Mary's, Islington. In the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Stedman and Cambridge were rung. Tea was served at the Duke Restaurant, and at the subsequent meeting the Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) was in the chair. Mr. R. Brough, of Crayford, was elected a member of the society. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on the third Saturday in January. A photograph of the society's medal was handed round, and it was resolved to have post cards of the same printed for sale among the members, the secretary being open to receive orders from anyone desirous of possessing a copy.—The Shoreditch Bell Fund was discussed, and it was thought the society ought to do all in their power to assist in this object.—On the proposition of Mr. J. Parker, seconded by Mr. E. F. Cole, it was decided that collecting cards be sent to representative Cumberlands throughout the country, so that sums, however small, might be received.—The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mr. J. Barry for the use of the bells at St. Mary's.—A return was then made to the tower, and various methods rung until 8 o'clock, when the bells were lowered. Afterwards a pleasant hour was spent at the King's Head, the time being enlivened by songs and touches on the handbells.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### FOUR LADIES ELECTED AS MEMBERS.

Despite a very wet afternoon, the meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association at Warbleton was very well attended, some of the members present having walked long distances in the down-pour to have a pull on this nice ring of six. The following towers were represented: Heathfield, Mayfield, Chiddingfold, Christ Church, Eastbourne, and the local band, which included the Misses Hennings, the Rector's daughters, who rang touches of Bob Doubles in good style. The way the ladies handled the bells was an example to some of the sterner sex. During the afternoon and evening touches in Bob Doubles and Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung, the striking being exceptionally good. The service at 5 o'clock was well attended. The singing was heartily joined in, and Mr. Holt, organist of Cross-in-Hand, who presided at the organ, gave a short recital after the service. Subsequently the company sat down to tea, the Rector (the Rev. C. Hennings) presiding. The Honorary Secretary (Mr. G. Howse) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hennings for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, for presiding at tea, and for arranging such a nice service.—The motion was carried by acclamation, and a similar vote was accorded Mr. Holt, the organist. — The Rector, in replying, said nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hear the bells well rung. He mentioned the fact that his ringers always rang the people out of church after the evening service on Sundays and festivals, and wondered if it was done at any other church in Sussex.—Mr. Holt also briefly replied, and both these gentlemen then took their leave.—Mr. Arthur Miles, of Mayfield, having been voted to the chair, the business meeting was proceeded with, and the following were elected members of the Association:—The Misses Maud and Daisy Hennings, the Misses Betsy Cott and Mabel Barrow, and Messrs. G. Dann and H. Jarvis, all of the Warbleton Band.—Mr. Miles was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for presiding, and some of the members then returned to the tower, and rang their first touches in the various methods attempted.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A largely attended district meeting was held at Newmarket on Saturday week, when 30 members assembled from Cambridge, Bury St. Edmunds, Ipswich, Ely, Newmarket, Thetford, Mildenhall, Fulbourn, Ickleton, and Stetchworth. Amongst those present were the Revs. A. H. F. Boughiey and H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. T. R. Dennis (general secretary), P. Webb and A. Pilgrim (district secretaries), G. Taylor, J. Taylor, F. E. Kempton (Cambridge), A. Bowell (Ipswich), B. A. Buttress, J. Stalley (Fulbourn), F. C. Turner and R. Lathbury (Newmarket), etc.—An excellent tea was provided by Messrs. D. Game. The Vicar of All Saints (the Rev. Douglas Hamilton) was present during the meal, but regretted his inability to stop for the business meeting, owing to previous engagements. He warmly welcomed the members, and hoped next time they visited Newmarket he would be able to be present at the meeting.—The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was, thereupon, voted to the chair.—Thirteen new members were elected—a very satisfactory feature of the proceedings.—It was decided to hold the next meeting for the Ely District at Ely, and for the Archdeaconry of Ely at Foxton and Barrington.—Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman for presiding, and to the incumbents for the use of the bells.—During the afternoon and evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major were successfully brought round at the eight bell tower, and 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles on the five bell peal, a very enjoyable afternoon being spent by all.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District was held at Rolleston on Saturday week, but, owing to various causes, rather a small number of ringers were present. However, those attending enjoyed ringing on the six bells, which are in splendid going order. Touches of Doubles and Minor in various methods were brought round. The business meeting was presided over by the Hon. the Rev. L. H. Tywhitt, Vicar of the parish. Horninglow was selected as the place for the next meeting, and, on the proposition of Mr. W. C. Wukley, seconded by Mr. P. Sudale, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to be present at the meeting, and to allow the members of the Midland Counties Association to use the bells. He was sorry that, owing to being away from home, he had not made arrangements to provide some hospitality for the visitors, but hoped to do so on some future occasion, if they would like to hold another meeting at that place.—The business over, the ringers again visited the belfry.

## A CORONATION PEAL TABLET.

An interesting ceremony took place at the Parish Church, West Clandon, on Saturday evening, when the Rector (the Rev. G. F. Dalton) unveiled a handsome marble tablet, the gift of himself and churchwardens, to commemorate the peal of Surprise Minor rung by the Clandon Society on Coronation Day. The tablet bears the following inscription:—"The Winchester Diocesan Guild. On Thursday, June 22nd, 1911, a peal of Surprise Minor was rung on these bells, being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, London, Wells, Durham, York, Cambridge, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. William Savage treble, Joseph Goacher 2, Henry Blackman 3, Reginald Blake 4, William Day 5, Frederick Bennett tenor. Conducted by Frederick Bennett. Rung in honour of the Coronation of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary. Rev. G. F. Dalton, Rector. A. H. Wood, T. W. Goacher, churchwardens."

The Rector said that the ceremony was doubly interesting to Clandon people because the King and Queen, when Prince and Princess of Wales, had worshipped in the church.

Visitors were present from Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Woking, Shalford and Merrow. The bells were kept going in various Treble Bob and Surprise methods during the evening.

## THE "WILLIAM VERRY" DINNER.

The "William Verry" commemoration dinner, held at the Red Lion Hotel, Handsworth, was attended by about 30 ringers and friends, Mr. J. S. Pritchett presiding. After an excellent repast the loyal toast was honoured, and subsequently the toast of "The late William Verry" was submitted by the Chairman, and drunk in silence. During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. H. Butcher (who also acted as accompanist), E. Starkey, H. Starkey, F. Ward and T. Verry. Selections on handbells were given by the Handsworth ringers. Mr. Harry Withers delighted the company with his dulcimer playing, while his touches of Stedman Triples and Caters on the instrument were much appreciated. A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. Godden, and seconded by Mr. Faux, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at the Parish Church in the afternoon.

**BASINGSTOKE.**—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 44 mins.: Alice White 1, H. White (conductor) 2, F. Wilson 3, C. F. Hansford 4, J. Ward 5, A. Burgess 6, J. E. Ballard 7, H. Knight 8.

**SALISBURY.**—On Sunday, October 1st, at the residence of Mr. W. W. Gifford, 518 Grandsire Triples, on handbells: Mrs. George Williams 1—2, G. Williams (conductor) 3—4, W. W. Gifford 5—6, S. Macey 7—8.

**WESTERHAM, KENT.**—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: C. Boreham 1, A. J. Lewis 2, G. B. Selby 3, R. Stone 4, J. Heath 5, G. Steer 6, D. Wright (conductor) 7, T. Ford 8. For afternoon children's service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Fright 4, H. J. Selby 8, the rest as before. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Stone 1, A. J. Lewis 2, G. B. Selby 3, A. E. Headey (Tenbridge) 4, J. Heath 5, M. Whatley 6, D. Wright (conductor) 7, G. Steer 8.

**DOWNE.**—The Kent County Association. — At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, for Divine service, on Sunday, October 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. W. Evitt 1, T. H. Colburn 2, J. W. Browning 3, T. Groombridge, junr., 4, S. Roper (conductor) 5, T. Groombridge, senr., 6.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**—The London County Association.—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for harvest festival, 720 each of Double Oxford and Oxford Bob: E. Dane 1, T. Langdon (conductor) 2, L. Pomer 3, G. Chalkley 4, H. Kilby 5, A. Hill 6. In the evening, 720 each of "Wilkesden Delight Treble Bob" and "Old Oxford Modernised Treble Bob": L. Porter 1, G. M. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, T. Langdon 4, A. Hill 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.

## NOTICES.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.—Bart Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at parish room, 5 o'clock; meeting after.—J. W. Whiting, District Sec., Fareham.

**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged if members who intend to be present will let me know by Tuesday the 24th. Business meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec., The Parsonage, Shotton.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Saturday, October 28th. Service at 4 p.m.—H. T. Knowles, Hon. Sec., Grove Villa, Howsell Road, Malvern Link.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

**THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available at 4.30. Arrangements will be made for tea.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at S. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, October 28th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. As this is the first meeting since the restoration of the bells it is hoped a large number of members will make it convenient to be present.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Fladbury, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service, with an address, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual festival will take place at Durham on Saturday, October 28th. Committee meeting at 12 noon at the County Hotel. Service in the cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at the County Hotel at 2 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify Charles Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. Canon Hough (Vicar). Tea in the Parish Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow, the Vicar presiding.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Church of St. John the Baptist, 8 bells (tenor 18 cwt.), available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Sec., 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

**THE HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Ringing in the afternoon and evening. Those intending to come should write before Nov. 1st to Rev. B. H. T. Drake, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford, on Wednesday, November 8th, 1911. 4.0 p.m., S. Nicolas (10) bells available. 5.45, Service. Preacher: Rev. F. C. Hill, M.A., Rector of Shere. 6.30, Tea at the "Star" Hotel, followed by Business Meeting. Tickets for tea free to members, 1s. to visitors.—John J. Jones, Hon. Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, October 31st; St. John's, Hackney, Nov. 7th; St. Magnus, November 9th.—W. T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, November 11th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting, 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Croydon on Saturday, November 11th. Meet at the Bell Foundry, at 2.45 p.m., by invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Tea at 5. Ringing after at St. John's (Parish) and St. Peter's Churches. Notice to representatives in due course. Will unattached members intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Monday, November 6th.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the members of the above district will be held at Southampton on Saturday, the 11th day of November. St. Michael's tower will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.15, in St. Michael's Parish Hall, and business meeting immediately after. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by letting me know by Wednesday, the 8th November.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. Business: Election of Branch Secretary. A good meeting is requested.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Peploe), on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 9d. each. Will those intending to be present inform me not later than November 8th. Members and

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friends cordially invited. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

**THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.**—The next meeting will take place at the Parish Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, November 4th, 1911. Bells (12) will be available from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on November 11th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting in the Schoolroom at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

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**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**—In sending in items for publication in this column correspondents are asked to write plainly and, where names are given, to take care that all appear. Frequently we have touches sent us in an incomplete state, with, for instance, seven names given for eight bells, or with the name of the place omitted. We would also point out that the unnecessary repetition of names should be avoided.

**GRANTHAM.**—The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, October 1st, for harvest festival evening service, at St. Wulfram's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: E. Nidd 1, H. Thorpe 2, W. Cawton 3, W. G. Thorpe 4, F. Turner (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 5, A. C. Darnell 6, S. Proctor (conductor) 7, T. Hall 8.

**PRESTWICH, LANCS.**—On Sunday, October 1st, at the Parish Church, for the harvest festival, a 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: J. Gratrix 1, H. Eckersall 2, W. Bullough 3, H. Berry 4, W. Ford (conductor) 5, S. Roberts 6, R. Beni 7, V. Bellerby 8.

**OLARE, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, 336 and 560 of Bob Major: H. Perkins 1, H. Thompson 2, W. Wiffen 3, W. Underwood (conductor) 4, A. Ivcs 5, D. Gridley 6, E. Perkins 7, G. Moore 8. Also 720 of Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: W. Wiffen 1, H. Thompson 2, G. Moore 3, P. Johnson 4, H. Perkins 5, D. Gridley (conductor) 6, E. Perkins 7, G. Ince 8.

**SITTINGBOURNE.**—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor: R. Kilney 1, P. Hewett 2, J. Spooner 3, P. Millard 4, C. Millard 5, H. Millard (conductor) 6. Rung with bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. Edmed, a former churchwarden, and Mr. J. Wills, both of whom were much respected in the village.

**CHATHAM.**—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Sunday, October 1st, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43½ mins.: H. Springate (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Burles (Milton) 2, H. Hogarth 3, R. Rioridan 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, E. Sils (first quarter peal with a bob bell) 6, J. Hunt 7, G. Lawrence 8.

**PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, October 1st, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Goodsell 1, S. Stone 2, W. Hollman 3, P. H. Doick 4, A. B. Corden 5, H. Holden 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. W. Hollman's first quarter-peal on a bob bell. Arranged for Mr. H. Holden, of Chiddingfold, who was spending a holiday at Pulborough.

**ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 1st, 616 Grandsire Triples: J. F. George 1, E. C. Gobey (composer and conductor) 2, J. H. Ilfe 3, S. Burgoyne 4, E. Poxon 5, H. Fletcher 6, H. Harrison 7, A. T. Baker 8.

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