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CLERICAL PEALS.

The twelve clergy who met at High Wycombe for the peal of Stedman Cinques undertook a big task, and it is a pity that they were not successful. Even the clerical peal of Stedman Caters was not, we believe, rung at the first attempt, but perseverance brought its ultimate reward, and eventually it was recorded at Warwick. We hope this will be the case with the Cinques. There are a good many obstacles in the way of peals by clergy, the greatest being the difficulty of getting a band together. "Ringing parsons," though their number is increasing, are not so numerous that a peal company can be collected with ease. Of the twelve who met for the Cinques, nine took part in the Caters, and, while it would be possible to mention a few other good clerical ringers, it only helps to prove how limited are the really qualified clergy.

Moreover, not one of the band that met at High Wycombe is regularly in practice in twelve-bell ringing—indeed, some of them get no ringing at all except at an occasional meeting or peal attempt. The fact that the twelve ringers were collected from eleven counties, and from places as far apart as Liverpool, Bristol and Canterbury shows what difficulties were presented in getting together a company good enough for the peal. Then, too, there was the difficulty of the actual ringing to be faced, for, however well men may know a method theoretically, there can be no doubt that the twelve-bell beat and twelve-bell ropesight are things entirely apart, when considered with ringing on other numbers. It was, therefore, particularly plucky of the clergy to meet as they did, and when, as every ringer will hope they may, they eventually bring off the peal of Cinques the performance will be a highly meritorious one.

Apart from the fact that such a peal would set up an interesting record, it is one of the things that ought to do good in the Exercise, and for the reason that it should do something to encourage other clergy to advance in the Art. There is a very considerable number of clergy to-day who have taken up ringing, but the majority—if one may judge from the confessions one hears at meetings—do not get beyond a very elementary stage. The number of actual peal ringing clerics is comparatively few, and the Exercise would benefit if the ranks of these latter were swelled. Those who are now content with the knowledge of how to pull a bell would have their interest stimulated by such a performance as a peal on twelve bells rung by clergymen, and we hope when next the attempt is made, as we understand it will be during a tour in the west, after Easter, that success will attend their efforts.

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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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TEN BELL PEALS.

WREXHAM.
NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY MOORE Treble	WILLIAM JONES 6
GEORGE VAUGHAN 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
EDWARD LLOYD 3	SAMUEL MEADOWS 8
JOHN CLUTTON 4	EDWARD ROWLAND 9
ROBERT JONES 5	WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY, and
Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. First peal of Caters as conductor by C. R. Lilley, who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble	*ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ERNEST PYE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIES 8
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	HARRY FLANDERS 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.

ASTON MANOR.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

*WILLIAM DAVIES Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	†JOHN PAULTON 7
WILLIAM H. JONES 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
JOHN CORRIGAN 4	†BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM 9
JAMES JONES 5	†CHARLES ALLEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal of Caters with a bob bell. W. Davies was elected a member before starting for the peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E flat.

THOMAS H. COLBURN ... Treble	*CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 6
*THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 2	ALFRED TRAPPIST 7
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 3	WILLIAM GROVES 8
WALTER S. WISE 4	FRANK HOLDER 9
SIDNEY R. ROPER 5	CHARLES KIPPEN Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and
Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

* First peal of Caters.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM BROADLEY ... Treble	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE 6
FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT 2	JOHN G. HALL 7
*FREDERICK STEPHENSON ... 3	ALBERT SIMPSON 8
ERNEST BURNETT 4	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT ... 9
WILLIAM HOLMES 5	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal of Royal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
GEORGE BLEACH 2	JOHN CAPP 7
WILLIAM PALMER 3	HENRY STALHAM 8
HERBERT RANN 4	CHARLES PALMER 9
EDMUND LINDUP 5	BERT CHALLIN Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS, and
Conducted by H. RANN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT's TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. THYNG ... Treble	CHARLES H. BIRD 5
N. SHORT 2	A. B. MOSS 6
WILLIAM MILLER 3	GEORGE VAMPLEW 7
*T. P. HOCKNELL 4	*HENRY STRICKLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by N. SHORT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT's TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	CHARLES COLLIER 5
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
WILLIAM DAVIS 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
EDMUND KING 4	*LUTHER P. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. E. Hudd (a member of the above company) and Miss Ada James. * First peal of Triples.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

BULWER'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

*HENRY W. GAYTON... ..Treble	SIDNEY SMITH 5
FRANK BOSWELL 2	FREDERICK G. MYNARD ... 6
WILLIAM FREEMAN 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE 7
*BERNARD FISHER 4	*GEORGE THEWTenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Stedman.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILLTreble	WALTER TARLING 5
WALTER HOBBS 2	JOHN SMITH 6
HARRY SMALE 3	JOHN CONDELL 7
GEORGE DENT 4	ISAAC CAVILLTenor

Composed by J. THORP, and
Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

Rung on the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

PETER INCETreble	JOHN MAKIN 5
JOHN NUTTALL 2	ROBERT BARLOW 6
GEORGE PINCOTT 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
THOMAS BLEAKLEY 4	PETER NUTTALLTenor

Conducted by P. INCE.

First peal by the ringer of the 2nd, who is only 15 years of age.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt., in B flat.

RICHARD LANETreble	WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... 6
JOHN W. TAYLOR 3	EDWARD READER 7
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 4	JOSEPH POWELLTenor

Conducted by E. READER.

The ringer of the 4th is from Cambridge, the 5th from Netherseale.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

LINDOFF'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HORNEY ...Treble	JAMES PARSONS... .. 5
ERNEST E. BISH 2	ALFRED TOMPSETT 6
JOHN FEIST... .. 3	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 7
HENRY J. GRAVETT... .. 4	WILLIAM STENNINGTenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. GRAVETT.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

GEORGE DYMENTTreble	THOMAS J. HOPWOOD ... 5
*WILLIAM LLOYD 2	HERBERT JONES 6
*EDWIN PIERCY 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	SAMUEL BIRKSTenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Caversham, Oxon.

SWINDON, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lbs.

OWEN W. LAYNGTreble	ERNEST BISHOP... .. 5
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2	*HENRY W. L. WELLS ... 6
ROBERT W. HYNTER... .. 3	*GEORGE LANCASTER... .. 7
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND... 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER ...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

* First peal in the method.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITETreble	ALFRED WALLACE 5
HUGH GREGORY 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
EDWARD ELLIOTT 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
JAMES FEARN 4	HENRY GREGORYTenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18½ cwt., in F.

*JOHN POOLETreble	HARRY RICHELL 5
HENRY W. KIRTON... .. 2	ARTHUR EDWARDS 6
FREDERICK G. RADLEY ... 3	ARTHUR HEAD 7
*HARRY SMALE 4	†HENRY F. COOPERTenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Canon Papillon, who was preaching at his old parish for the All Saints' Dedication Festival. Also in honour of the christening of a daughter of the conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED BECKWITHTreble	FRED HOPPER 5
WILLIAM JACQUES 2	†FRANK ROLLINGS 6
*FRANK BURGESS 3	WILLIAM ROBERTS 7
*THOMAS FREEMAN 4	*GEORGE GILBERTTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal. † First peal on eight. First peal in the method as conductor.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*WILLIAM G. JACKSON ... Treble	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 5
*ALBERT W. BEARD ... 2	JAMES NORRIS ... 6
ALBERT C. HARDY ... 3	CALEB FENN ... 7
ROWLAND FENN ... 4	*REGINALD BLAKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At Christ Church, Cubitt Town, E.,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S ONE-PART.

*GEORGE SIMMONDS ... Treble	*THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... 5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE ... 2	*GEORGE V. RAWLINGS ... 6
*EDWARD E. RICHARDS ... 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 7
THOMAS G. DEAL ... 4	*ARTHUR PAPWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal. This is the first time this composition has been rung by the Association.

WOOLWICH.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE ... Treble	HARRY BECKFORD ... 5
JOHN J. LAMB ... 2	ISAAC G. SHADE ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	WILLIAM PYE ... 7
HAROLD W. CLARK ... 4	ALBERT N. BANGAY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt., in F.

HAROLD SKUSE ... Treble	JAMES ELDERFIELD ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE ... 2	*JAMES BLACKMORE ... 6
JOSEPH J. PARKER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
GEORGE BASDEN ... 4	WILLIAM BATEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F.

FREDERICK W. RICE ... Treble	ALBERT ELLIS ... 5
ALBERT HARMAN ... 2	GEORGE ILLMAN ... 6
JOHN RICE ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7
ALBERT E. MITCHELL ... 4	GEORGE W. STOKES ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

Rung as a farewell peal to G. W. Stokes, who is leaving Crawley for Worthing.

The peal at Havant published last week was conducted by Keith Hart, and that at Southampton by George Martin.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Bob Minor, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent.

*LEONARD CLARKSON ... Treble	JOSEPH PRESTON ... 4
*JOHN FARRALL ... 2	CHARLES PRESTON ... 5
CLEMENT POINTON ... 3	DANIEL PRESTON ... Tenor

Conducted by D. PRESTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell. J. Farrall comes from Burslem.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE MATTHEWS ... Treble	JOHN NEWMAN ... 4
HAROLD HUNT ... 2	SAMUEL ROBERTS ... 5
JOHN EVANS ... 3	WILLIAM SHORT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal in the six methods by all except the conductor.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED BARKER ... Treble	HARRY P. EMERY ... 4
*GEORGE P. SCHLUETER ... 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 5
J. THOMAS BARKER ... 3	EDWARD CLAYDON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD CLAYDON.

* First peal on an inside bell.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CHARLES BIRD ... Treble	CLIFFORD LANG ... 4
BERT HAM ... 2	WILLIAM WEBBER, Junr. ... 5
ALFRED WEBBER ... 3	WILLIAM WEBBER, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by W. WEBBER, Junr.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all the band except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Grandsire, Oxford and Kent, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. T. WELLS ... Treble	GEORGE CHESTER ... 4
COOK WELLS ... 2	JAMES S. BETTS ... 5
GEORGE FLINTHAM ... 3	ISSAC VICKERS ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. BETTS.

First peal on the bells.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 23 cwt., in E.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	FRED MORTIMER ... 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 3	HERBERT SHARPE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Gardner, captain of the local band.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, College Exercise, College Bob IV, Willesden Delight and Old Oxford Modernised.

GEORGE M. KILBY ... Treble	HARRY KILBY ... 4
GABRIEL CHALKLEY ... 2	ALFRED HILL ... 5
*LAWRENCE B. PORTER ... 3	THOMAS LANGDON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in seven methods by all.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, October 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK G. DEWELL 1-2	ARTHUR E. MOORE ... 5-6
HARRY A. TURNER ... 3-4	*FRANK J. LEVITT ... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

* First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method by residents.

Umpires: Messrs. J. SPARROW and C. WOODCOCK.

LONDON.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT 3. HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	FRANK BENNETT ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	*FRANK J. HAIRS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Umpire, Mr. F. G. WOODISS.

* First peal on handbells. First peal of Bob Major on handbells by the Association and by Miss Bennett, who is the first lady to accomplish this performance. Also the first peal the conductor has called from a pair of bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1-2	JAMES HUNT ... 5-6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: T. W. RADFORD.

Rung after meeting short for Caters.

A handbell peal at Sheffield will be found under another heading.

**THE FIRST DOUBLE-HANDED
HANDBELL PEAL.**

CENTENARY CELEBRATED AT SHEFFIELD.

On wednesday Evening October 30th 1811 was rung A peal of 8 hand bells at the house of M William Booth, Bailey Lane, Sheffield, A complete peal of Oxford treble bob major 5088 Changes 2 hours and 34 minutes by the four following Artists

viz:—

Treble & 2	Mr William Hudson
3 & 4	M William Booth
5 & 6	M Henery Grayson
7 & Tenor	M George Hudson

The Conductor of this peal Mr George Hudson

The above is copied from an old manuscript book originally the property of Mr. William Booth, and now in the possession of his grandson, Mr. C. H. Hattersley. This was the first handbell peal ever rung with bells retained in hand. In order to carry out the similitude of the original performance as far as possible, inquiries were made with a view to the centenary peal being attempted within the same four walls, but owing to the house being turned into a business concern, this was found to be impracticable. Mr. C. H. Hattersley therefore invited the band to ring at his residence, and it may be interesting to note that the grandfather clock which timed the original peal is in Mr. Hattersley's possession, and was utilised for the same purpose on the present occasion.

CENTENARY HANDBELL PEAL.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY, 38, DOVER ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN THORPE ... 1-2	GEORGE LEWIS ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: Mr. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

First handbell peal in the method by all the band, and first attempt. First handbell peal of Oxford T.B. Major in Sheffield since the original above. The ringers of the original peal were members of the St. Peter's Independent Youths; and the ringers of the centenary peal are members of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society.

After the peal the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. Hattersley, to whom best thanks were accorded for his kind hospitality.

The figures of the centenary peal:

23456	M	B	W	H	continued	M	B	W	H
32654	2			2	65243		—	I	2
56234			2	2	42563			2	2
45362	2		I	2	24365		—	I	2
52364	2	—	I	2	23645	I	—	2	2
53624	I	—	2	2	52436	2		I	2
25346	2		2	2	54326	I	—	2	2
56342	I			2	23456			2	2

Now rung for the first time.

Contains the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6 with eleven out of the possible twelve 8-6's.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT DURHAM.

The members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association met at Durham on Saturday week for their annual festival. They attended service in the Cathedral, where the Rev. F. Peacock, of Holy Trinity, Darlington, gave a practical address, basing his remarks upon Hebrews x., 25. The preacher urged ringers to become members of the Church of England Men's Society, and do something for the Church as men who had a right to the membership of that great society.

The annual dinner was subsequently held at the County Hotel, the President (Mr. C. L. Routledge) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. F. Peacock (Darlington), the Rev. W. Bothamley (St. Nicholas, Durham), the Rev. A. Allwork (Whickham), the Rev. T. H. Perkins (Consett), the Rev. B. Jealous (Herrington), Messrs. J. Baxter, J. Stuart, A. Payne, J. W. Payne, J. W. Parker, W. H. Porter, R. Stephenson, and Chas. Todd (hon. secretary). After dinner the loyal toast was duly honoured.

THE REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary submitted the 34th annual report, in which he stated that he regretted to have to record a falling off in many respects, instead of the forward movement which was anticipated at the close of last year. He hoped, however, that it was only a temporary set back, and that at the next meeting they would be able to congratulate themselves on more satisfactory progress. The number of towers aff. was now 35, showing an increase of one upon last year, Blaydon and Corbridge having joined their ranks, and Sunderland Holy Trinity having dropped out. There were 36 new members elected during the year; but they had lost, through removals and other causes, 27, leaving a net gain of nine. Financially, there was only a small balance in hand at the end of the year, but "arrears" was still a big word. In peals and Sunday service ringing the records were below last year, and perhaps this was partly due to the abnormal summer, and to the very unsettled state of the country, which had tended to produce a lack of enthusiasm, without which peals would not be rung, nor good service ringing accomplished. Income during the year had been £39 1s. 1d., as against £46 9s. 10d. for 1910; and the expenditure £40 4s. 7d., against £56 17s. 1½d., leaving a balance in hand of 11s. 8d. Taking into consideration the number of members on the books, the income from subscriptions should be over £30, whereas they had only received £21 18s. for the past year. Twenty-one belfries had made returns this year in connection with service ringing, being the same as last, Whitley Bay and Stranton coming in, and Jarrow and Tanfield dropping out. The average number of points per belfry had fallen from 606 to 473, and very few six-bell towers had exceeded 10,000 changes in one method. Winton were the heaviest sufferers, and they only lost 29 points, and that was through ringing practically nothing but Bob Minor.

CERTIFICATE WINNERS.

The three certificates had been won by:—1st, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, 1,907 points; 2nd, North Shields, 1,768 points; 3rd, Whitley Bay, 995 points. The number of peals rung during the year was 20, or less than half last year's total. These had been rung in nine methods, and the average points per peal was 18.50. Three of these peals were rung in honour of King George and Queen Mary. The old warrior, Alf. Hillier, was head of the list with ten peals to his credit. There had been ten conductors, and Mr. T. Goffon was again top with six. It was with deep regret that they recorded the death, on the 20th April, of Mr. R. S. Story, the late president of the Association. Mr. Story joined the Association in 1879, and held the office of president for 22 years, with great credit to himself and untold benefit to the Association. They also had to record the death of the Rev. W. D. Hoelas, of Benwell, who had been an hon. member since 1892. Individual belfry reports showed that progress generally was slow, owing to so many ringers leaving their respective districts when they were beginning to be of benefit in Sunday service and peal ringing. He would like to remark, in conclusion, upon the unfortunate frequency of disputes between ringers and the authorities of the churches. Luckily, in that Association such occurrences were few; but he thought Associations such as theirs ought to take a very strong line in these matters. One of their objects was to secure recognition of the church bell ringer as a church worker, but he thought it only right that the ringer, on his part, should always be ready to acknowledge the authority of the Vicars. It should also be remembered that bells were not put in for the sole use of the ringer, but were part of the church.

The report was adopted, and the hon. secretary complimented upon the able manner in which it had been drawn up.

The Rev. A. Allwork then presented the framed certificates for Sunday ringing as follows:—(1) St. Ignatius, Sunderland; (2) North Shields; (3) Whitley Bay. He expressed his great pleasure at being present that day, and promised a hearty welcome to the members of the Association if ever they came to Whickham (hear, hear).

Mr. Parker, of Sunderland, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral for service; to the

Rev. W. Bothamley and the Rev. C. R. J. Loxley for the use of the St. Nicholas and St. Oswald belfries; to the Cathedral organist; and to Minor Canon Dolphin for conducting the service. It was a matter of regret, he said, that they were not able to have the use of the Cathedral bells.—Mr. R. Stephenson, of West Hartlepool, seconded, and the vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.—The Rev. W. Bothamley, in responding, said he always granted the use of his church bells with a cheerful heart, because he was proud to think they were valued by those who applied for them.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the officers of the Association for their work during the past year, on the motion of the Rev. B. Jealous, seconded by Mr. Porter. The following officers were then elected: President, Mr. C. L. Routledge; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. T. Goffon, J. Stuart, A. Pigg, and E. J. Titt; hon. secretary, Mr. Chas. Todd; hon. auditor, Mr. R. W. Falconer; Central Council representatives, Messrs. C. L. Routledge, W. Story, and C. Todd.

The Chairman announced that the following had been elected to serve on the sub-committee: Messrs. G. T. Potter, J. W. Parker, G. W. Park, and J. B. Dobson; and that meetings would be held during 1912 at Whickham, on February 17th; West Hartlepool, on May 27th; Corbridge and Hexham, on July 27th.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

RINGING IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry Mr. Barker has looked upon my letter on ringing in Bedfordshire in the way he did, for, when I wrote it, what he accuses me of never entered my head. I do not wish to advertise my name, as he would have your readers think, but my idea in writing that letter was to try and get some recognition for the ringers in this district. I am very pleased Mr. Barker has been kind enough to tell us of the advantages we can obtain by being members of the Bedfordshire Association. He says, had I communicated with the Rev. A. Rust, hon. secretary, or any Bedford ringers, I should have obtained all the knowledge I required regarding this Association, and perhaps I should have been a wiser man and a sadder man. I might have been wiser, but I cannot see why I should have been sadder. I hope my letter has done some good already, if only in getting the information. Mr. Barker goes on to say that change ringing was firmly planted at Old Warden and Clifton, but there are only one or two ringers belonging to the Association at each of these places. He also states there has been, and hopes there will be again, meetings held in this district. I have made enquiries in my visits to the various towers in the district, and I have been told it is years since there was a meeting more than six miles this side of Bedford. Mr. Barker also gave us a lot of information about the spade work of the Association, and about ringers not taking the ounce of outside help that is oft-times offered, but never grasped. That may be so in some cases, but not all. If it is never given it cannot be grasped. I have been over to Bedford myself and met the ringers at both the churches, and expressed a wish to become a member of this Association as soon as an opportunity offered itself. Mr. Barker also says I am finding fault, not with the Association, but with the members in my own district. My reply is, certainly not, as there are not sufficient of them to find fault with—about six members, perhaps less, in about a dozen towers of five, six and eight bells. You cannot blame them. Mr. Barker also hopes to have my co-operation to further the Art in this district, and I can tell him he can look for me to do all that lies in my power to further the cause of change ringing, either in Bedfordshire or wherever else I may be. I shall be very pleased to have some communication with Mr. Barker, or any official of this Association, as I think our cause can be better served by doing so, now that interest has been aroused in regard to this part of the county. I am trying to arrange a meeting, and if Mr. Barker will kindly try and meet me, with several of my ringing friends, we may be able to improve change ringing in this part of Bedfordshire.—Yours truly,

F. BLOOD.

Hitchin Street, Biggleswade

RESTORATION OF CHESHUNT BELLS.

The bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Cheshunt, have been badly in need of repair for the last few years, and although this was pointed out to the authorities the repairs were never done. When, however, the present Vicar came to live in the parish, Mr. H. G. Rowe at once drew his attention to the state of affairs, and the Vicar, with the churchwardens, at once took steps to have the bells restored. Tenders were asked for, and the work, which includes the addition of two trebles, has been given to Messrs. Gillett and Johnson, of Croydon, the total cost being £400, towards which £366 has been promised or subscribed. The work was begun last week, and will be completed about the middle of January. The bells are a fine peal of six (tenor, 16 cwt.), and only one peal has been rung on them—in January, 1902. Particulars as to the date of opening will appear in these columns. The present band of ringers are practising Grandsire Triples on the handbells, under the instruction of Mr. H. G. Rowe, and we look forward to seeing peals rung by them in standard methods in the future.

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THE ATTEMPT FOR STEDMAN CINQUES BY CLERGY.

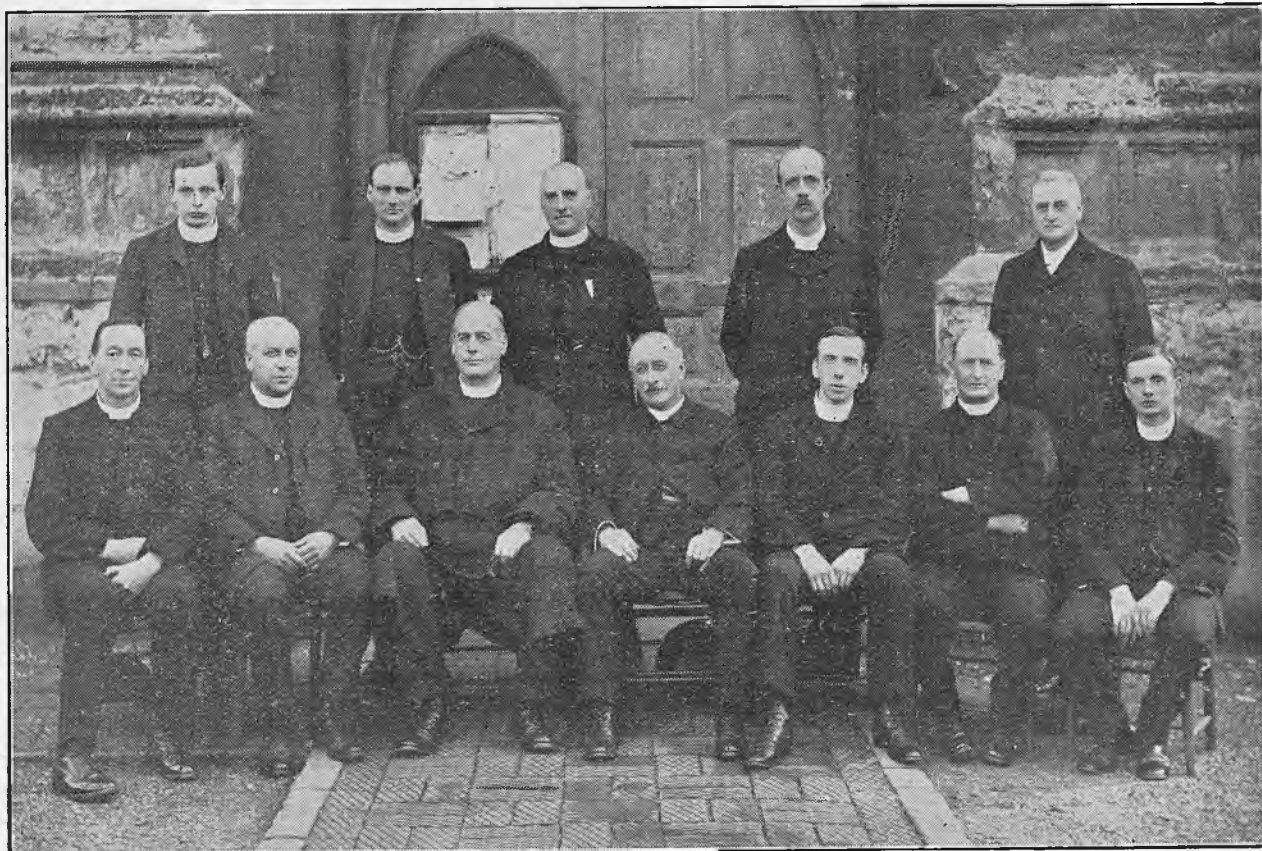


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[Sweetland, High Wycombe.

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This photograph was taken at High Wycombe, when, for the first time, twelve clergy met to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

It is certainly unusual, and therefore noteworthy, that at a meeting of the Sheffield District Society, on Saturday, at Staveley, no fewer than seven Surprise methods were rung by mixed bands, viz., Bristol, London, Peterborough, Yorkshire, Norfolk, Cambridge and Superlative.

The 250 peals rung by Mr. Edwin Horrex include a 15,840 Kent Treble Bob rung at Bethnal Green in 1868. This fact was omitted from the list sent us last week.

There is a very young band at Tasburgh, Norwich. They have just rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles and another of Bob Doubles, the average age of the ringers being 14½ years.

Another young ringer has to be added to the list of those who have scored a peal in the early "teens." At Bolton, John Nuttall, at the age of fifteen, has rung the second to a peal of Grandsire Triples.

It is always pleasing to see a new band scoring their first success in the peal ringing line. The local company at Brent Knoll, Somerset, have rung their first peal at the first attempt after only seven months instruction by Mr. E. B. Crowder, of Burnham. The bells have recently been rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, and a new treble (cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) added. The "go" of the bells is a great tribute to the workmanship of Messrs. Stokes.

Mr. Albert T. Simpson, of West Hartlepool, is leaving England to take up missionary work in Canada. On Saturday a farewell peal was rung, and he departs for his new field of labour with the good wishes of all his ringing friends. The peal was also rung to inaugurate a ten days' mission in the town.

Another ringer off to New Zealand. Mr. E. J. Hamblin, of Woking, sailed yesterday for Napier, where his brother, also a ringer, is now living. A farewell peal of Bob Minor was attempted last Saturday by the Woking band at Ottershaw (their own bells being under repair) but it was unfortunately lost in the fourth 720. D. Hampton 1, J. Brackley 2, C. J. Hamblin 3, T. Strudwick 4, S. Petter (conductor) 5, E. J. Hamblin 6.

Messrs. Warner and Sons have been entrusted with the rehanging of the bells—a peal of six, tenor 14cwt.—at Fontmell Magna Church, Dorset.

In the article last week on Messrs. Taylor's gift of a bell to St. Peter's Church, Loughborough, the name of the Vicar should have been Robert J. Sturdee, and that of the churchwardens, Messrs. Burder and Perkins.

Under the heading "Cathedral Bells in a Parish Church," the "Sunday Companion" relates that the peal of eight at Christ Church, Southgate, were intended for St. Paul's Cathedral. "The story goes," says this journal, "that in the first place, they were made for London's great cathedral. However, they were too small to call the millions of the metropolis to worship, and the people of Southgate were fortunate enough to secure them for their own church. Needless to say, the bells are beautiful in tone, and though they have missed being one of the most famous sets of bells in the country, they nevertheless sweetly call the people of Southgate to worship. 'It is an ill-wind that blows nobody good,' and the mistake in connection with St. Paul's Cathedral led to a happy result for Southgate Church."

A very pretty story, truly, but it is only a story. The real facts are that Southgate bells were originally cast for Youlgrave, Staffs, but the tenor was found to be about 3 qrs. short of the required weight, viz., 25 cwts., so another peal had to be cast for that church. It so happened, however, that the rector and churchwardens of Southgate visited the Whitechapel Foundry at the time, and were shown these bells. On hearing their beautiful tone, the Rector remarked, "We will have these bells or none at all." And have them they did, first the back six and later, the two trebles, completing what is one of the best rings of eight in the kingdom.

RINGING PROGRESS IN CANADA.

From Mr. Alan R. Macdonald we received by the last mail an account of the ringing done at the R.C. Cathedral Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, during the month of September. A touch of 168 Stedman Triples by: A. C. Limpus 1, G. W. Foster 2, F. N. Bressy 3, W. Judd, 4 G. Pearce 5, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 6, R. J. Carrier 7, F. Jones 8. This is the first touch of Stedman Triples rung in the Dominion of Canada, and believed to be the first on tower bells on the American Continent. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. C. Limpus 1, W. Judd 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, F. N. Bressy 4, M. G. Bennett (conductor) 5, G. W. Foster 6; also some courses of Kent and Plain Bob Major; a course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and several touches of Grandsire Triples.

It is hoped before long to record another peal from Vancouver. Touches of Grandsire Triples on the handbells are frequent, and good progress is being made with Stedman in hand.

Mr. Macdonald, whose address is now, "The Kitchiner Hotel, Powell Street, Vancouver, B.C.," wishes to thank the members of the Middlesex Association for the kind reference made and the good wishes extended to him at the annual meeting at Heston.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, October 15th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Clark 1, H. C. Edwards 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, E. Yates 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, C. A. Valentine 6.

THE LATE MR. R. S. STORY.

THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association propose to commemorate the life-long work of their late president in connection with bells and belfry reform. For more than twenty years the late Mr. Robert Spencer Story was president of the Association, and its present prosperity is largely due to his influence and energy.

The six bells he loved so well in the tower of St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, where he rang as a Sunday ringer for twenty-six years, and beneath the shadow of which he now lies buried, are about to be recast and augmented to a peal of eight. Mr. T. T. Gofton (the leader of the ringers at Whitley) is giving the two extra bells, and the Whitley ringers (mostly Mr. Gofton's brothers) have subscribed £72 towards recasting the old six.

Some nine years ago Mr. Story himself drew up the scheme which is being now carried out, but lack of funds prevented its furtherance at the time. In these circumstances it is felt that the most fitting memorial to the departed president would be to help in this good work. The cost of recasting one bell will be about £22, and the proportion of cost towards a new frame £10, making £32 in all. An appeal is, therefore, made not only to all members of the Association, but to Mr. Story's many other friends, to support a fund so eminently appropriate to the commemoration of the life of one who spent his best years for the good and welfare of his fellow-men. The following, which have been appointed to act as a committee, will gratefully receive subscriptions: Mr. C. L. Routledge (president), 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. T. T. Gofton, 11, Windsor Road, Monkseaton, Newcastle; and Mr. J. E. R. Keen, 88, Hotspur Street, Heaton, Newcastle.

"LITTLE STEDMAN"

The Rev. E. Banks James writes:—I was sorry to see the name "Little Stedman" adopted by Mr. Pagett for his new method, as I long since bestowed it on the subjoined "little" method. However, Mr. Pagett is the first in the field, and I submit the matter to his judgment. If he thinks my method, which contains the whole of the Stedman slow, more worthy of the name, well! If not, let those who first ring this method christian it, as was done at my request in the case of Bristol Surprise.

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ASSOCIATION NOTES.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

Somewhat slowly, but nevertheless surely, ringers turned up at Nuneaton on Saturday week for the quarterly meeting of the Guild. The bells are a handy ring of eight, and go well, and there is always a warm welcome for ringers from Mr. Chapman and his company. It was pleasant to see so much young blood in the belfry. Mr. Harry Argyle's son and heir is developing into quite a capable young ringer, and yet another of the same family was far enough advanced to have a pull in rounds. The Stoke Golding men, too, appear to have the greater part of their lives in front of them. They are an instance of a really progressive six-bell band, thoroughly keen, and most of them capable of taking a working bell in Double Norwich and Superlative Major. It was gratifying to be able, later on in the afternoon, to welcome them as members of the Guild, as previously they have confined their energies to the Midland Counties Association.

The total attendance of members during the afternoon and evening numbered about thirty, and represented Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Rugby, Coventry, Berkswell, Stony Stanton, Stoke Golding and Stratford-on-Avon. Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung before six o'clock, and then the business meeting was held in the belfry, with Mr. James George, Master, in the chair. Nine new members were elected, including Mr. Briggs, of Stony Stanton, and the before-mentioned Stoke Golding men. The next quarterly meeting was fixed to be held at St. Nicholas, Warwick, failing that tower, at Emscote. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Chapman for his arrangement for the meeting, and then the bells were set going again for the remainder of the evening.

A Warwickshire Guild peal was attempted in London a few Saturdays ago, at the Church of St. Mary, Battersea. The method was Superlative Surprise Major, but unfortunately it came to grief, after nearly an hour's ringing. We shall look for its accomplishment at some future date, but, meanwhile, the peal ringing members of the Guild in Warwickshire must not neglect their local opportunities. There is, at present, a good deal of leeway to be made up if the peal records of the Guild are even to keep up to the same level as in past years.

TRURO.

Ringling at Truro Cathedral, under the auspices of the Diocesan Guild, has been very regular, and touches of Triples and Caters rung. All members of the Guild will be welcomed at the Cathedral tower on ringing nights, which is the first Tuesday in each month, from 7.45 to 9 p.m. Ringers have every reason to be grateful to the Dean and Chapter for having caused a second floor to be put in the bell chamber. Before this was done the noise was so great that it was almost impossible to hear the calls made. Now, however, there is no cause for complaint.

The band at St. Kea, although they have lost two of their best ringers, has been recruited by six new ringers, including a lady, who, although not a member of the St. Kea band, is attached to the tower, her services being available nine months out of twelve. Certificates of merit have been awarded to three out of the six ringers, and the others are making excellent progress.

LANCASHIRE.

The Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association elected the Vicar of Todmorden as a life member of the Association at the district meeting on Saturday week. Three other new members were also elected. The meeting, which was attended by members from Oldham, Moorside, Middleton, Colne, Milnrow, Rochdale, Shore, Walsden, and Todmorden, was presided over by Mr. J. Brierley.

ESSEX.

Mr. F. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, has been re-elected Master of the North-Western District of the Essex Association. Mr. F. Penning has resigned the secretaryship, and Mr. W. Watts, of Stansted, has been elected to fill the office.

The bells of St. Michael's, Bishop Stortford, which were last overhauled in 1820, have got into such a condition that peals upon them are now forbidden. It is estimated that the repairs will cost £200, and that the work will shortly be taken in hand. Saffron Walden bells also require about £80 spent upon them.

BINFIELD.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At All Saints' Church, on October 11th, 720 Bob Minor: S. Gearing 1, *A. Pierce 2, E. Bungay 3, E. C. Lambert 4, J. Rance 5, H. Bungay (conductor) 6. *First 720.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday, October 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins., to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Westmacote, of Calcutta, and Miss Caroline Mary Lawson, of Pershore: J. Dolphin 1, C. Cann 2, E. Wilshire 3, W. Need 4, G. Dolphin 5, F. Godfrey 6, G. Checketts (conductor) 7, W. Charlwood 8.

ACTIVITY AT LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

There is a good deal of activity at Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough. During the last month or two they have erected the following new peals, viz.:—

Middleham, Yorkshire, a peal of eight, tenor, 18 cwt.

West Hartlepool, St. Aidan's (8), tenor, 14 cwt.

Llanbradach, Glam. (8), tenor, 12½ cwt.

Launceston, St. Thomas', Cornwall (6), tenor, 10½ cwt.

They have also sent a chime of 25 bells (two octaves chromatic) to Appingedam, Holland; a chime of 13 bells (tenor, 29 cwt.) to Peterborough, Ontario, Canada; hour and four-quarter bells to Hastings Post Office, New Zealand.

The chief works they have in hand at the present time include the following:—

New rings: Stratton, Cornwall, a new ring of eight; Miles Platting, Lancs., recast old ring of six into a ring of eight.

New chimes: Carbisdale Castle, Ross-shire, a heavy chime of six; Caius College, Cambridge, a new chime of five; Pelton, Co. Durham, a new chime of six; Westport Post Office, New Zealand, hour and four quarter bells; Waimate Post Office, New Zealand, hour and four quarters.

Restorations and additions: Cambridge, St. Mary the Great, rehang the ring of twelve and recast the two trebles.

Idlesleigh, Devon, rehang the old four, recast second and augment to six.

Benefield, Northants, rehang the peal of five and augment to six.

Colsterworth, Lincs., rehang the peal of four and augment to six.

Waterfoot, Lancs., rehang the peal of six.

Roos, Yorkshire, rehang the three and augment to five.

Netheravon, Wilts., rehang the ring of five and recast treble and tenor and augment to six.

Barnard Castle, Co. Durham, rehang the peal of eight.

Weekly, Northants, rehang the peal of five and augment to six.

Atherington, Devon, rehang the ring of six.

East Portlemouth, Devon, a new peal of six except the tenor.

Bedford, Leigh, Lancs., one hour bell hung for ringing, and two quarters.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT STAVELEY.

A very successful meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Staveley, on Saturday. About 40 ringers turned up from Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Dore, Eckington, Killamarsh, Mansfield, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Sheffield, Staveley, and Worksop.

The bells are a nice toned peal of eight (tenor about 19 cwt.), and have lately been rehung and retuned on the Simpson principle, by Messrs. Taylor, the "go" being all that could be desired. The tower, though rather low, is very roomy, and there is ample space for two or more additional bells, indeed the addition of two trebles would make an admirable peal of ten. The walls of the ringing chamber are thick with records of past peal performances, and Staveley seems to have been a favourite place for peal attempts at one time.

On Saturday, the bells were kept going from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., with an interval for service from 6.45 to 7.15. Some excellent ringing was accomplished, no less than seven Surprise Major methods being rung, viz.: Bristol, Cambridge, London, Norfolk, Peterborough, Superlative, and Yorkshire, and some good striking was heard. Other methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Court Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

A short business meeting was held during the evening, when the following new members were elected: Messrs. G. Parkin (Beighton), W. J. Gevier (Chesterfield), W. Fowler (Penistone), R. Booth, P. Jervis, E. Bolsover and J. Humphries (all of Eckington).

The Secretary drew attention to an appeal for funds for the restoration of Shoreditch bells.—A vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. Canon Molyneux) for granting the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making all arrangements for the meeting, was proposed by Mr. G. Bemrose (Bolsover), seconded by Mr. J. Holman (Sheffield), and carried unanimously.—Mr. W. Palmer replied for the local company, and then closed the proceedings.

WORCESTER'S CENTURY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After reading Mr. W. Cave's letter, I should like to say how glad I am to take second place to such a man as the late Mr. J. Hinton, if he rang a hundred peals. It seems to me a great pity no record has been kept of the doings of a man with such a distinct personality as the late Mr. Hinton, and I hope something may be done to collect all available matter. I feel sure such a collection would prove very interesting reading. With that object in view I am asked to say that if any ringers or secretaries of ringers who have any authentic information of ringing done by Mr. Hinton, and will send at an early date to his brother, Mr. J. G. Hinton, 43, York Place, Britannia Square, Worcester, he will be glad to tabulate and publish it. He will be glad to have the peals, the methods, and whether conducted; also, if possible, the number of societies he belonged to, and any other useful information.—Yours truly,

37, St. John's, Worcester. W. PAGE.

UNVEILING CEREMONIES.

WHITCHURCH.

On Saturday week, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of Whitchurch Parish Church, near Cardiff. Ringers from Llandaff Cathedral, St. John's, Cardiff, and St. Augustine's, Penarth, met for the dedication of a peal board, on the second anniversary of the first peal rung on the bells. The tablet was presented by Mr. F. J. Bailey, and on it in white letters on a black background is the following:—

"St. Mary's, Whitchurch.—On October 30th, 1909, a peal of Bob Minor (5040 changes), in 3 hrs., being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor, 14½ cwt.: David Thomas treble, Frank J. Bailey 2, William B. Biss 3, Tom Cox 4, Fred Chamberlain 5, Sidney Dawe tenor. Conducted by D. Thomas."

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. L. Lloyd Davies, M.A., who, addressing those present, said it was a double interest for him to have the pleasure in unveiling the tablet which was the work of the donor, whom he thanked. He also congratulated Mr. D. Thomas, who had the satisfaction of conducting the first peal.—The latter suitably responded.

It had been arranged that the same band should go for a peal of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, but unfortunately business prevented one of the company getting to the tower in time.

The bells were raised, and a 720 of Plain Bob was brought round: D. Thomas 1, W. B. Biss 2, F. J. Bailey 3, F. Chamberlain 4, T. Burcombe (first 720) 5, S. Dawe, 6. Another 720 was rung, with F. Middleton on the treble, and S. Dawe conducting.

Then followed a 720 of Kent Treble Bob by: D. Thomas 1, W. B. Biss (conductor) 2, F. J. Bailey 3, T. Cox 4, F. Chamberlain 5, S. Dawe 6. Touches of Oxford Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were also brought round.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought a pleasant event and ringing evening to a close.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

On Wednesday week, the festival of the dedication, a peal board was unveiled at All Saints' Church by Miss Pickin, about 100 parishioners being present.—The Rector gave a short address, pointing out, amongst other things, that bell ringers were as important a part of parochial machinery as any other church workers, and that the belfry should be treated with the same reverence as the rest of the church.—Special prayers were used, and after the unveiling of the board, the Doxology was sung.

The peal board, which is of oak, with eight panels, has been made by one of the local ringers, at the expense of the Rector and churchwardens, whose kindness is highly appreciated.

The peals at present recorded on the board are a peal of Bob Minor (the first peal on the bells) and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor, rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the death of his Majesty King Edward VII.

PORTMADOC.

A special service was held in St. John's belfry on Sunday, for the purpose of unveiling a peal board recording a peal rung to the memory of the late Mrs. F. S. Percival, wife of the donor of the tower and bells. The service, which was attended by all the ringers, together with several parishioners who were interested in the proceedings, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Williams, in English and Welsh. The tablet was unveiled by Miss Davies, of Bodawen, Portmadoc, on behalf of Mr. F. S. Percival, who, she stated, was unable to attend owing to illness.—The Vicar then dedicated the tablet, and touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the ringers, who took part in the peal. The board, which is of black marble, with engraved lettering, gilded with pure gold, bears the following inscription: "On Tuesday, 9th May, at St. John's Church, Portmadoc, a peal of Grandsire Doubles (5040 changes), 42 six-sores, was rung in 3 hrs. (tenor, 12½ cwt.): 1 J. McMillan, 2 John Owen, 3 H. McMillan, 4 Jack Parsons, 5 H. Wakefield, 6 Evan R. Jones, 7 W. H. Evans, 8 Idris Thomas. Conducted by John Owen. First peal of Grandsire Doubles, fully muffled, rung in Wales. Rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Mrs. F. S. Percival, wife of the donor of the bells, who passed away on the 4th May, 1911, and was laid to rest at Llanbedrog on 9th May, 1911. Rev. J. E. Williams, Vicar. F. S. Percival, President."

STEDMAN THEORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is so customary for Mr. James, when cornered, to attribute lack of knowledge or training to his opponents, that his last letter does not surprise me. It is hardly worthy of notice, but bearing in mind the "Rules and Decisions of Council," I should just like to repeat, for his benefit, that Erin is a method of connecting rows or changes which is based on Original, and no new principle is involved. It is evidently useless drawing Mr. James' attention to the fact that internal bobs is the question between us, so following his lead, may I say that he has shown such lamentable ignorance as to the difference between a B and a P, that it is useless continuing the discussion.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

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.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On October 7th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples had to be brought round after ringing over 3,000 changes, owing to the bad go of the tenor: W. C. Wakley 1, J. J. Jackson 2, W. E. White 3, W. White 4, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 5, R. H. Bartram 6, T. Squires 7, R. W. Baker 8.

NEWMARKET, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—On Saturday, October 14th, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. E. Moore (conductor) 1, H. F. Moore 2, F. Levitt 3, J. Sparrow 4, F. Dewell 5, W. Radley 6, H. R. Moore 7, H. A. Turner 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples and 224 Double Norwich Major.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Saturday, October 14th, a peal of Erin Triples was abandoned half-way owing to a shift course: L. Price 1, F. S. Price 2, E. J. Boot 3, W. Clifford 4, W. Clifford, senr., 5, J. C. Dicken 6, A. Coppock (conductor) 7, P. Price 3.—On Sunday, October 15th, 384 and 576 Superlative Surprise and 144 Erin Triples by: W. Clifford, senr., 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, J. C. Dicken 3, A. Lowe 4, F. S. Price 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8.

EURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, on the Norman Tower bells, 480 Kent Treble Bob Royal: H. Smith 1, H. F. Moore 2, F. Levitt 3, J. Sparrow 4, F. Dewell 5, R. Wilding 6, A. E. Moore (conductor) 7, W. Radley 8, H. R. Moore 9, H. A. Turner 10.

ABBEY WOOD, KENT.—On Sunday, October 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with bells half-muffled, in token of respect to the late Mr. C. Harvey: H. Corbel 1, T. Cranfield 2, W. Truss 3, J. Scholes 4, A. Scambler 5, W. Theobald 6, W. Aldridge (conductor) 7, A. Bangay 8. The six first-named belong to West Ham.—On October 22nd, touches of Grandsire Triples by the local ringers.

ASTON MANOR.—On Sunday, October 15th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: W. Davies 1, J. Jones 2, F. Jones 3, H. Jones 4, J. Paulton 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, F. Bennett 7, C. Allen 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Jones.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, October 15th, for morning service, 504 Stedman: A. E. Morgan (conductor) 1, F. E. B. Charles 2, M. Selby 3, C. Bowen 4, T. Jones 5, F. Morgan 6, J. W. Jones 7, S. Baiss 8.

STICKNEY.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles was rung in 45 mins. by local men: F. E. Metcalf 1, J. T. Clarke 2, A. Sharpe (conductor) 3, Wm. Metcalf 4, Ed. Dodds 5.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, 320 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. H. Took 1, J. O'Neill 2, C. Moss 3, E. Easter 4, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 5, J. Howard 6, H. F. Cooper (Chelmsford) 7, A. Lee 8.

PONTEFRAC.—The Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: T. Watkinson 1, *J. E. Pickard 2, W. Pearson 3, S. Brook 4, F. E. Moody 5, H. C. Walters (conductor) 6, T. Holder 7, A. Strangward 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.—Stoke-on-Trent Association.—On Sunday, October 15th, for Holy Eucharist, 720 Violet: G. E. Lawrence 1, W. C. Taylor 2, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, B. Pegg 5, F. T. Dawson 6. For Matins 720 Woodbine, with J. F. Ryles 5, the rest as before, W. C. Lawrence conductor. For evensong: 720 Killamarsh Surprise, standing as before, F. T. Dawson conductor. The above were rung in honour of the new Rector (Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne) taking the charge of the services of the Parish Church for the first time after his induction, and also to celebrate the wedding of Mr. John Turner, one of the local ringers, which took place on the above date, his brother ringers wishing him and his bride much happiness.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Sunday morning, October 15th, for harvest festival, 720 Kent Minor: F. Garner 1, G. Johnson 2, G. Clark (conductor) 3, E. Arrand 4, F. Beardmore 5, H. Trout 6. For evening service 720 Kent by the same band, F. Beardmore conductor.

BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, October 15th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 41 mins.: A. F. Ashman 1, A. Newman 2, H. Burton 3, H. Mance 4, E. A. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, G. F. Williams (conductor) 7, J. Pullen 8.

BUILTH WELLS.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, October 15th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 38 mins.: F. S. Sparkes 1, W. A. Sparkes (first quarter with a bob bell) 2, F. R. Sparkes 3, C. Powell 4, R. E. Sparkes (conductor) 5, W. H. Bicknell 6.

CHELSEA.—On October 15th, at St. Luke's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins.: W. Essery 1, G. Watkin 2, W. Dean 3, H. Burton 4, A. Newman 5, F. Smith 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. J. Barber 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, J. Pullen 10.

HANDSWORTH.—On Sunday, October 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: E. Wood 1, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 2, C. Starkey 3, B. Starkey 4, W. G. Anker 5, R. Faux 6, T. Verry 7, E. Starkey 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Starkey.

HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, October 15th, 464 Bob Major: Jos. Morton (Eckington) treble, C. Jackson (conductor) 2, M. Hedges 3, T. Stockdale 4, J. Highfield 5, E. Culsforth 6, G. T. Miller 7, D. W. Brown 8.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, October 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Whibley 1, T. Skinner 2, A. Wiles 3, A. Denton 4, E. King 5, E. Bridger 6, E. Everest (conductor) 7, *W. B. Knott (Bromley) 8. *Longest length.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—At St. Barnabas Church on Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, 336 and 210 Grandsire Triples, in which W. Bacehuss, H. Sear, F. Vickers, W. Jeffs, A. Vickers, T. Best, W. Sear, J. Sear, and the Rev. W. S. Mahony took part.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On October 15th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 52 mins.: G. Basford 1, F. Rawlins 2, A. J. Green 3, R. Christian 4, W. Sharp 5, C. Faulkner 6 F. Hopper (conductor) 7, T. Denny 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On October 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Bob Minor: J. Tuckwell 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, G. Lancaster 3, F. Looker 4, T. Moulden 5, R. W. Hyner (first 720 as conductor) 6. Also 120 St. Clement's Doubles, conducted by C. J. Gardiner.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On October 17th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: C. Sanders 1—2, A. P. Wakley 3—4, W. Shercliff 5—6 (conductor). Also a plain course of Single Court.—On October 22nd, 180 Double Oxford, 120 each of Oxford Bob, Double and Single Court, and two courses of Grandsire Triples, the following taking part: C. Sanders, H. Wakley, A. P. Wakley, J. J. Jackson, and W. Shercliff.

HAUGHTON, STAFFORD.—On Tuesday, October 17th, 1080 Doubles, in 40 mins, eight six-scores of St. Dunstons, and one of Grandsire: L. Johnson 1, B. M. Duke 2, C. Smith 3, G. Booth 4, J. Taylor (conductor) 5.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—The London County Association.—On Tuesday, October 17th, for practice, a date touch (1911 changes) in eight methods, being 231 of Plain Bob, and 240 each of Woodbine, Oxford, Kent College Exercise, College Bob IV., Willesden Delight and Old Oxford Modernised: G. M. Kilby 1, G. Chalkley 2, L. Porter 3, H. Kilby 4, A. Hill 5, T. Langdon (composer and conductor) tenor.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On October 17th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the opening of the Transporter Bridge by His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught, K.G., 1920 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Pollard 1, W. Pollard 2, F. Laverick 3, C. Laverick 4, J. H. Jones 5, J. W. Passman 6, J. H. Blakiston (conductor) 7, T. Lancaster 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.—On October 17th 1248 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Crook 1, E. Watkinson 2, J. Watkinson 3, A. Robinson 4, H. France 5, S. Watkinson 6, E. Banister 7, B. A. Knights (conductor) 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On October 17th, at Christ Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Tazwell 1, A. Lawrence (conductor) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, F. Looker (first 504) 4, G. W. Townsend 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, G. Lancaster 7, A. E. W. Smith 8.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—At the Parish Church harvest thanksgiving a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Wood 1, T. Wright 2, H. Wright 3, H. Briggs 4, W. H. Inglesant (conductor) 5, J. Garratt 6, C. Briggs 7, N. Walker 8.

SPARKBROOK, BIRMINGHAM.—St. Martin's Guild.—At 130, Watford Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples upon handbells in 35 mins.: T. Russam 1-2, J. Carter (conductor) 3-4, *P. Laffin 5-6, *A. Walker 7-8. *First quarter-peal on handbells.

GAINSBOROUGH.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On Wednesday, Oct. 18th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 1, C. H. Baker (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 2, P. Ballance 3, J. C. Tinker 4, J. T. Ladd 5, W. Ayre 6, H. Torr 7, R. S. Lakin 8. The above is the composition of the Rev. G. H. Ridout, Johannesburg, S.A., formerly assistant priest at St. John the Divine, Gainsborough, and was rung on the occasion of the wedding at All Saints' Church of Miss A. Tinker, daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On October 18th 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: M. Ireland 1, *J. Burdfield 2, *R. Wood 3, J. Newman 4, G. Matthews 5, A. Feist (conductor) 6. *First 720 Treble Bob. First 720 of Treble Bob by a local band for 12 years. Rung on the 34th anniversary of the wedding of P. Wood, a member of the band.

Mr. Rupert Forbes Bentley, a member of the Beckley, East Sussex, band, and a sidesman at the church, has been presented with a silver half-hunter watch, a writing desk and stylographic pen by the parishioners of Beckley and Northiam, in recognition of the services which he has rendered the village in many capacities. Mr. Bentley has taken up a position at the Ilford Aeroplane Works.

IN MEMORY OF MESSRS. MICKLEWRIGHT.

TRIBUTE TO THEIR WORK.

An eloquent tribute to the late Mr. William Micklewright, senr., and his son, was paid by Mr. Samuel Spittle at the unveiling of the peal tablet at Dudley, briefly recorded in our last issue. The tablet records the muffled peals at the deaths of the two ringers, and was unveiled by Mrs. Maitland, wife of the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, and President of the Dudley and District Guild. Mr. Spittle pointed out that it might be said of Mr. Micklewright, senr., that he was the pioneer of the art of ringing in Dudley. He came to the town about 1851 at a time when the ringers knew nothing about the art of change ringing. He taught the younger members to ring by method, and as a result of his efforts they rang their first peal of Grandsire Triples in November, 1852—a muffled peal on the day the Duke of Wellington was buried. It was conducted by Mr. Micklewright, who remained a member of the band until he went to reside at Stafford, where he died. The son inherited the love of bell ringing, and became even more illustrious in the Art than his father. He was a safe ringer, a sure conductor, a good composer, and an indefatigable teacher. He was the representative of the society at the Worcestershire Association meetings for a number of years, and hon. secretary of St. Thomas' Guild from its formation in 1899 until his death. He rang his first peal at Dudley on July 1st, 1877, and his last peal in that tower on April 17th, 1909. During that 32 years he rang 144 peals on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, in seven different methods, and he conducted 63 of them. It was to keep alive the memory of these two brother ringers that the tablet had been erected in the belfry. To the older members of the band it would keep green the recollection of happy days spent in their company. To the younger members, he trusted, it would be an incentive to persevere and make themselves proficient in the Art.

Mrs. Maitland afterwards unveiled the tablet, which the Vicar dedicated and accepted for the church as a gift from the ringers. He thought it such a happy way to show their love and respect to their departed brethren. It also showed the true brotherly feeling which existed among the band when they so willingly subscribed in order to erect such a beautiful monument of their affection for those who had gone to their rest. There was a spirit much to be admired and fostered, and so long as that spirit existed among them there would be no difficulty in keeping the band together to go on and fulfil their duties in the future as loyal churchworkers, with as much credit to themselves and satisfaction to the authorities of the church as they had done in the past.

Mr. Nichols and Mr. Naylor (churchwardens) also spoke, expressing their appreciation of the ringers' work, and the proceedings terminated with votes of thanks.—A short touch of Grandsire Caters was afterwards rung.

SUNDAY RINGING RECORDS.

Mr. E. Butler, of Chadwell Heath, writes with reference to Sunday ringing records, which have been previously mentioned in these columns, that on Easter Sunday, March 27th, 1910, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, six 720's were rung for service and one after, the seven being made up as follows:—8.30 a.m., early celebration, 720 Plain Bob; 11 a.m., matins, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Double Oxford; 3 p.m., children's service, 720 College Single; 6.30 p.m., evening service, 720 Double Court and 720 Double Oxford; after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. The conducting was shared by R. Miles, G. Playle and A. Chaplin. The others taking part were E. Hawkins, A. Playle, F. Freestone and E. Butler. Is this a record?

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

The Devizes branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their monthly meeting at Keevil, on Saturday, when over 30 ringers attended, among whom were the Rev. J. H. Burn, Rector of Great Cheverell (chairman), and Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (hon. branch secretary), together with ringing members from Trowbridge, Westbury, Hilperton, Upavon, Great Cheverell, Southbroom, Keevil, St. John's, Devizes, Seend, Bath, Urchfont, and Chilton.—A company of 32 sat down to tea at the Beach Arms Inn, and at the business meeting which followed, one new member from Hilperton was elected.—Upon the secretary mentioning that the bells of Bishop Canning's Church would not be available for the next meeting, it was decided to hold the December meeting at Holt, the usual notices of which will be issued in due course.—The bells at Keevil, which are a capital ring of six, hung in a good iron frame and "go" exceedingly well, were kept going with Grandsire and Stedman Doubles from 3 o'clock till 7 p.m., when a very pleasant gathering was brought to a close, with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

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LINCOLNSHIRE RING AUGMENTED.

On All Saints' Eve, in connection with the Patronal Festival, at the beautiful Church of Moulton, in South Lincs., Canon Bullock, Vicar of Spalding, and Rural Dean, dedicated a new bell which has been added to the existing peal of five. After the dedication, Canon Bullock chimed the new bell, then it was raised, and the ringers rang 12 changes whilst the choir, who had proceeded to the West End for the dedication, returned to their seats in the chancel. This part of the service proved to be most impressive, and all present could not fail to realise the sacredness of the bells, and of their message. Canon Bullock preached an excellent sermon on the text, "The trumpet shall sound, dwelling upon the fact that the bells are a continual call to worship and a reminder of the last trump.

The new bell bears the inscription: "To the glory of God and in memory of King Edward VII. Edward King, Bishop 1866—1899. The Johnson family, Patrons. The Rev. J. R. Jackson, Vicar 1866—1899."

Besides the provision of the new bell, the old 3rd has been recast, the whole of the peal tuned, and various minor repairs effected, at a total cost of about £125.—The date of the oldest bell is 1588, one was added in 1626, two more in 1769 and 1785, and the tenor, which is 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 29 lbs. in weight, in 1805.—The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The Rev. H. Law James describes the peal as "the finest peal of six in the district."

Many ringers from Spalding, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Fleet, Clench-warton, attended the Dedication service, and rang touches on five bells before the service, and on all six afterwards; they all expressed delight at the "tone" and "go" of the bells. Four of the five clergy present—the Rev. H. Law James, Surfleet; the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Gosberton; the Rev. G. Harris, Clench-warton; and the Rev. C. J. S. Ward, Moulton—are ringers.

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Lavenham bells, one of the finest rings of eight in the country, are sadly in need of repair, and an appeal is being made for £250 for the rehanging of the peal and for repairs to some of the old oak screen work. The architectural beauties of the building have been described as among "the most accomplished pieces of art in Christendom." During the seventeenth century Sir Christopher Wren stated that "every individual horny-handed craftsman who had toiled upon that building was in his own trade a consummate artist." No record is preserved of either the architects or builders, but, except for the chancel, which belongs to the Decorated period (fourteenth century), the church remains one of the finest specimens of late perpendicular. Among those who have at various times given freely towards the work of building and beautifying may be counted Thomas Spring, merchant clothier, who died in 1486, leaving a sum equal to about £5,000 of our money for the building of a tower; his grandson, known as the "rich clothier"; and John de Vere, thirteenth Earl of Oxford. Both inside and outside the de Vere arms and the merchant mark of Thomas Spring, along with his arms newly granted by the King, are profusely displayed.

Within the last four years the oak screen work in the Spring Chapel and the "Parclose" has been restored by the Irish descendants of "the Rich Clothier" while the Oxford Parclose has been similarly dealt with by the Rector of the parish, who has collected and spent over £2,500 on the church, thus exhausting all local resources. Early in the present year one of the bells fell, and when it was being rehung so that the peal might be rung for the Coronation it was discovered that all the others were in need of attention. The tenor is one of the chief glories of the famous church; its "birthday" on June 21st is always celebrated by the ringing of the whole peal. It is hoped that money will be forthcoming in order to put these celebrated bells again into proper ringing order.

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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. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral from 3.30 to 5 o'clock for evening service, and St. Magnus, London Bridge, from 4 to 6 p.m. Practices: St. Magnus, Nov. 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.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary 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.—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 friends cordially invited. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Boleover on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church on Saturday, November 11th, at 6 o'clock.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, November 11th. Tea 4 p.m., meeting and service following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.—A. H. Davies, Honorary Secretary

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock; service 5.30; tea and meeting at Church Cottage 6.15.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Rivington), at Putney, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 8d. each in the Mission House at 6.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, November 18th. Bells at 4. Short service at 5.30. Tea in the Church House 6 o'clock; 6d. each members, 1s. 6d. others. All who wish for tea kindly notify me not later than first post 15th inst. By so doing they will greatly assist in the arrangements.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James's Society, established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

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