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MODERN WORK.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

Our article last week upon the subject of Sunday service ringing has brought forth a letter which we have no doubt a large number of ringers will read with interest and with which, doubtless, many will agree. The writer suggests that, just as peal ringing is to receive encouragement by the handsome cup given by Messrs. Warner and Sons, there should also be something done by the various associations to encourage service ringing. We incline to the view that the spirit of duty and privilege should be a sufficient incentive to regular ringing for the Sunday services. The very *raison d'être* of the ringer's office is that the bells may be properly used to summon worshippers to church and to inform all who hear them of the fact that service is about to be held. The importance of the ringer's duty, which is, we are glad to say, being increasingly appreciated, should be an ample stimulus to any band who follows the Art, not only for the Art's sake, but with a full sense of the responsibilities of the office they occupy.

At the same time there can be no reason why the voluntary and regularly-performed duties of a band should not be recognised, for recognition of one's efforts does sometimes add just that extra bit of stimulus required to keep a man up to a standard. This idea of encouraging Sunday ringing is not new. It has been carried out for some ten years in the Durham and Newcastle Association, and, we believe, the Middlesex Association are now considering something on the same lines. The scheme adopted in the northern dioceses, is that each belfry keeps a record, on printed forms supplied by the Association, of all touches rung for morning and evening Sunday services, and points are allotted for these touches upon a properly prepared scale. The maximum number of changes that count for any one service is 1,088, and the minimum number 360 on five or six bells and 300 on eight or ten bells. In ringing on seven or more bells only the last touch brought round before service counts. If a breakdown occurs all ringing that precedes the breakdown, whether a complete touch or not, is reckoned as lost. A value in points per 1,000 changes is allotted to each method, and the points scored by each belfry is calculated by referees. Certificates are awarded annually to the three leading belfries, to be held for the ensuing twelve months, and a certificate becomes the property of the belfry which wins it three times in succession or three times in five years. There can be no doubt that this scheme encourages the regular practice of change ringing for services, and last year no fewer than 21 out of 34 companies in the Durham and Newcastle Association made returns. An extension of the idea among other similar organisations might have equally satisfactory results.

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford,
February 19th, 1912.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5903 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

EDWIN WOOD Treble	JAMES HOPKIN 6
JOHN JENNINGS 2	JOHN CORRIGAN 7
JAMES JONES 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4	MORRIS J. MORRIS 9
WILLIAM H. JONES 5	CHARLES ALLEN Tenor

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

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the
ringer of the tenor.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Monday, July 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

FRED G. MAY Treble	FREDERICK W. WADE 6
FRANCIS S. WILSON 2	HENRY HOWELL 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8
ALBERT STOWELL 4	ISAAC LONG 9
WILLIAM WHITE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The peal was arranged for Mr. Wilson, of Ludlow, whose first peal
of Stedman Caters it was.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LANCELOT Treble	CHARLES SEDDON 5
ARTHUR RIDYARD 2	DAN HOWARD 6
THOMAS LINGARD 3	THOMAS HOWARD 7
ALBERT WALLWORK 4	JOHN EDGE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HOWARD.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Mr. James Wilson
Drew, who for many years was ringer and sidesman at the church.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	GEORGE ROBERTS 5
GEORGE PARSONS 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
CHARLES WALTHAM 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
JOHN JENNINGS 4	JAMES REYNOLDS Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Quickest peal on the bells, and rung as a compliment to Mr. and
Mrs. Bloore on the anniversary of their wedding.

WEDNESBURY.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE PEATE Treble	ALFRED PLANT 5
EDGAR MARLOW 2	THOMAS HILL 6
CHARLES TYLER 3	EDWIN J. TYLER 7
BERT HORTON 4	AMOS COOPER Tenor

Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 3, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DAVIS Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
FREDERICK G. PERRIN ... 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
HAROLD BURTON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs., in A flat.

CLEMENT J. MORE Treble	THOMAS FORD, JUNR. ... 5
REV. WM. C. PEARSON ... 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
CHARLES MILLS 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
WILLIAM ROSE 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
ALFRED FUNNELL 2	ALBERT G. WARNES 6
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 7
EDWIN WHITING 4	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by FREDERICK R. BORRETT.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank
the Rector, the Rev. Canon A. C. W. Upcher, for the use of the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*STANLEY H. COOPER ... Treble	†WILLIAM J. KEMP 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	JAMES PARKER 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4	GEORGE A. CARD Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

RICHARD LANE Treble	ERNEST ABBATT 5
*ERNEST LESLIE 2	JOHN OLDHAM 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	EDWARD READER 7
WILLIAM SMITH 4	WILLIAM THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

GEORGE DURLING Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells. Mr. A. W. Grimes' 150th peal, and the conductor's 50th peal in the method.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM ORSLER Treble	JOHN C. SELF 5
E. HOBART SMITH 2	HENRY F. COOPER 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Arranged for Mr. H. F. Cooper, who hails from Chelmsford.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

SIDNEY MACEY Treble	JOHN S. RUMMING 5
HARRY E. MARSH 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
*ALBERT HARMAN 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
LIONEL H. PAGE 4	LEONARD HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Sippetts and Harman, for whom this peal was arranged, were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	*REUBEN SANDERS 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

PENSHURST, KENT.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble	EDWARD F. COLE 5
MISS E. K. PARKER 2	GEORGE A. CARD 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JAMES PARKER 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	GEORGE PAIGE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S IRREGULAR SIX-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN R. MOGER Treble	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 5
FRANK R. CUNDALE ... 2	JOSHUA WOODHEAD ... 6
GEORGE A. JOWETT ... 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 7
JAMES R. KEMP 4	RICHARD H. HOWLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Walter John Smith to the living of Holbeck, and also as a wedding compliment to Miss J. Boshell and Mr. S. Padgett, who were married at the above church on the same day.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE USHER Treble	HARRY DAWSON 5
JAMES TARBUN 2	†ALFRED TARBUN, Junr. ... 6
ARTHUR SPELLER 3	ARTHUR EDWARDS 7
ARTHUR HEAD 4	ALFRED TARBUN, Senr. ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung as a welcome home to the Rector (the Rev. Thurlow) and his warden (Mr. Gepp), who have been taking a holiday in Germany to recuperate their health.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Grandsire Minor, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F sharp.

JOHN AVIS Treble	RICHARD SMITH 4
JOHN BURLES 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
GUY R. AMBROSE 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal on the bells. This peal was arranged for seven methods, but one of the band was unable to attend, R. Smith filling the vacancy. The band wish to thank the Rev. Owen for the use of the bells.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, July 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HENRY WALKER Treble	REV. E. V. COX 4
*CHARLES A. WAKELIN ... 2	ALBERT H. HARBER ... 5
*W. HENRY PICKETT ... 3	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal. Rev. E. V. Cox's 100th peal.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs.

ROBERT BLACK Treble	G. HENRY PATRICK ... 3
CHARLES COOPER 2	MATTHIAS HOBBS 4
EDGAR READ 3	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*WILLIAM STOCK Treble	GEORGE LINES 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	CHARLES A. ROBINSON 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods. It was also the 50th peal by H. W. Gayton. Mr. G. Lines was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford, Plain. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*REX T. BUSWELL Treble	WALTER T. WILSON 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	ARCHIE HENMAN 5
GEORGE LINES 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal containing Treble Bob methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

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

On Friday, June 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by W. HARRISON, and

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire: J. SPARROW.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

JAMES HUNT 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5-6
MAURICE SMITHER ... 3-4	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1912, in Four Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 8099 CHANGES;

Size II, in G.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8

FRANK BENNETT ... 9-10

Composed by the late JOHN NELMS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: F. G. WOODISS.

This is the longest length in the method rung in hand and the longest peal in which a lady has taken part.

The peal of Treble Bob at St. Helen's, Worcester, should have been published as 5088, and the ringer of the 3rd was George Hinton, Junr.

In the peal rung at Bampton, on June 29th, the ringer of the 7th bell should have been J. Lardner, and the weight of tenor 25 cwt., not 26 cwt.

LATE PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUEBROOK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

*JOSEPH TWIST Treble	WILLIAM F. TWIST 5
HENRY FYLES 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS JENNION 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
GEORGE WOODHALL 4	*OSCAR J. WALKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. The above was rung after meeting short for Major. This was the tenor ringer's first attempt for a peal and great credit is due to him for the way in which he rang his bell.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

E. AUSTIN HEAD Treble	ALFRED BOWELL 3
FRECK. C. LAMBERT 2	THOMAS CRANE 4
LIONEL HAMMOND Tenor	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Arranged for Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. Supper was kindly provided for the band, at the close of the peal, by Mr. & Mrs. Head, of the Abbey Farm.

MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY'S FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to my previous letter in your issue of June 28th, as to the false peal of Treble Bob Major, I find it has also been rung by the Yorkshire Association, see Report 1908-9, No. 1832, which I sincerely regret. For safety I shall feel obliged if you will publish this letter and the figures of the false peal, No. 1, and also the true peal marked No. 2. No. 1 will not run true in Treble Bob or Bristol, whereas No. 2 will run true in either method.

No. 1 (false).

23156	M	W.	H.
26354	2		1
65324		2	
26543	2	2	2
23645	2		1
34256	2	2	

No. 2 (true).

23156	M	W.	H.
26354	2		1
23564			2
36524		1	2
23645	2	2	2
24256	2	2	

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A combined practice of the Sonning branch was held on Saturday week, at Binfield, members being present from Huast, Sandhurst, East-hampstead, Wokingham (All Saints'), and the local band. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was also present, and some good touches of Kent, Oxford, College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Forward and Plain Bob were rung. The Vicar kindly supplied refreshments during the evening.

STAMFORD HILL.—On June 2nd, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Keay 1, T. Ringrose 2, T. Shearman 3, T. Scarlett 4, F. Gerkin 5, H. Stubbs 6. Also 360 of Bob Minor.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

SPLENDID PROGRESS RECORDED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. PROTEST AGAINST WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

The annual dinner and meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Yeovil on Saturday week. The dinner took place at the Half Moon Hotel, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding, supported by the Rev. H. C. Sydenham, Vicar of Yeovil, the Rev. J. H. Burn, Merriott; the Rev. Llewellyn Edwards, Kingston Magna; Messrs. W. W. Hughes D'Aeth, Templecombe; Arthur Hughes, London; and others. About 20 towers were represented by some 70 members. After dinner, the loyal toasts were given from the chair, and "The Church" was proposed by Mr. T. Doble (Taunton), who laid great stress on the critical time the Welsh Church was passing through. He hoped all churchmen and churchwomen would make their voice heard against the very unjust Bill which was at present before Parliament.—Mr. Prescott seconded, and the Revs. H. C. Sydenham and C. C. Parker responded.—Mr. Prescott proposed "Other Ringing Associations," and to this the Rev. J. H. Burn and Mr. Arthur Hughes responded.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Master moved the following resolution: "That this meeting records its strong protest against the Government's proposal to dismember the Church, by cutting off from the province of Canterbury the four Welsh Dioceses, and to divert to secular uses endowments given for, and devoted to, the service of God, and urges on all Christian people, irrespective of political party, to unite in uncompromising resistance to the Bill which embodies these proposals." The motion was carried unanimously, the secretary being instructed to send a copy to the Prime Minister, Mr. Bonar Law, and the Somerset members of Parliament.

ASSOCIATION'S RAPID GROWTH.

The Master read his report, in which he said he was glad to be able to state that the progress of the Association had been steady and continuous. They were now a large body of Churchmen whose influence, he thought, ought to be felt beyond the range of the ordinary affairs of the Association, and to extend to the interests of the Church at large. A total of 40 peals had been rung during the year. They had added 12 honorary and over 100 performing members, and during the year 17 new towers had become affiliated. The increase in towers and members reflected great credit on the work of the local secretaries, whose efforts on behalf of the Association deserved their warmest thanks.

The balance sheet showed a net profit on the year's working of £6 1s. 11d., the receipts being £56 7s. 4d., and the expenditure £50 5s. 5d.—The balance sheet was adopted, and an honorarium of £10 10s. was voted to the secretary, on the proposition of Mr. Taylor (Ilminster), seconded by Mr. Speed (Midsomer Norton).

The vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition (subject to his consent) of the Dean of Wells. — The Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) was re-elected with acclamation.—Mr. Parker, in returning thanks, remarked that he was pleased to say he had been able to attend the whole of the Association meetings during the past year, and would do his best for the Association during the coming year.—Mr. E. E. Burgess was re-elected secretary, and briefly replied.—The Rev. A. J. Hook was re-elected auditor, with thanks for his past services.

Two honorary and 30 performing members were elected, bringing the total membership to over 1,400.—Midsomer Norton was chosen for the next meeting.

Heartly votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. H. C. Sydenham for the use of the bells at Yeovil, and for arranging the service; to the Rev. E. Powell, East Coker, and the Rev. R. L. Cotter, West Coker, for the use of their bells.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

The service was afterwards held in the parish church, the Vicar officiating, and giving an excellent address.—A move was then made to the tower, where a tablet, containing the record of the performance and the names of the members who rang a peal of Stedman Caters on the bells a few months ago, was unveiled by the Rev. H. C. Sydenham, with a few well-chosen remarks.—Mr. Burge, of St. Mary's, Taunton (the members of which tower rang the peal) thanked the Vicar for unveiling the board.—During the morning and evening, touches of Grand sire and Stedman Triples and Caters and Bob Royal were rung.—Several members also visited East and West Coker in the morning, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly ringing meeting of the West Wales Association was held at Baglan, on Saturday last, when ringers from Swansea, Sketty, Aberavon and Cadoxton, were present. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon. A splendid tea, provided by Miss Llewellyn at Baglan Hall, was much enjoyed, and afterwards the tower was again visited, when Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung, the local lady ringers also ringing 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Miss Llewellyn for the kind way in which she entertained them, and also the Vicar for the use of the bells.

HERE AND THERE.

The ringers of Goole district are doing some excellent work by combined practices. The last one was at Fishlake, where the local men were got through the plain hunting course, and where, it is hoped, the practice of ringing set changes will not again come into being. After tea at the Hare and Hounds, Mr. Ludkin, the instructor, explained the Kent Treble Bob method at some length, the Goole men having taken an improvised blackboard to enable the lesson to be illustrated. Subsequently Kent Minor was rung on the tower bells by some of the visitors, and later on courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells. Among the 30 ringers present were representatives from Goole, Thorne, Hatfield, Snaith and Fishlake. This kind of "missionary" enterprise is bound to bring its reward.

In order to ring a wedding peal for Mr. F. Bowtell, who was married at Elmdon on the 29th ult., six members of the Ickleton company visited Elmdon, but the peal came to grief. As the bells are not in first-class order, only 720 Bob Minor was afterwards rung: A. Carder 1, H. Carder 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, E. Webb 4, J. Webb 5, A. Lilley 6.

The bells of Ardingly, Sussex, have recently been augmented to six, by the addition of a treble. The first 720's of Treble Bob on the bells were rung on Saturday week by: F. W. Rice, A. Ellis, O. Sippetts, J. Rice, A. Mitchell, G. Ilman and A. Harman, the methods being London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. The conducting was shared by the four first-named ringers.

The third cycle run of the season, in connection with the Society of the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held last Saturday, when the village of Pittingham was visited. There is a nice ring of eight bells in good going order. About a dozen ringers took part in the ringing, which included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, the following towers being represented: Bloxwich, Rushall, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton (2), and Wombourne. The next run will take place on Saturday, August 17th, notice of which will appear in "The Ringing World."

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch of the Lancs Association was held at Newhey, on Saturday, about twenty members being present from Rochdale, Bolderstone, Walsden, Todmorden Parish, Todmorden Unitarian, Milnrow, Middleton, Moorside, Oldham Parish, etc.—Mr. W. Crabtree presided, and Middleton was selected for the next meeting.—The usual votes of thanks were accorded, and afterwards the bells were kept going in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

Ringers spending a holiday in Portsmouth can be accommodated with a pull at Portsea Parish Church. Ringing on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; practice on Tuesdays at 8 p.m., or at any time to suit visitors' convenience by sending to E. J. Harding, 76, Carnarvon Road, Buckland, Portsmouth.

"Kington Magna, Dorset.—On Saturday, 6th July, at the Rectory, on handbells, 120 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ralph 1—2, Rev. F. L. Edwards 3—4, B. Road (conductor) 5—6. This is the first six-score yet rung in the parish, and is believed to be the first ever rung double-handed in North Dorset."

Thus runs a report sent us for publication. As a rule a six-score of Grandsire Doubles is not much to talk about, but in this case it is noteworthy, for it shows the introduction of change ringing into a part of the country where, to all intents and purposes, it is a new thing. Some twenty years ago, the brothers D'Aeth taught a local band to ring Bob Doubles. That was, we believe, the first effort at change ringing in the country. When, however, the band lost one or two members, change ringing disappeared for many years, until the two gentlemen named began teaching their men Grandsire a year or two ago. Meanwhile, a few other Dorset towers have taken up change ringing, but ringing on handbells, double-handed, is still quite a novelty. It is noteworthy that the beginning recorded above, has been made in a village with four bells and a population of less than 400.

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RINGING FOR CHURCH SERVICES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read with interest the discussions at the Central Council meeting, also your excellent article on the above subject, I trust you will kindly allow me a little space to give my own opinions. Recently, Messrs. Warner and Sons offered a magnificent cup, to be won by the Association scoring the most peal points. If this will encourage peal-ringing, why not encourage service ringing in the same way. Every ringer or band of ringers would thus have an opportunity of competing, whereas in connection with the Warner trophy, fully half of the ringing fraternity will be outside the competition, and, therefore, will not have any interest in it. I should like to suggest that each Association should honour, in some way or another, the band which could make the best returns for the year of service touches. Church service ringing must be our first object, and, therefore, ought to be encouraged first and foremost.

Goole.

H. LUDKIN.

FINCHLEY BELLS REDEDICATED.

The peal of six at St. Mary's, Finchley, tenor 9 cwt., have been retuned and rehung in new bearings, and the frame strengthened with iron girders. The work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd., and the bells were rededicated on Sunday by the Bishop of Willesden, at a special service in the afternoon. There was a large congregation, and the Middlesex Association was represented by the Master and hon. secretary of the North and East District (Messrs. J. Armstrong and C. T. Coles). The service opened with the special dedication hymn, "Enter with thanksgiving," written by the Rector of Finchley (the Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne). Psalm 121 was chanted, and the lesson was taken from Numbers x. During the singing of the hymn, "We love the place, O God," the choir, clergy and bishop, accompanied by the churchwardens, moved in procession to the belfry, where the Bishop, standing in the midst of the ropes pronounced the dedicatory prayer. Standing then in the doorway of the church he prayed for blessings upon all who rang the bells and all who heard them. While the procession returned to the chancel, the local ringers rang a few rounds on the bells.

The Bishop, in the course of a striking sermon, mentioned that in years gone by ringers had a reputation owing to their behaviour in the belfry, but thanks to the work of the Associations all over England, and in the great Diocese of London, this had all been altered. Proceeding, he drew a lesson from the rehanging of the bells. The bells, he said, had been out of tune. So it was with their lives. They were often out of tune one with another, and often out of tune with God. As the bells were retuned, so could they be retuned. By what process the bells were retuned he did not know, but their lives could be retuned by repentance, by seeking God's grace, through prayer and the Holy Sacrament.

During the hymn, "Angel Voices ever singing," a collection was made towards the restoration fund. The service closed with the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," and the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop.

After the service a substantial tea was partaken of at the Institute, day, a 720 Bob Minor was brought round in 24 minutes by: G. Webb, W. H. Tubb, F. S. Tubb, W. Webb, C. T. Coles, J. Armstrong (conductor).

A meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild has been arranged at the tower for July 27th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

One of the most pleasant and successful meetings of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association took place on Saturday week at Avening. Twenty-four ringers were present from Bisley, Minchinhampton, Avening, Painswick, Stroud, Horsley, Stonehouse, Tetbury and Coaley. During the afternoon some good ringing took place, including a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor. A special service was held in the church, which was well attended, the Rector, the Rev. E. W. Edwards, preaching an excellent sermon.

After the service a substantial tea was partaken of at the Institute, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, the Rector and Mr. Rowlands being present. A business meeting followed, at which the Rev. Edwards presided, and an interesting discussion took place on "How to make the Association more effective." Two new members were elected, and Painswick was chosen for the July meeting.

Mr. W. Hale proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness, and also to the organist and the local ringers, and all who had helped to make that meeting so successful.—Mr. H. Smith seconded.—The Rector and Mr. Rowlands responded, and expressed their pleasure at being able to welcome the Ringers' Association to Avening.

Three courses of Grandsire Triples were then rung on the local company's new peal of handbells. The five old church was again visited, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung, all enjoying the excellent "go" of the bells, and appreciating the hearty welcome they received at Avening.

KENT ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT VISIT HISTORIC CHURCHES.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester district was held on Saturday week at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppy, but was rather poorly attended, the towers represented being Tunstall, Queenboro', Boxley, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, and Sheerness. The lack of interest of the local ringers is regrettable, as not one turned up, the two members of the band who belong to the Association being away on business. The bells are a good ring of six, tenor 12½ cwt., in G, and have been recently rehung in a new frame, with new fittings; until last year there was only five. During the day 720 of Kent Treble Bob and touches in other methods of Minor and Doubles were rung. The tower has a little romance attached to it, in that it was built by Delamark Banks, Esq., of the stone from the old London Bridge, which, built in 1176, was taken down in 1832. The business meeting was held in the tower, when one new member was elected, and St. George's, Gravesend, selected for the annual district meeting. On the return journey five members visited Minster Abbey Church, and rang Grandsire Doubles on the five bells there; these sadly need repairing. The old Abbey Church has the honour of being the oldest Christian Church. It was founded and built by Queen Sexburga in the year A.D. 664 (St. Martin's, at Canterbury, is older, of course, but was originally a Pagan Temple). Few vestiges of the original building remain, but there are the Saxon walls and partial remains of the windows.

BOXLEY BELLS.

The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone district was held at Boxley on Saturday, when 45 members of the Maidstone and Rochester districts accepted the kind invitation of the Rev. J. R. Hale. The Association's form of service was used for the first time in the district, and was conducted by the Vicar, who afterwards invited the ringers, together with the Vicars of Bearsted and Leeds, to tea on the Vicarage lawn, where a splendid spread was awaiting them.—After tea, the Rev. H. R. Hughes paid a warm tribute to Mr. Hale for the pleasant way he had entertained them.—In replying, the Vicar spoke of the pleasure it had given him to have them at Boxley. After that night, he added, the belfry would be closed, as the bells were going to be rehung. He gave them all a hearty welcome to the opening ceremony when the work was finished.—This suggestion met with the approval of all the members, who thought it would be a splendid opportunity for some kind donor to add the two trebles, which would put the finishing touch to an already beautiful peal of bells—one of the finest in Kent.

Two new members for Boxley were admitted into the Association.—It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at Wrotham, on Saturday, October 12th.—Mr. S. Hayzelden, of East Farleigh, in a witty speech, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for the charming way they had looked after the wants of the company.—The Vicar replied on behalf of the ladies, and invited the visitors to look over his gardens.—A touch of Grandsire on the handbells brought the proceedings to a close, and the ringers then made their way back to the tower, where some good striking was heard. A 720 of Plain Bob was rung at 8.30 p.m., being the last on the bells in their present condition.

NORTHAMPTON RINGER GOES TO AUSTRALIA.

INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

After 25 years as sexton of St. Peter's, Northampton, and being for more than 30 years a ringer at that church, Mr. A. G. Smith sailed, with his wife and three sons, on Friday last for Australia on the ss. "Orama." An attempt for a farewell peal of Grandsire Triples was made on the previous Saturday, but it unfortunately came to grief, after an hour's ringing. Afterwards, Mr. Smith was presented by the ringers with an enlarged photograph of themselves, while the wives gave Mrs. Smith a silver jam dish. On the following day, the members of the congregation presented Mr. Smith with an illuminated address and purse of gold. The esteem in which Mr. Smith was held was also manifested in speeches that were made at the annual meeting of the society on Monday week, by Mr. J. Wado (churchwarden), and Messrs. W. Sturgess and G. D. Handscombe, who expressed regret at Mr. Smith's departure, and wished him every success and the best of luck in his new home across the seas. Mr. Smith was for 21 years hon. secretary of the band, and he will be much missed.

The ringers, with their wives and sweethearts, assembled at the railway station on Friday morning at six o'clock, and gave Mr. Smith and his family a hearty send-off. Several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells on the platform, Mr. Smith taking part.

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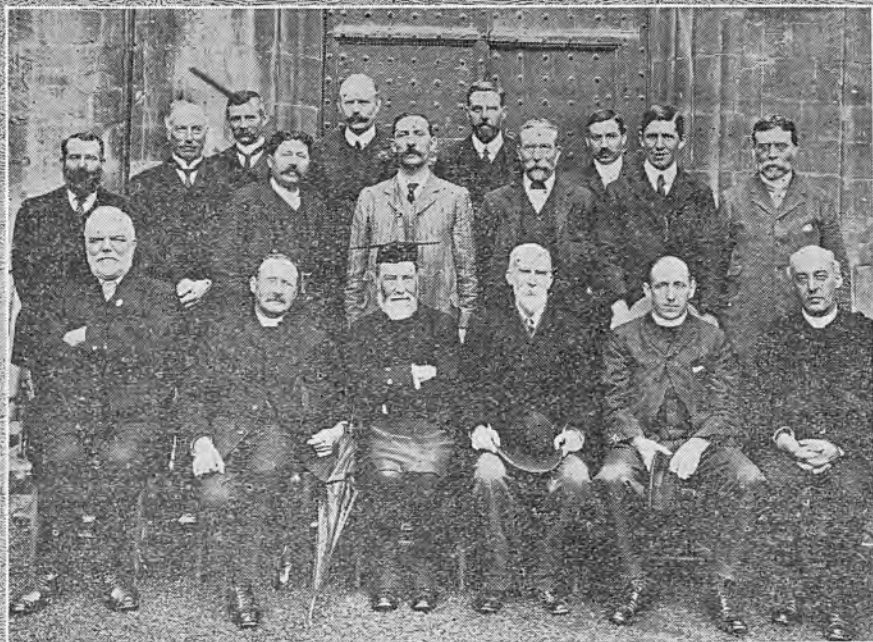
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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.



The upper group is of the Winchester Guild officials, taken by Mr. F. E. Dawe at the annual meeting on Saturday week. Back row (left to right): E. J. Harding (Portsmouth District Representative), J. Hunt (Guildford District Representative), W. Andrews (Winchester District Representative), G. Miles (Yorktown District Representative). Second row: J. W. Whiting (Portsmouth District Secretary), J. W. Elkins (Winchester District Secretary), C. Willshire (Central Council Representative), G. Preston (Christchurch District Secretary), H. White (Auditor), G. B. Edsall (Yorktown District Secretary), J. J. Jones (Guildford District Secretary). Seated: T. W. Fairey (Recorder of Peals), Rev. F. G. Hume (Basingstoke District Secretary), Archdeacon Fearon (Vice-Patron), Mr. J. P. Stilwell, J.P. (President), Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master), Rev. W. E. Colchester (Hon. Treasurer and late Hon. Sec.).

The upper portrait is that of Mr. J. Ellsmore, who has just completed 30 years as a "Cumberland."

The lower group is that of the Kirkheaton Parish Church band, who won the annual six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association at Heptonstall. Standing (left to right): Norman North, Joe Rangely, Joe Bottom. Seated: Harcourt Hanson, Frank Hardy (conductor), Wright Swift.

The lower portrait is that of Mr. George Staddon, the "father" of the Bristol and district ringers. Mr. Staddon, who is 76 years of age, has been verger at St. John's Church for 56 years, and to celebrate his birthday six members of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's ringers rang 720 of Cambridge Surprise: G. Naylor 1, R. J. Wilkins 2, J. Burford 3, C. H. Horton 4, W. Knight 5, W. A. Cave (conductor) 6. A six-score of Grandsire Doubles was also rung, in which Mr. Staddon rang the treble. The photograph is by Mr. C. H. Horton.

THIRTY YEARS A "CUMBERLAND."

REMINISCENCES OF MR. MATTHEW ELLSMORE.

An interesting ringing career has been that of Mr. Matthew Ellsmore, of Winchester, who on Sunday completed thirty years' membership of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and whose photograph appears on page 25. Born at Edmonton, Middlesex, in 1850, Mr. Ellsmore has always leaned to the Church, and been interested in bells and organs. At the age of 15 years he commenced going to Tottenham belfry to chime for service, and learnt to master a bell by "tolling in." At that time he had a mate, named Harry Barnett, whom he induced to go to the belfry. Mr. Barnett became a well-known ringer, and he and Mr. Ellsmore took part in the first peal on Tottenham bells, when, in 1882, they were augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles, given by the parishioners as a mark of esteem to the then Vicar. Mr. Ellsmore has met and rung with all classes, and in his younger days travelled miles for his favourite pastime. On one occasion he covered 40 miles on foot—and felt none the worse for it. He has rung in 142 different towers (including all the twelve-bell towers in London), and visited over 400 churches. He recalls with a jest an uncomfortable experience he once had. It was in 1886, and while walking from Hertford to Bishops Stortford (fourteen miles) for a peal, was suddenly brought to a halt in a country lane by a bull. There happened to be no one else near, so Mr. Ellsmore had a warm 20 minutes trying to elude the bull, which was eventually driven off by a keeper who came up. What with the hurry necessary to get to the church in time, and the "hunting" (by the bull) and the "dodging" and "place-making" (by Ellsmore), it was hard work to ring the peal, which was 6384 Grandsire Major, rung in 4 hrs. 12 mins. Mr. Ellsmore owns that his back began to bend in the last thousand.

Mr. Ellsmore went to Bishops Stortford on another occasion, for a peal of Grandsire Caters, in the month of November, and started for the peal about three o'clock in the afternoon, having forgotten to "light up." When darkness came on, it came with "a rush" disheartening. However, the ringers were all determined to stick to it, and, by so doing, got the peal in 3 hrs. 29 mins.; but, for the last three-quarters of an hour they rang in total darkness, nothing being visible but the white shirt-sleeves going up and down. He rang in a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's, St. Albans, to celebrate J. R. Haworth's fiftieth year as a member of the College Youths, Mr. Haworth ringing the treble. This was a Hertfordshire Association peal. On this occasion the tenth man was nearly forty minutes late, to the great annoyance of the other nine. Mr. Stephen Knight and Mr. Ellsmore were the only two from Hertford: yet, although they knew the last train left St. Albans for Hertford before they could finish the peal, if successful, they set to work to have the peal, lost the train, and got home between two and three o'clock in the morning (Sunday), after a twelve-miles walk in the fog. What went ringers go through for a peal?

He called Holt's Original so far back as 1889, and, in this peal, the late Canon Wigram, by some means, sprained a wrist. Mr. Ellsmore used to do a lot of six-bell ringing in a great variety of methods. He has rung with a large number of clergy, and often with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, with whom he rang in sixteen peals, two in one day (Stedman and Double Norwich), and five in a week. Among other clergymen he has rung with may be mentioned the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, H. A. Cockey, C. D. P. Davies, the late Canon Wigram, F. J. O. Helmore, C. W. O. Jenkyn, T. L. Papillon, W. E. Colchester, C. W. Scott, M. H. Pimm, J. F. Hastings, C. Buston, H. W. Parker, J. R. Keble, W. R. H. Arundell, T. Urmsen, J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell, C. E. Matthews, W. S. Willett, E. W. Carpenter, and the brothers H. L. and E. B. James.

Among the luty with whom Mr. Ellsmore has rung are such names as Squire Proctor and his fine band of Bennington ringers, namely, Warner, Kitchener, Chapman, Shambrook, Hobbs, and last, but not least, Sam Page. It was with this band, and at Bennington Church, that Mr. Ellsmore learned to ring Surprise. Other old names with whom he has been associated are: Haley, Cox, Wood, Pettit, Muskett, Mash, and Jemmy Dwight.

Mr. Ellsmore's family numbers eleven children, six girls and five boys; and he has had the pleasure "many a time and oft" of sitting in church and hearing his boys, clad in cassocks and surplices, sing—

"Where'er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell,
May Jesus Christ be praised."

Mr. Ellsmore is now in his 63rd year, and, though he does not take so active a part in the belfry as he used to do, yet he is as keen as ever in listening to a bit of good striking. His peals have been as follow:—

Grandsire Triples	31
Grandsire Major	1
Grandsire Caters	4
Bob Major	6
Kent Treble Bob Major	5
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1
Stedman Triples	14
Stedman Caters	3

Double Norwich Major	2
Superlative Surprise Major	2
Cambridge Surprise Major	1
In seven different methods on six bells	2
Total	72

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Another attempt is to be made for the ladies' peal, and the band will meet at Cubitt Town on Saturday, July 20th, starting about 3 p.m.

Mr. F. Blood writes: With reference to the letter from the Rev. A. T. Beeston respecting the Fourth's Place Delight Method, No. 12, I wish to inform him that this has already been rung, and named Wragby Delight by the Yorkshire company of that place.

For the proposed new tower and spire for St. Mary's Church, Southampton (long associated with the name of Wilberforce) £2,562 has now been raised, exclusive of the £1,000 promised for a peal of bells.

Congratulations to the band that on Sunday scored the 8099 Grandsire Caters on handbells, and particularly to Miss Elsie Bennett, who rang 1-2. Miss Bennett is making a splendid record in handbell ringing, and this latest achievement is a capital performance. The peal is the longest length in the method rung on handbells.

The following interesting record is from a manuscript by the late Mr. T. Post (the tenor man in the peal) and now in possession of his son: "On Monday, May 4th, 1846, a select band of the undermentioned ringers in this tower rang a true and complete peal of Bob Major, consisting of 13,440 changes, being 120 courses, the extent with the tenors together, and obtained by the first effort, and at the time the greatest number of changes ever rung in the county by one set of men; conducted by J. Friend, and accomplished in seven hours and fifty-five minutes. The performers were on the occasion: C. Fowler treble, H. Down 2nd, J. Harrison 3rd, J. Stokes 4th, J. Chappel 5th, J. Friend 6th, E. Hyder 7th, J. Post tenor. At the Parish Church, Hythe, Kent." There is a peal board in the tower recording the performance.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Post was the youngest of the band, but he lived the longest, and died at the ripe age of 87. Our correspondent (Mr. A. Pye) says he understands that all the others exceeded the allotted span of three score and ten years. A band of the College Youths, who occasionally visited Hythe at that time, wanted Mr. Post to go to live in London, offering to find him employment, but no inducement could persuade him to leave the green fields of his native county for the bricks and mortar of the metropolis.

The new work done in the tower of Sonning, Berks, will be dedicated on Sunday, July 14th, at morning prayer at 11 a.m. On the following day (July 15th) the tower will be open for ringing from 7 till 9 p.m. The Vicar kindly offers light refreshments on Monday evening to ringers who attend.

All Saints' Church, Waldron, Sussex.



New Peal of Eight. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

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LINCOLN GUILD MEETINGS.

An excellent meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at Colsterworth on Saturday, when upwards of 25 members were present, including the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, President of the branch; the Rev. H. L. James (Master of the Guild), Vicar of Surfleet; and the Rev. C. J. Sturton, of Orston Notts. The bells, a musical ring of six, recently overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were kept going all through the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman, and a well-struck 720 of Cambridge Surprise, conducted by the Master.—A special service was held in the afternoon, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Mahon), who gave a most inspiring address. After an excellent tea at the George Inn, provided by Hostess Rippin, the usual business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. Several new members were added, the Vicar of Colsterworth becoming an honorary member.—It was decided that the next meeting be held at Falkingham and Billingboro', about the middle of October.—The Guild wish to thank the Rev. G. Mahon for granting the use of the bells, and for the very hearty reception given to every member.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Grimsby district was held at Ulceby, on Saturday, under the presidency of the Vicar (the Rev. H. Mowson). Although only a five-bell tower, it was pleasing to see a good number turn up, about 24 members sitting down to the tea, which preceded the meeting. Ringers were present from Grimsby, Barrow, Thornton Curtis, and Waltham, together with the local men.—Five new ringing members were elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Ulceby for the use of the bells, etc., and to the Rev. MacDougal, Vicar of Bonby, for the interesting address he had given at the service.—The Vicar, responding, said he hoped that at Ulceby they would not be long before they followed their neighbours at Thornton Curtis, and increased the number of their bells from five to six. A fund had already been opened for the purpose. In concluding, he welcomed the ringers to the village.—The members were then photographed, and afterwards adjourned to the tower, where several 120's of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles were rung, and touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples on handbells brought round.

"MISSIONARY" WORK IN ESSEX.

With the object of extending the art, meetings are being arranged in various country districts in Essex by the County Association. The first of the kind included visits to Fryerning and Shenfield. The party were entertained to tea by the Rector of Shenfield (the Rev. G. N. Gresley), a party of 32 sitting down to a bountiful repast served on the lawn. In addition to the Rector and churchwardens, there were also present: Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), Mr. Edwards (Boreham), District Master; Mr. H. F. Cooper (district secretary), Messrs. Elliott and Beckwith (Coggeshall), Black (Wanstead), Lincoln (Writtle), Green (Fryerning), etc.—At the close, Mr. Howard explained that the meeting was the outcome of a suggestion that the Association should hold meetings for the purpose of spreading the Art, and that meeting was the most successful they had had.

For a great many years they had been making an attack on Brentwood and district, but did not seem to make much headway. They seemed now, however, to be on the road to improvement. He was pleased to find that already change ringing had got quite established among the local ringers, and he hoped that Shenfield would take the place Brentwood ought to occupy as the centre of the district. He thanked the Rector for the kind way in which he had received them, and felt sure the Shenfield ringers had at their head a man who would do all in his power to help them.—The Rev. G. N. Gresley replied that he was very pleased to welcome the Association. As they perhaps knew, the ringers at Shenfield had had a fillip given to their ringing, by having the peal brought up to six bells. It was due to the energy of Mr. H. P. Landon, the churchwarden, that the addition had been carried out, but credit was due to another gentleman who had provided the money for the bell. It was a beautiful peal of bells, and the more he heard them the more pleased he was with them. The additional bell had stimulated the ringers to do their best. They must remember that ringing the people to church was a part of a work for God, but the ringers must not forget to come in too.—Mr. H. P. Landon also briefly spoke.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kindness, and he (Mr. Landon) and Mr. J. Turner were enrolled as honorary members of the Association.—New ringing members were enrolled as follows: Messrs. H. Oliver, P. Hasler, A. Brackley, F. Stanley (all of Shenfield), and W. D. Leggatt, A. Boote (Fryerning), Messrs. C. Brackley, A. Monk and A. Hurrell, were elected as probationers.—A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by Messrs. Richell, Kirton, Edwards and Lincoln. Miss C. Playle, of Dagenham, the only lady member of the Association, was present with her father, and took the treble, many members grasping the opportunity of ringing for the first time with a lady. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung, while some of the party visited Hutton, where Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles were rung on this peal of five.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held on Saturday, at Bolsover, in ideal weather. About 35 members were present, the towers represented being Beighton, Chesterfield, Derby, Eckington, Killamarsh, Mansfield, Raunmoor, Sheffield, Staveley, Treeton and Worksop. The bells are a beautiful peal of eight, and during the afternoon touches of Plain and Treble Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Yorkshire, Bristol and London Surprise, Cambridge and New Cambridge, were rung on them, the striking on the whole being of a high standard. A pleasant and encouraging feature of the meeting was the attendance of the Minor ringers, who acquitted themselves creditably in the Major methods.

A respected and esteemed member of the Society, in the person of Mr. W. Gosling, had made the journey from Mansfield to be present, and, despite his 85 years, took part in a touch of Stedman Triples, enthusiastic as ever. An invitation from the Vicar to have tea was an agreeable surprise, and needless to say, the "cup that cheers" proved very refreshing, the members sitting down to a substantial repast in the Vicarage.

The business meeting was held in the belfry during an interval in the ringing, Mr. J. P. Tarlton occupying the chair. Fifteen new members were elected—a very encouraging sign, and one that proves the popularity of these monthly meetings, which afford the younger and inexperienced members an opportunity of climbing the campanological ladder.—The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea, and for granting the use of the bells on this and former occasions, and to the local company for making all arrangements for the comfort of the visitors, were accorded.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday.—The chair was occupied by the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett (Rector of Beechingstoke), supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West (of Devizes), the hon branch secretary.—Ringing members were present from Trowbridge, Steeple Ashton, Bradford, Southbroom, Westbury, Bath, Devizes, Poulshot and Beechingstoke. The bells of Holy Trinity Church were kept going in various methods during afternoon and evening. A party of 20 sat down to tea, and afterwards a short business meeting was held, at which Mr. S. Hillier presided, as the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett had to leave early.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Keevil and Steeple Ashton on August 3rd; the following one at Hilperton and Trowbridge on September 7th; and the next quarterly meeting at Melksham on October 5th.—The Captain of the Bradford ringers (Mr. F. J. Moore) applied for the services of the Diocesan Instructor for change ringing, the secretary, Mr. H. B. West, promising to make the necessary arrangements. There would doubtless have been a much larger attendance, but many were prevented from coming owing to hay-making being in full swing.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bradford for the use of the bells brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Biggleswade branch of the Beds Association was held at Pottun on Saturday, when members attended from Sandy and Clifton, together with the local band. The meeting was held in the schoolroom, kindly lent by the Rev. Skillito, who presided, and was elected an honorary member of the Association.—It was decided to hold an annual general meeting of the district at Biggleswade at Christmas to elect officers for the following year. The next monthly meeting will be held at Southill.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman for the use of the bells and room concluded the meeting. Ringing in various methods was indulged in during the day.

WORCESTERSHIRE MEETING AT MARTLEY.

A quarterly meeting of the Western branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Martley on Saturday. About 20 members arrived by cycle and motor bus, passing through a beautifully wooded country, where hay-making was in full swing. The bells of St. Peter's, the parish church, were raised in peal, and set going to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Service was held at 4.30 p.m., and being fully choral, was much appreciated. The Rector, who is also clerical secretary of the Association, gave the history of the bells, which were cast in 1673, and are supposed to be one of the oldest complete rings in existence.—Tea was taken on the Rectory lawn, after which the business meeting was held under a shady tree.—Apologies were read from several members. While everyone was thankful for the glorious weather, it no doubt prevented several members from attending, as they had literally to make hay while the sun shone.

Strensham was selected for the next meeting, the quarterly peal to be attempted at Martley, and to be conducted by Mr. R. G. Knowles.—After a vote of thanks to the Rector, organist, choir and ladies, had been passed, the Rector invited the members to look round the garden, a privilege which was much appreciated.—A move was then made to the church, where Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung. The ringing, however, was cut short by peals of thunder, and, none too soon, tracks were made for home.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday week, the Skipton ringers had their annual outing, and, accompanied by four ringing friends and their wives from the Keighley company, visited the Lake district, Messrs. Cook and Son, the tourist agents, having charge of the arrangements. The party, numbering 22 in all, left Skipton Station by the 7.20 a.m. train for Langwathby. After undergoing the "snapping" process, the party drove to Penrith, where breakfast was waiting at the Crown Hotel. Little time was taken in getting ready for the main objective—Lake Ullswater—and at 12.30 p.m. the excursionists were aboard the steamer at Pooley Bridge. As they steamed along splendid views were obtained of the rugged mountain scenery on either side of the lake, with Hellwellyn the outstanding feature. A two and a half hours' stay in Patterdale enabled the party to see many beauty spots. On the return journey the members of the Barnoldswick Prize Choir (winners in the International contest in Paris recently) delighted their hearers with a few selections. After the drive from Pooley Bridge full justice was done to a very good dinner at the Crown Hotel, Penrith. Permission having been obtained, the members then repaired to the belfry of the Penrith Parish Church, where touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung. Skipton was reached at 11.30 p.m., and the party were unanimous that they had had a most enjoyable day's outing.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Parish Church company held their annual outing on Thursday, June 20th, when Chester was visited. On arrival a capital breakfast was done full justice to at the Bull and Stirrup Hotel, and the party then circled the city walls. Afterwards they were driven round to the most interesting and historic parts of the City, arriving at the Cathedral by twelve o'clock, where the Vicar (the Rev. T. R. Sale, M.A.) having obtained permission for a short time on the bells, the visitors were met by Mr. Sconce, the chief ringer, who put everyone at ease by his kindness and hearty welcome. The bells were set going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and the visit to the belfry was much appreciated.

After dinner the party proceeded by boat to Eccleston for Eaton Hall, the river scenery and Eaton being much admired. After tea a visit was paid to old friends at St. Mary's, Handbridge, Mr. Channel having everything in readiness.—A touch of Stedman Triples was lost, after some good striking, but 504 of Grandsire Triples was brought round. The party wish to give their best thanks to ringing friends, and the Cathedral and Church authorities who so largely contributed to make the outing so enjoyable and the success it was.

In connection with their recent visit to Worksop, the Staveley ringers wish to thank the Vicar of the Priory Church for the use of the bells, and the Worksop ringers for making the necessary arrangements.

HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON.

The ringers of Halesworth and Chediston united for their annual outing on June 24th, and spent a most enjoyable day among the Suffolk towers. Starting from Halesworth at 8.30 a.m. with a pair-horse van, the party, numbering 18, and including the Rector, made their first call at St. Mary's Church, Bungay, where several touches were rung on the eight bells, in some of which the Vicar of St. Mary's and two of the local men took part. They next proceeded to Ditchingham and Woodton (both six bell towers) piloted by Mr. C. Woods, of the former parish, where further touches were rung, and the churches inspected with much interest. Loddon was reached shortly after two o'clock, and here at the Swan Hotel (where Oliver Cromwell once slept) Host Hodges had prepared a most substantial repast. The chair was taken by the President (the Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A.), who, after dinner, gave the usual loyal toasts. These were heartily responded to, and votes of thanks passed to the reverend gentleman, and to those members of the congregation who had so kindly subscribed the necessary funds to enable the outing to be carried through. Thanks were also accorded to the various clergymen who had placed their bells at the disposal of the visitors and last but not least, to the host and hostess for providing such a capital spread. Loddon bells (8) were then rung for an hour, and the party proceeded to the old home of the Rector, Kirby Cane. Touches were rung on the bells (5), and the ancient Norman Church with its interesting memorials to the Berners and Upcher families inspected. After a walk round the Rectory garden, Ellingham was reached just in time to escape a sharp thunderstorm and a drenching rain. Here the Rector, the Rev. Aston, gave the party a cordial welcome, and kindly entertained them to tea. This was much enjoyed, and the bells (5) were afterwards set going in various touches, courses of Grandsire being also rung on the handbells.—A hearty vote of thanks and cheers were accorded to the Rector of Ellingham for his kind hospitality, and the party started on the return journey to Bungay. Here in the evening, more ringing was accomplished with the local company, who were practising. Leaving at 9.45, home was reached shortly after 11 p.m., one and all having spent a most enjoyable day in the country, which is now looking at its best. The ringing during the day included touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor, Plain Bob Major, Minor, Triples and Doubles, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Doubles.

During the day, the business meetings of the two bands were held. In each case the secretary's and treasurer's reports were presented and passed.—Mr. F. C. Lambert was re-elected secretary, and Mr. J. Howard, treasurer of the Halesworth company, and Mr. H. Pratt, secretary of the Chediston band. All were accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for their past services.

BEVERLEY.

The ringers of Beverley Minster had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday week, when Messrs. Taylor's bell foundry at Loughborough was the venue of the annual excursion. The party left Beverley by the 5.20 a.m. train, and on arrival at Loughborough they proceeded to the bell foundry, and had a ring on the foundry peal. After dinner, which was partaken of at the foundry, Miss Taylor rang a few tunes on the carillon, which were greatly enjoyed. The company afterwards indulged in a ring on the bells at the Parish Church, and subsequently left Loughborough at 7 p.m., and arrived at Beverley about midnight.

ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY.

St. Chad's ringers, accompanied by some friends and ringers from St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury spent a very enjoyable day at Blackpool, on the occasion of their annual outing on Saturday. By kind permission of the Rev. Father Moss, they rang three short touches of Grandsire Triples and two courses of Stedman Triples on the bells at the Church of the Sacred Heart, and, to add to their pleasure, they met and rang with ringers from Sheffield, Bolton, and other places, who were attracted by the sound of the bells. The ringers wish to thank, through "The Ringing World," the Rev. Father Moss for granting them the use of the bells, and Mr. Whiteside for arranging for them.

NOISY BELFRIES.

MORE SUGGESTIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to recommend "Tenor" to a recent patent appliance for attaching to the clapper of a bell which would take off all the noisiness he complains of. The above-mentioned arrangement has been in use on a peal of bells at Sedgley (Staffordshire) for some time, and the difference between the bells now and before the appliance was put on is remarkable. The loudness is conspicuous by its absence, and the result gives one the impression of the soft pedals on a piano. I would like to add that there has not been any complaint at Sedgley, which is a small country place, and the bells I am pleased to say are appreciated by the inhabitants. I regret I am unable to tell "Tenor" anything regarding the reduction of weight to the clappers, but should be pleased to put him in communication with the patentee of the above-mentioned appliance who, I might add, is a ringer of long standing.—Yours truly,
"CHANGE RINGER."

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest "Tenor's" letter re noisy bells, and with your permission will give him my experience as to methods of deadening the sound outside. We in Worcester have a church situate in the centre of a thickly populated district, where the tower is rather low, and the noise outside was a perpetual cause (real and otherwise) of annoyance, complaints being very frequent. Eventually the louvres were boarded up to the bottom of arch with closely fitting boards. Since then complaint is very rare. I can assure "Tenor" that the effect is very marked. At another tower, about two miles outside the city, where the bells were very noisy outside and complaints strong, the louvres were felt up as an experiment. The effect was such that nothing else has been done. If the authorities at "Tenor's" church would try the effect of well filling in the louvres, say, with a double row of one inch boards fixed, for preference, two or three inches apart, and made into a complete air-tight box carried right up to spring of arches, or, if the church possesses a spire or lantern tower entirely closing them in, then I think complaints would be rare, at any rate from reasonable people.—Faithfully yours,
W. PAGE.

Dear Sir,—Another very simple and effective remedy for the nuisance referred to by "Tenor" is to nail a broad strip of felt right over the belfry windows inside. I discovered this fact by an accidental circumstance. Standing outside a five-bell tower in Somerset, I was much struck with the exceptionally soft and mellow sound of the bells as heard from the churchyard. Investigation brought to light the fact that strips of felt had been fastened over the openings of the belfry. The actual object in placing them there was to keep out the draught, but incidentally they produced the effect that I had observed. Although the sound is so decidedly softened down in the immediate vicinity of the church, I heard the same bells quite clearly on New Year's night at a distance of six miles.—Yours truly,
Kington Magna Rectory.
F. LI. EDWARDS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—At the residence of Mr. J. Parker, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, on handbells, 518 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Williams 1—2, Miss E. K. Parker 3—4, G. Williams (conductor) 5—6, J. Parker 7—8. Also 336 in same method, J. George ringing 7—8, and conducting

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WILLENHALL.—On Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Peate 1, E. T. Smith 2, E. Marlow 3, C. Wallater (conductor) 4, W. Pardoe 5, F. W. Perrins 6, *C. Beech 7, *J. Adams 8. *First in the method.

EVESHAM.—At the bell tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): R. Young 1, J. Hemming 2, Frank Cook 3, H. Jordan 4, J. T. Dyke 5, H. Middleton 6, F. Jordan 7, H. Phipps 8, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 9, W. Workman 10.—On handbells, a course each of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters.

PRESTBURY.—On Whit-Sunday, 630 and 462 Grandsire Triples, in which the following took part: T. Compton, J. Major, C. Tovey, W. Shercliff, W. Yeend, R. Court, J. Harrison, T. Pendry, A. P. Wakley, J. T. Dyke, the last two named conducting.—On handbells, 720 Bob Minor: A. P. Wakley 1—2, W. Shercliff 3—4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5—6.

TONBRIDGE.—On Whit-Sunday, three quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples were rung, the following taking part: C. Cooke, C. Corke, A. E. Headey, A. Lawrence, G. H. Stonestreet, W. Steed, H. Milner, W. J. Wolfe and S. Corke.

BARMOUTH, NORTH WALES.—Archdeaconry of Stafford Society.—At St. John's Church, on Whit-Monday, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Pagett 1, G. Griffiths 2, W. Peart 3, F. Bendall 4, T. Taylor 5, S. Woodhall 6, A. Mills (conductor) 7, E. Pagett 8.

BURSTOW.—As a welcome to the new Rector, 720 Bob Minor: F. Harman 1, T. W. Bond 2, J. Sherlock 3, G. Illman 4, P. Etheridge 5, F. Sadler (conductor) 6. Also 240 Stedman Doubles.

OLDHAM.—At St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, on Whit-Monday, a date touch of Grandsire Triples: F. Wild 1, J. Ogden 2, F. Chapman 3, Herbert Barlow 4, S. Stott (conductor) 5, L. Hampson 6, C. Platt 7, J. Garlick 8.

SOUTHSTOKE, OXON.—On May 24th, 2520 changes Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 30 mins.: S. Kew 1, J. Smith 2, Miss E. O. Nind 3, W. Geall 4, W. Goodenough 5. Longest length by all, and rung at the first attempt.

LEEDS.—At St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on May 29th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Drake 1, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 2, *F. Hutchinson 3, *D. Poyser 4, W. Child 5, A. E. Sharman 6. *First 720.

HALLOW, WORCESTER.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: C. Bowkett 1, G. Hinton 2, W. Rouse 3, T. Bullock 4, W. Page 5, G. Checketts 6, A. Winterton (conductor) 7, J. Pardoe 8.

BRIDGEND.—On Whit-Sunday, for 7.0 a.m. service, 910 Grandsire Triples: R. Gregory 1, A. J. Staniev 2, T. J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, J. Evans 5, R. James 6, J. Cox 7, J. Fisher 8.—At 11 a.m., 700 Grandsire Triples; at 3 p.m., 504 Grandsire Triples; at 6.30 p.m., 700 Grandsire Triples.—On June 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Gregory 1, R. Bunstone 2, T. J. Evans 3, A. J. Stanley 4, W. Smith 5, R. James 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, B. Toby 8.—For evening service, 700 Grandsire Triples. Also two courses Stedman Triples.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Whit-Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, 1248 Bob Major: F. Forsyth 1, E. Waters 2, F. Phillips 3, T. Green 4, C. Forfitt 5, A. R. Macdonald 6, W. Kerley 7, C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Mary's R.C., a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1344 changes), in 50 mins.: G. O. Dixon 1, G. Lewis (conductor) 2, J. Atkins 3, T. G. Sarel 4, T. O'Hara 5, J. Evinson 6, S. Palmer 7, W. Collier 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Evinson. First quarter-peal in the method in Sheffield.

WARWICK.—On May 28th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: C. Hall 1, W. Lynes 2, A. J. Hobbs 3, T. Male (conductor) 4, H. Fathers 5, T. Harris 6.

HULL.—At All Saints' Church, 433 Grandsire Triples: H. S. Webb 1, H. Jenkins 2, M. Hedges 3, T. Harrison 4, C. Jackson 5, A. B. Cook 6, T. Whitfield 7, J. H. Chamberlain 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On June 2nd, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: G. Wickens 1, J. Town 2, G. Clarke 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, A. Miller (first in the method) 6, W. Smith (composer and conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

EXETER.—At the Cathedral, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 329 Stedman Caters: E. Shepherd (conductor) 1, C. Carter 2, T. G. Bartlett 3, W. Richardson 4, W. Drake 5, C. R. Lilley (Taunton) 6, E. Sargent 7, J. Moss 8, F. Davey 9, W. Acreman and W. Rowden tenor (73 cwt.).

LYMINGTON.—On Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Hughes 1, E. C. Elliott 2, W. Harrison 3, J. E. Egges 4, G. W. Arnold 5, H. F. Elliott 6, J. Edwards (conductor) 7, S. Clarke 8.

CARDIFF.—St. John's Guild.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans), in 45 mins.: *H. Day 1, *W. B. Biss 2, *E. Coles 3, *C. O. Hobbs 4, *S. Dave 5, A. E. Morgan, Newport (conductor) 6, W. Bolton 7, C. Oram 8. *First quarter-peal of Stedman.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Whit-Sunday, two 308's of Grandsire Triples and 784 Bob Major: J. Ballard 1, W. Martin 2, W. Hecton (longest touch) 3, T. Chapman 4, T. Dickens 5, E. Stone 6, J. Clarke, senr. (conductor) 7, J. Clarke, junr., 8.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On Whit-Monday, a course each of Bristol and London Surprise: A. Aldham 1, A. Perkins 2, J. Ward 3, J. Garratt 4, J. Houghton 5, W. German 6, W. Perkins 7, A. Tyler 8. Also two courses of Double Norwich, Mr. Aldham ringing the tenor.

HARBORNE, STAFFS.—On Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: A. Beacham 1, J. W. Tilley 2, G. Hitchman 3, H. Pratt 4, H. Grosvenor 5, A. T. Hyland (conductor) 6, A. J. Cartwright 7, J. Such 8.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—336 Stedman Triples: E. Bartram 1, G. H. Towell 2, J. J. Jackson 3, W. E. White 4, F. C. Towell 5, H. Burbeck 6, R. H. Bartram (conductor) 7, R. W. Baker 8.

WELLINGBOROUGH.—On the King's birthday, 630 Grandsire Triples: W. Wood 1, F. Underwood 2, G. M. Ette 3, W. H. Ette 4, J. Leamark 5, E. West 6, F. Wood (conductor) 7, H. Pettett 8. Also a quarter-peal: W. Wood 1, F. Underwood 2, G. M. Ette 3, W. H. Ette 4, E. West 5, H. Pettett 6, F. Wood (conductor) 7, A. Tomkins (Finedon) 8.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 560 Bob Major: A. Absalom 1, G. Weller 2, G. Walder 3, W. H. Packham 4, T. Gaston 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Vincent 7, W. Walder (conductor) 8. This is the longest length in the method by the local branch, and by all the band.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Monday, June 3rd, at St. Vigar's Church, 720 Bob Minor: A. E. Austin (first 720) 1, E. Webb 2, H. Badoock 3, W. Scoother 4, J. Page 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6.

ERIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Whit-Sunday morning, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, and for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob: R. Summers 1, H. Marklove 2, J. Gwynne 3, E. Summers 4, Walter Poston 5, Will Poston (conductor) 6.

ANSTON, YORKS.—On May 21st, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Platts 1, H. Turner 2, Miss E. Steel 3, R. Smith 4, S. Smith 5, C. Fowler (conductor) 6.—On Whit-Sunday, 720 Cambridge Surprise, and 720 College Pleasure by the same band. On previous dates, 720 Woodbine, 720 College Exercise and 720 Cambridge Surprise.

ROYSTON.—An attempt for a peal of Minor, in seven methods, was lost on May 25th, after 4320 changes: P. Webb 1, E. Bonnett (conductor) 2, W. J. Croft 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. L. Darlow, one of the local ringers, to Miss Garner, of Willingham, Cambs.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On June 1st, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of 723 Stedman Caters: E. Bartram (first touch of Stedman Caters) 1, G. Holmes 2, L. Allen 3, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 4, R. H. Bartram 5, T. L. Allen 6, A. Pettit 7, Jos. Morris 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, June 2nd, at St. John's, Deptford, 1248 Bristol Surprise Major: F. Hairs 1, *G. H. Daynes 2, J. Emery 3, J. A. Trollope 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, W. Hewett 6, A. W. Grimes 7, *W. J. Jeffries 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.—On June 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: G. R. Simmonds 1, T. G. Deal 2, J. Law 3, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 4, A. G. Bennington 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, W. Daynes 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 2nd, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Edgerton (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Jones 2, W. H. Jones 3, J. Hopkins 4, F. Bennett 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, W. Davies 7, C. Allen 8.—On June 9th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, 1277 Grandsire Caters: W. Davies 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, J. Carter 4, H. Jones 5, J. Hopkin 6, W. Saunders 7, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 8, F. Bennett 9, H. Aston 10.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On June 9th, for Matins, 720 changes Double Oxford: T. Parsons 1, T. J. Salter 2, E. Perkins 3, R. Matthews (conductor) 4, W. Bretherton 5, C. F. White 6.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on July 18th at St. John's, Hackney, on the 23rd; at Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgey Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 13th, special service in the Cathedral at 11.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House at 12.20. Dinner in the dining hall at Christ Church at 1.30. Dinner tickets 2s. each.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ashted on Saturday, July 13th. Tower open at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.45. Business meeting after. —Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham on Saturday, July 13th. Tuxford bells will also be at the disposal of ringers during the afternoon.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chidingly (8 bells) on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30, 6d. each to members. —George H. Howse, Honorary Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, 132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

LAVENHAM.—The re-opening of the Church Bells takes place on July 17th. Tower open for ringing, 7 a.m. till 7.15 p.m. Dedication Service 7.30.—A. Symonds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury, July 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. —W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Craston on July 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid in at this meeting. A good attendance is specially requested as business is important.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.; business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited. —Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Tea at the Victoria Restaurant, High Street, at five o'clock. Meeting at Vestry after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 17th inst.—J. Whiting, Divisional Secretary, Fareham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cobham, on Saturday, July 20th, 1912. 3 p.m., bells available (6); 5.15, service at S. Andrew's Church, preacher, the Rev. Canon Leighton Grane, M.A., Vicar; 6, tea at the Running Mare Hotel. Paper by Mr. C. Willshire, "A Journey to Winchester on a Motor Char-a-banc." Canon Grane will be pleased for members and friends to view the Vicarage gardens. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Honorary Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary, Woodford, on Saturday, July 20th. Short service at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Rector of Woodford, followed by tea (free, by kind invitation of the Rector) at 5.30 to members notifying me by July 17th.—H. Rumens, Honorary Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 27th (instead of the 20th). Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar). Tea will be provided at the Vicarage, by the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone for those who send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. Half railway fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne, free to those who notify me by the 24th instant.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at three o'clock. Business meeting 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held same date. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 27th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Vestry. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Baillie, Vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. St. Mary's (10), St. Nicholas (8), All Saints', Emscote (8). Tea (usual charge) at the Globe Hotel after service. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than July 20th.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Perry Barr on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available all afternoon. Tea at the Church Tavern 5.30 p.m., 9d. per head, to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, Assistant Honorary Secretary. N.B.—Will conductors of peals since 1st January, 1912, also oblige?

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