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MESSRS. GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

There were many points of special interest in the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Oxford on Saturday. One of the things that was most manifest was the keen interest taken by the members in the affairs of their organisation and from all the corners of the wide-spread diocese they came to participate in this pleasant reunion. The Guild has always been fortunate in having its concerns well-managed, and the conduct of the actual business meeting was a pattern to some of the other associations. It is often said that parsons are not business men, but this is a description that certainly does not apply to the present Master of the Guild. The Rev. Cyril Jenkyn is no mere figure head, and he handled the meeting as well as he handles a rope—which is saying a good deal. The Oxford Guild was certainly extremely happy in selecting him to follow the late lamented Rev. F. E. Robinson in the chief office. Mr. Jenkyn's whole heart is in the Guild, and he spares himself neither time nor trouble in furthering its objects, and assisting its members in reaching that high ideal which should be the aim of all ringers. Little wonder, therefore, that he was re-elected to the office by acclamation, for no ringing society was ever served by a more devoted officer. One has only to mix with the members to find how much real work he does and how much his efforts are appreciated.

But not only in their Master is the Guild fortunate. Other officers have rendered invaluable service, and it was pleasing to see recognised the long labours of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who during 22 years as honorary secretary did so much to build up the fortunes of the Association. The work so cheerfully and ungrudgingly done must have a lasting effect, and although Mr. Hart-Davis has now sought retirement from the onerous secretarial duties his labours will not be readily forgotten. It is to gentlemen such as the Master and the late Honorary Secretary of the Oxford Guild, that the Exercise owes so much. To the influence of such as these is largely due the uplifting of the status of the ringer, and all the while there are men of this type to shape the destinies of our ringing organisations, there need be no fear of a decline in the position of the Exercise.

Saturday's meeting, also, was memorable for the address of the Bishop of Oxford, who preached the sermon at the festival service. It augurs well for the future of the Exercise when a prelate of the Church gives his assurance that he will do all in his power to ensure the proper recognition of ringers as churchworkers. It is for this end, among other things, that the associations of the country have worked for more than a quarter of a century.

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February 19th, 1912.

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CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A. ... Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
ALBERT D. STONE 2	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
HENRY STALHAM 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
EDMUND H. LINDUP 4	KEITH HART 9
JOHN CAPP 5	JAMES A. HART Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung as a birthday compliment to R. J. Dawe.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	SAMUEL WESLEY 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	*GEORGE CLARK 7
FREDERICK E. SMITH 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS 8
GEORGE DAVIES 4	BART MITCHELL 9
*CHARLES DRAPER 5	FRANK JACOBS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung to commemorate the birthday of Ven. Archdeacon Crosse, Vicar of Chesterfield.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

ALGERNON P. G. STONE ... Treble	GEORGE BULL 5
REGINALD G. STONE 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD 6
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON ... 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
WILLIAM J. SMITH 4	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Rung with the bells half muffled, in affectionate memory of the late George Robinson, for twenty-eight years member of this Society.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs., in E.

JAMES PAGETT Treble	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... 5
CECIL J. BAKER 2	HENRY FLETCHER 6
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON ... 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	JAMES F. GEORGE Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 9), and
Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHRIS STEPHENSON Treble	CHAS. E. WAITE 5
WALTER POPPLEWELL 2	*WILLIE BOOCOCK 6
JOHN B. JACKSON 3	WILLIAM B. SMITH 7
STANLEY WALKER 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS H. GREEN ... Treble	†HARRY O. WHITE 5
ERNEST J. OLIVER 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON 6
*SAMUEL POOLE 3	WALTER MALINS 7
*ARCHIBALD J. ROSS 4	WILLIAM J. TILCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

* First peal. † First in the method on tower bells. The ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 8 belong to the local band, the rest hail from Rugby Rung in honour of Bishop Ingham's visit to Lutterworth.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Jennings. The band wish to thank him for his generous entertainment after the peal.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT JORDAN Treble	CHARLES CAMM 5
FREDK. JORDAN 2	GEORGE DOLPHIN 6
THOMAS SHEPPARD 3	FRANK COOK 7
WILLIAM READ 4	SIDNEY ANNIS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

First peal on the bells since being rehung.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK KING Treble	ALBERT GOULDING 5
OLIVER THOMAS 2	GEORGE CAPEWELL 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	FREDERICK OAKHILL 7
SIDNEY CORNOCK 4	JOHN W. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

Rung on the occasion of the Annual Festival of the Gloucester Union of the C.E.M.S., which was held at Berkeley.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESEMAN 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

GEORGE H. HEAD Treble	ISAAC CREED 5
HENRY J. CREED 2	THOMAS W. CREED 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN 7
ALBERT E. COLES 4	JOSEPH FOWLER Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Major on the bells, also by all except the ringers of treble and 3rd. First peal on eight by T. W. Creed. The band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mrs. Osmand, sister of Messrs. Creed, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to her for her kindness, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lbs., in E.

RICHARD GOODBOURN ... Treble	ALFRED JAMES 5
JACK BURLES 2	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 6
REGINALD BROUGH 3	WILLIAM HEWETT 7
ARTHUR T. VERRALLS ... 4	ISAAC EMERY Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

First peal of Major on the new bells, and the conductor's 150th peal. For calling, see K.C.A. Report, 1905, p. 68.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

WILLIAM A. COOPER ... Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 5
THOMAS HUGHES 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
DANIEL JONES 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the Parish Church Sunday School treat, and is the first peal of Stedman for the newly-constructed Dudley Guild. The above band represents eight church towers in the above Archdeaconry.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER ... Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
CHARLES DICKENS 2	GEORGE PIGOTT 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
JOHN BASS 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This is the first composition in the method ever rung other than C. Middleton's. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Swann, and also as a birthday compliment to the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickens.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HERBERT PAGETT ... Treble	THOMAS TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM PEART 2	REUBEN HALL 6
ARCHIE CADDICK 3	ALBERT MILLS 7
GEORGE GRIFFITHS 4	*THOMAS FIELDHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

* First peal.

WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES WOODCOCK ... Treble	PERCY FORDHAM 5
FREDERICK SALTER 2	SYDNEY ANNISON 6
ALFRED MACRO 3	THOMAS FITZJOHN 7
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 4	CHARLES CARTER Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON, and
Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

EDMONTON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES GEORGE ... Treble	GEORGE A. CARD 5
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	*WILBY J. HAZELL 6
GEORGE RADLEY 3	JAMES PARKER 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS TURNER ... Treble	EDWIN WHITING 5
DAVID COLLINS 2	WALTER LAST 6
ERNEST F. POPPY 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
JAMES BETTS 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Mr. Poppy has now rung peals in this steeple in eight different methods, on eight different bells, those of Major being all different lengths.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK G. BLOW ... Treble	GEORGE H. HOWSE 5
*JOSEPH F. CHATLEY 2	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 6
*CHARLES JEFFS 3	EDWARD WHITBREAD ... 7
†ERNEST RANDALL 4	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD WHITBREAD.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of the following methods—Violet, Woodbine, Rusper, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

W. DENMAN, Junr. Treble	G. LUCAS 4
T. ADAMS 2	J. BOWELL 5
H. TURRELL 3	W. DENMAN, Senr. ... Tenor

Conducted by W. DENMAN, Senr.

Arranged for H. Turrell, the rest of the ringers coming from the neighbouring parish of Shipley.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

* CHARLES HOLFORD Treble	THOMAS EDWIN 4
HARRY COLLEY 2	JAMES HEMMING 5
HUBERT SALISBURY 3	ERNEST GIBBS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

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

WHILTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILFRED SHARPE Treble	JOHN METHERALL 4
BERTIE O. SODEN 2	FRED HOPPER 5
FRED WILFORD 3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

GEORGE FULLER Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL 4
WALTER MARSHALL 2	HARRY PRICE 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	EDWIN LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Price, after being elected a member of the above association. The conductor hails from Horsmonden, the rest belong to the local company.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD Treble	ROBERT E. SPARKES 4
FRED R. SPARKES 2	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS ... 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 3	WILLIAM WOODHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

The above are all members of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows Friendly Society. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th and tenor belong to the "Loyal Glanienig" Lodge, Talgarth, and the ringers of the 2nd and 4th to the "Loyal Prince Llewellyn" Lodge, Builth Wells. The band wishes the Manchester Unity every success. This is the first Oddfellows' peal in Wales, the first peal by the ringer of the tenor, and the conductor's 50th peal.

ROCKLAND ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 21 six-scores of Grandsire and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST FISHER Treble	WILFRID ALLEN 3
WILLIAM ADCOCK 2	EDGAR HUNT 4
HERBERT MASON Tenor	

Conducted by H. MASON.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

EDWIN J. PANNETT Treble	ERNEST E. BISH 4
JAMES PARSONS 2	ROBERT J. DAWE 5
GEORGE PIPER 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells which have recently been augmented in memory of the late Sir William (Justice) Grantham. First peal of Minor by all the band. The conductor was elected a member previous to starting and the peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Dawe.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

42 Six Scores. Tenor 22 cwt., in E flat.

FRANK BUGLER Treble	JOHN ZEALLEY 4
WILLIAM OATES 2	T. HERVEY BEAMS 5
ERNEST POWELL 3	W. S. B. NORTHOVER ... Tenor

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. At the commencement of this peal (6.55 p.m.), the thermometer in the tower registered 72 degrees.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	ERNEST PYE 7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: R. SANDERS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT COMMERCIAL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

MAURICE SMITHER 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5-6
JAMES HUNT 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7-8
FRANK BLONDELL 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to S. Radford. Mr. W. E. Maulden umpired the last half of the peal.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Residence of M. W. H. EN, LOWER STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 1—2	*J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3—4	*FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 7—8

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob in hand. This is the first peal of Treble Bob "in hand" to be rung by the Association.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

At 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILBY J. HAZELL ... 1—2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5—6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 3—4	JAMES PARKER ... 7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. GEORGE HOWCHIN, 42, WYMER ST.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

FREDERICK J. CROSS ... 1—2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 5—6
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3—4	BEN S. THOMPSON ... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire: BERTIE FRY.

HALIFAX, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.)

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. F. SALMON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

FRANK R. CUNDALE ... 1—2	JAMES COTTERELL ... 5—6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3—4	FRED SALMON ... 7—8

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Attested by JONAS AMBLER.

This is the first handbell peal by the Halifax and District Society, and first handbell peal in Halifax. First handbell peal by the ringer 7—8, and his 50th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3—4	MAURICE SMITHER ... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL ... 9—10	

Composed by J. SEGAR, Junr., and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN.

Witness: F. K. S. WILSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Blake, a member of the Barking Society, late of Clandon, near Guildford, and also to Mr. Blondell's youngest son. This composition is now rung for the first time and contains 12 courses with 5th in 5th's place, and the 6th in 2nd's, and 2, 4, 6, 8's in the titums and 24 courses in the hand stroke home position with treble in 2nd's place.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2	JAMES HUNT ... 5—6
MAURICE SMITHER ... 3—4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

The above was the first peal rung on the handbells which belong to Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow, for whom this and the following peals were arranged. This was his first peal "in hand."

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	*FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

MAURICE SMITHER ... 1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5—6
JAMES HUNT ... 3—4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires: S. RADFORD, W. E. MAULDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Blondell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 1—2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires: J. HUNT and F. BLONDELL.

Witnesses: W. E. MAULDEN, M. SMITHER, S. RADFORD,
and G. OLIVER.

Through the medium of "The Ringing World" Mr. F. S. Wilson wishes to thank Mr. A. H. Pulling and all those ringers who helped to make his short visit to Guildford an enjoyable and successful one.

DEATH OF A LEICESTER RINGER.

On Wednesday week there was rung at St. Saviour's, Leicester, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Alfred Millis, a well-known local ringer, whose remains were laid to rest in the old cemetery during the afternoon. The deceased, who was in his 70th year, had had a long career among the bells and bellringing, and had also served for 33 years in the then local Volunteer Forces, retiring with the rank of sergeant and the long service medal. In ringing circles he had many performances to his credit. His first peal was rung at St. Mary's in 1864, and he also took part in the first peals rung upon many modern church bells. He was accorded a ringer's funeral, being borne to the grave by six of his ringing brethren from various towers, while at the close of the service, a course of Caters was rung over the coffin. The following members took part in the quart-peal: W. P. Cooper (S. Margaret's) 1, A. Briggs (S. Saviour's) 2, W. Willson (S. John the Divine), conductor, 3, J. S. Needham (S. Saviour's) 4, J. Morris (S. Margaret's) 5, E. E. Smith 6, A. Martin (S. Martin's) 7, T. Taylor (S. Martin's) 8. A floral wreath, in which a bell was worked in purple flowers among the white, was laid on the coffin as a tribute from the local society, with whom the deceased had rung about 65 peals, among which was the silent peal of Stedman Cinques in hand.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE ROBINSON.

It is with extreme regret that we record the death, which took place on July 1st, of this well known ringer, who for 28 years has been a member of the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent. Born at Whittlesea, in 1855, he commenced to learn to ring at the early age of 13, having been apprenticed to a cooper, he came to Burton in 1875, and soon after joined the band of ringers at the Parish Church. Peal ringing at this time was very rare, and it was not until December 9th, 1882, that he rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, in memory of the late Archbishop Tait, at Coleorton, Leicestershire, under the then Derby and District Association. This Association was the following year altered to the present Midland Counties Association, of which the deceased was an "original member." Having joined the St. Paul's Society in 1884, it was not until August 18th, 1886, that he rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Paul's Church. On September 29th, 1887, he rang the treble in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in honour of the marriage of Mr. John Austin, and on January 12th, 1888, he rang the treble in a peal of New Cumberland Surprise, the second ever accomplished in the method, and the conductor's (Mr. Joseph Griffin's) 100th peal. On the 26th of the same month, he rang the treble to a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, and on Feb. 9th the sixth in his first peal of Stedman Triples with an inside bell. He continued to ring the treble in all the Major methods rung by the St. Paul's company at this time, including London Surprise Major. On April 5th, 1889, he rang the fourth in his first peal of Double Norwich, and on October 23rd, 1890, his first peal of Duffield Major.

His first peal of Superlative Surprise away from the treble was rung on January 15th, 1891; his first peal of Cambridge Surprise with a bob bell, on April 9th; while on October 2nd, at the Parish Church, Wrexham, he rang his first peal of Stedman Caters—the first rung in Wales. He added London Surprise to his list of methods with a bob bell on February 25th, 1892, and on November 5th rang in the first and only peal of Union Triples rung by the St. Paul's Society, at Hanbury-on-the-Hill, Staffordshire, and on December 15th, 1892, the first peal of Double Oxford Bob Major. A week later he rang his first peal of New Cumberland Surprise with a bob bell. His first peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Chad, Lichfield, on January 7th, 1893. He also rang the third in the peal of Stedman Triples, at St. Andrew's, Derby, on April 1st, 1907, rung by eight of the "Original Members" to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Midland Counties Association. The following is a full list of the peals rung by this celebrated ringer:—

Bob Minor	1
Minor in 3 methods	1
Grandsire Triples	19
Grandsire Caters	2
Union Triples	1
Stedman Triples	73
Stedman Caters	4
Bob Major	1
Double Oxford Bob Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	15
Duffield Major	9
New Cumberland Surprise Major	3
Superlative Surprise Major	21
Cambridge Surprise Major	8
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2
London Surprise Major	24

Total 186

He was most genial and unassuming, and a better colleague no society ever possessed. Very steady and reliable in peal ringing, an excellent striker, and always willing to oblige his conductor, he will be greatly missed by his sorrowing colleagues, who rang a muffled peal to his memory on Saturday, July 6th, 1912.—R.I.P.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week, one of the most successful meetings of the N.W. Division of the Essex Association was held at the pretty little village of Wenden Ambo, about 30 members being present from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Rickling, Littlebury, Harlow Common, Bishop Stortford, Braintree, Great Totham, Elsenham, and Stapleford, with the local company. The members were entertained to tea by the Vicar of Wenden (the Rev. F. Barry) who is himself a change ringer, the party of about 30 sitting down to a bountiful repast served on the lawn.—Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master) presided at the meeting which followed, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Association secretary; and Mr. W. Watts, district secretary. The following new ringing members were enrolled: Mr. F. Potter, Stansted; Messrs. F. Banfield, D. Jolly and C. Law, Rickling; Messrs. C. Cain, H. Reeve, A. Farnham, W. Pledge and W. Gilbey, Wenden; and Harold J. Pitstow, probationer, of Saffron Walden.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishop Stortford.—The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for kindly providing tea and for the use of the bells.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the Vicars of Clavering, Rickling and Littlebury, which towers were visited in the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Stedman and Old Doubles, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

SURREY ASSOCIATION MEETING.

BOOKING FEE ABOLISHED.

A quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Ashted on Saturday last. The ring of eight at St. Giles' Church was kept going nearly all the afternoon and many good touches were brought round. Owing to the absence of the Vicar, the short service, which had been arranged for, had to be abandoned. A company, numbering nearly 60, sat down to a knife and fork tea in Matten's Tea Gardens, the meal being nicely laid out in a large summer-house. After ample justice had been done to the repast, Mr. J. D. Drewett was voted to the chair for the business meeting.—The Hon. Secretary reported that during the quarter seven peals had been rung, four on tower bells and three on handbells.—The Chairman said he was sure every member would be glad to hear that the peal book was now completed up to the end of 1911, and he wished to remark that this was due to the kind and generous work of Mr. Beams, who had written up all the arrears. Mr. Beams had written in 231 peals, and had only charged the Association 6s., the cost of the materials used. A great undertaking like this deserved a very hearty round of applause, and he asked the company to show their thanks by so doing.—This was done, and Mr. Beams briefly replied.

Five new members were elected, including the Rev. A. H. F. Boughy, of Cambridge.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and Mr. J. Wyatt for their kindnesses, concluded the business of the ordinary meeting.

A special meeting was then held, at which the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Cyril F. Johnston) formally proposed that rule 10 (with regard to peal booking fees) be rescinded. He said he felt very strongly on the subject of peal fees, and he thought this rule requiring every member to pay 3d. on ringing a peal was putting a "stopper" on the Association. The very fact that most of the large Associations had done away with peal fees proved over and over again that it was undesirable. Moreover they wanted to encourage the new southern branch, and he knew that many ringers would join them if this rule were rescinded.—Mr. G. Gigg seconded.—Many questions were then asked and answered, after which discussion took place on the subject.—Mr. Brooker said while he did not want the southern branch to meet with any rebuff, he felt, at the same time, that the members ought to sacrifice something for the good of the Association.—Mr. W. S. Smith said that it was at Hersham where they objected to the booking fees, for only five peals had been rung in that tower by that band during the past 10 years.—Mr. W. Shepherd said that while the Hersham ringers did not object to the booking fee, they objected to the principle, for they always liked to feel that when they were ringing a peal for an Association they were ringing a peal for a society that wanted them, but when a charge was made for peals to be rung it was like saying that peals were not wanted.—On the motion being put to the meeting, it was carried, only five voting against it.

After the meeting, handbell ringing took place on the lawn, Grand-sire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob being rung, while many returned to the tower, where the bells were again utilised.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Markham on Saturday last, and with the object of extending the Art, by the kind permission of the Rev. Walter Smith, Vicar of Tuxford, a "missionary" meeting was held as a preliminary at Tuxford. Contingents from Retford, Gainsborough and Worksop met the Vicar, along with the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, in the churchyard, and after a chat on points of interest connected with ringers and ringing generally, the Vicar very courteously decided to become an honorary member, and to have a meeting of his ringers to discuss the advisability of becoming affiliated to the Association. A visit to the belfry followed, and in the presence of the Vicar, who seemed quite interested in change ringing, some nice touches of Kent and Oxford, Plain Bob and Grandsire were brought round, the Vicar of St. Orston taking part.—After the best thanks had been given the Vicar of Tuxford for his courtesy and for the use of the bells, a hurried departure had to be made for East Markham, where the ringers were heartily welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Buggs).—Tea at the Queen's Hotel was capably served by Host and Hostess Chapman, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. A. E. Buggs. The names of the Rev. F. D. Arblay Burnay, Vicar of Harworth, the Rev. Walter Smith, Vicar of Tuxford, as hon. members; and the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, as a non-resident member, were submitted, and carried with acclamation. Two performing members, Mr. F. Blagg, of Ordsall, and Mr. S. C. Clarke, of Worksop, were also elected.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of East Markham, for the use of the bells and for presiding over the tea and meeting, the Rev. A. E. Buggs responding in a very humorous speech.—Ringing was indulged in until a late hour, and some good touches of Kent and Oxford, College Single and Plain Bob were successfully brought round. The following towers were represented: Ordsall, East Retford, Worksop, and East Markham, whilst others from Gainsborough, Loughton, and West Stockwith were also present, making the gathering number 25. As the weather was tropical during the day, the drive home in the evening through the Dukeries was not the least enjoyable part of the programme.

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This bell was recast, and the peal of twelve rehung by us in September last. Since then the following peals have been rung on the bells:—

Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.

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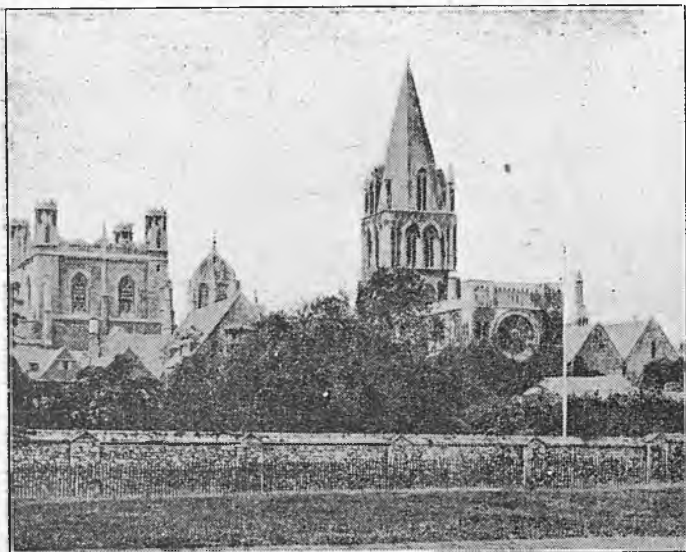
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS— OXFORD.

By J. R. JERRAM.

According to Hearne's account there were originally six bells, named respectively "Hautclere," "Clement," "Austin," "John," "Mary," and "Gabriel," which were brought from Oseney Abbey. Possibly the present ninth and tenth (from the inscriptions thereon) may be the fourth and fifth of the above mentioned. For many years the peal consisted of ten bells, which hung in the central steeple of the Cathedral. Hearne, in his diary, mentions a visit to Oxford of a party of London ringers who walked all the way from London, and arrived at Oxford on Whit-Sunday, 1733. On the Wednesday following they attempted a peal at Christ Church, but after ringing for over two hours, the gudgeons of the tenor broke, and so put an end to the performance.



THE TOWER OF CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD.
With the Tower of "Great Tom" in the distance. Neither is a consecrated building. The cathedral is the College Chapel.

He also records a peal of 5040 Grandsire Caters rung by the Oxford men on New Year's Day, 1734. He says: "The Oxford ringers made many mistakes, so that 'twas expected they must have given over several times. I did not hear them till they had been at it about three-quarters of an hour, but afterwards I heard them quite out till they had done, and I observed fifty-two faults in the ringing, nine of which were considerable ones. However, take it altogether, 'twas excellent ringing, and they may glory of it. The most considerable fault was occasioned by Dr. Gregory, Regius Professor of Modern History and Student of Christ Church, who yesterday broke in upon the ringers, to their great disturbance."

In 1872 the bells were removed to the tower near the dining hall. The present ringing chamber is somewhat dark and inconvenient.

In 1897 Messrs. Mears and Stainbank added two trebles to make a peal of twelve, recasting the eighth at the same time. The two new bells were given by the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS, LONDON. 1897
IN HONOREM DEI SEXAGESIMUM JAM ANNUM
REGNANTE VICTORIA, D. D. COLLEGIUM CAM-
PANISTARUM HUIUSCE DIOECESIOS.

Second.

(The same as on the treble).

Third.

ABRA : RVDHALL GLOVC : BELL FOVNDER 1698.

Fourth.

GOD PROSPER THE CHVRCH OF ENGLAND.

A ♀ R 1698.

Fifth.

A ♀ R 1747.

Sixth.

PROSPERITY TO ALL OVR BENEFACTORS.

A : R ♀

Seventh.

THE GRACE OF OVR LORD. 1640.

Eighth.

MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS, LONDON. 1897
INSCRIPTA OLIM W.+Y. 1611. RECUSA EST A.D.
MDCCCXCVII. DET SONITUM PLENUM DEUS ET
MODULAMEN AMENUM.

[The former bell was by William Yare. The above inscription does not complement him on his ability as a bell-founder.]

Ninth.

+ IN MULTIS ANNIS RESONET CAMPANA
IOHANNIS ☐ [shield charged with a chevron
between 3 trefoils.] [All the capital letters
are crowned.]

Tenth.

STELLA MARIA MARIS SUCCURRE PIISIMA
NOBIS

☐ ☐ [shields charged with chevron between
3 lave-pots, and chevron between 3 trefoils.]

Eleventh.

PROSPERITY TO THIS COLLEGE. A : R.
1640 [N.B. the date, 1640, is evidently that
of a former bell which this one replaces.]

Tenor.

TRINITATE SACRA FIAT HAEC CAMPANA
BEATA. W.I. : M.H. ☉ * ☉ Ao 1589
[The asterisk and two ornaments represent a
Tudor Rose, crowned, supported by two lions
passant.]

There is also a *Ting-tang*, with no inscription. The tenor was weighed in 1897, and found to weigh a little under 33 cwt. Notwithstanding the weight on two old peal boards is put as 42 cwt.

I cannot conclude these notes on Christ Church Cathedral bells without some mention of "Great Tom," which hangs over the college gateway. According to an MS. in the Bodleian Library the original bell was inscribed:—

IN THOME LAUDE RESONO BIM BOM SINE
FRAUDE.

"In 1680 it was recast; but it miscarried three times. Twice it wanted metal to make out the cannons, and the third time it burst the mould and ran into the ground. So that poor Keen, the Woodstock bell-founder, whose ill luck it was therein to fail, was half beside himself, and quite undone, till the college made him amends. At last it was

brought to perfection by Christopher Hodson, a London bell-founder."

The inscription on *Great Tom* is as follows:—

MAGNVS * THOMAS * CLVSIVS * OXONIENSIS *
RENATVS * APRILIS * VIII * ANNO * MDCLXXX *
REGNANTE * CAROLO * II * DECANO * IOANNE *
OXON * EPISCOPO * SVBDECANO * GVL * IANE * SS *
TH * P * THESA VRARIO * HEN * SMITH * SS * TH * P *
CVRA * ET * ARTE * CHRIST * HODSON. **

The diameter is 7 feet $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Thickness of sound bow $6\frac{1}{2}$ in., weight 7 tons 11 cwt. Note A.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Success to the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town to-day! Many of them are travelling far to participate, and we hope they will not again be disappointed. The torrid weather, however, will not make their task any the lighter.

The first Oddfellows peal in Wales was rung at Talgarth, Breconshire, on Sunday.

Regarding the peal of 13,440 Bob Major rung at Hythe on May 4th, 1846, to which we referred last week, Mr. A. R. Manning kindly sends us some further information. Mr. S. Post, the ringer of the tenor, was always ready, he says, to speak of the performance. "He and E. Hyder were living at Aldington, a village eight miles from Hythe, and walked the distance on the day, arriving in time to start the peal at 8 a.m. Messrs. Fowler, Stoakes and Harrison were, I believe, Folkestone men, whilst Messrs. Friend, Chapple and Down were from Hythe. I have frequently heard that the men died in the same order as they stood in the peal, but this is not so, as J. Chapple, ringer of the 5th, died in 1869, and H. Down, ringer of the 2nd, in 1884. In 1896 a meeting of local ringers was held at Hythe to celebrate the jubilee, at which Mr. S. Post was present. Mr. E. Hyder was still living at Aldington, but was too ill to be present, and he died shortly after. These two were the sole survivors at that date. The ringers of this neighbourhood at that time (1846), and for some years after, held a good name all over the county for their performances."

Mr. Manning has also sent us some other interesting records from the tower. They include a 5040 of Bob Major rung on May 7th, 1817, and a 6720 in the same method, occupying 4 hours 16 minutes, on the 26th of the same month. This was followed in the next year by a still longer length, as the record in the tower shows: "On Saturday, July 11th, 1818, was rung a true and complete Peal, 10,080 changes, of Bob Major with all the Grand Course ends in the whole Peal of 40,320 in 6 hours 17 minutes by men as follows: W. Keeler treble, J. Sealey 2, H. Down 3, J. Crothall 4, T. Castle 5, W. Grinsted (conductor) 6, R. Lucas 7, E. Pemble tenor."

Here is another record from the same tower that contains some famous names: "On Monday, July 21st, 1845, eight members of the Society of College Youths rung in this steeple in first class style a true and complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 5024 changes. The

ringing was conducted by Mr. John Friend, and accomplished in 3 hours 2 minutes: J. Marsh treble, J. Hodges 2, J. Cox 3, J. Bradley 4, G. Stockham 5, R. Haworth 6, E. Lansdale 7, J. Friend tenor."

The last recorded peal in Hythe tower by the old band has a special interest for us, and we may, perhaps, be pardoned in introducing a personal note, for in this peal the father of the Editor of this journal took part. We were quite unaware of any peal board recording the performance, and we learn from Mr. Manning that only one of the company survives. The peal board bears the following: "On Monday, January 25th, 1863, was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. John Friend, and accomplished in 3 hours 3 minutes: G. Fisher treble, J. Harrison 2, J. Chapple (aged 76) 3, R. Dale (aged 16) 4, J. Friend 5, J. Goldsmith 6, J. Marsh 7, J. Amos tenor." J. Goldsmith was not, of course, a member of the Hythe band, but in the days when peals were something of a rarity he was wont to make long journeys in pursuit of his favourite pastime. The sole survivor of that band is Mr. J. Marsh.

The death occurred on Thursday in last week of Mr. Edward Cash, of Swinton, Lancs. Three years ago he met with a motor accident, from which he never recovered. The funeral took place on Monday, and was attended by a large number of ringers.

Last Sunday a handsome peal board, recording the wedding peal rung for Sir John and Lady Robinson, was unveiled at Worksop Priory Church. We hope to give a fuller report in our next issue.

HERE AND THERE.

The monthly meeting of the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Coleme on Saturday week. There was a poor attendance of ringers, and those who were present came from Marshfield, Wootton Bassett, Corsham and Swindon.—Tea was supplied at the "Six Bells," and a short business meeting was afterwards held, Mr. E. Bishop presiding.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Stratton St. Margaret, on Saturday, August 10th. During the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the church bells.

In recognition of his services on behalf of past and present members, the Wootton Bassett band have presented Mr. L. A. Wilson with a copy of "Among the bells." The presentation took place at a meeting of the Marlborough branch of the Salisbury Guild, held at Wootton Bassett, at which ten new members were elected.

The Chiddingfold (Surrey) company have lost one of their number, Mr. A. E. Bartlett, by death. The deceased, who was 54 years of age, was a ringer at Chiddingfold for a good many years. He took part in the first 720 on the old six in 1890, and in the first peal after the ring had been augmented to eight. This was in 1894, and was conducted by Mr. Frank Bennett, then of Guildford. The deceased's last peal was on November 11th, 1901, and was the only one rung in the tower by an entirely local band. It was conducted by his nephew. Although not a member in recent years, the deceased was always ready to oblige by taking a rope for a "quarter" at any time. On the occasion of the funeral a half-muffled touch of Grandsire Triples (518) was rung by: C. Remnant 1, H. Mullard 2, H. J. Ellis 3, G. Luff 4, W. Elford 5, T. Attwell 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, T. Luff 8. The touch was also a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Luke Knight, of Brighton, father-in-law of Mr. G. Luff. Although not a change ringer, Mr. Knight was well known and highly respected by the members of the band.

The marriage of the Rev. F. J. Browell, Vicar of Feltham, was celebrated by the local ringers and friends on Tuesday week, by a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), rung in 1 hr. 30 mins., by: J. Wilkins 1, W. Emmett 2, J. H. Howes 3, J. Lock 4, R. Williams 5, A. H. J. Denford (conductor) 6, E. Ridgley 7, W. Sandford 8. The band are members of the Middlesex Association, J. H. Howes being re-elected before starting.

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THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.—SUCCESSFUL GATHERINGS.

"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild returned to the mother city of the diocese for the annual festival on Saturday, and it proved one of the most successful meetings in the history of that very successful society. In an area which is covered by three counties—Oxford, Berks and Bucks—it is in the interests of members that these annual gatherings should be moved from place to place, but there can be no question that Oxford is the ideal centre for the meeting. In addition to its historic interest—it is this year celebrating its millenary—it has many attractions for the ringer. It is a city of bells, although, alas! all are not at the ringers' service, nor are they all in good ringable condition. In the city there is the peal of twelve at Christ Church, the history of which is given elsewhere in this issue, a peal of ten at New College (four of which were cast by Darbie in 1655, one by Knight in 1672, and the rest by Rudall between 1703 and 1723), and half a dozen peals of six, all of which were at the disposal of the ringers on Saturday. In addition, there are the ten at Magdalen College, and eight at St. Peter's-in-the-East, and eight at Merton College, the last-named rung from a narrow gallery 70 feet up. With all the attractions it was really not remarkable that over 200 members attended the meeting which began with service in the Cathedral in the morning, and at which the Bishop of Oxford was the preacher. The specially arranged form of service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Oxford, the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn reading the lesson. The singing of the hymns was heartily joined in, one being a hymn written specially for ringers, "Un-changing God," in the music of which the familiar notes of rounds and "queens" find a place.

THE BISHOP'S DESIRE.

The Bishop took for his text 1 Corinthians xiv, 14—15, "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also; I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." First of all, said the Bishop, let me say I was not able to resist the invitation that was given me to come and speak to you, the members of this society, because it has been and it remains my great desire that those who hold this high office in the old towers of our churches should be regarded by everybody, and should regard themselves as properly and truly among the Church workers of the Diocese. The ministry of the Church does not belong only to the clergy. We clergy have our own special duties which we are bound jealously to guard, but there are many other ministries, and it is my earnest desire that your venerable and traditional art should be regarded as one of the ministries of the Church. I desire to welcome you here in the Cathedral, and to do all that lies in my power to ensure that you and all who exercise this traditional art of yours shall be regarded, and should regard yourselves, as among the Church workers of the diocese.

Proceeding, the Bishop referred to the bells as one of the principal characteristics of English life. There were, he said, certain sights and certain sounds which dwelt for ever in the memory of those who left these shores to spend their lives in other countries. One of the most characteristic sights which thus remained, was the green fields of England, and side by side with the memory of the green fields was the memory of that which lay in the heart of their greenness—the old village church. They might go into many countries and find the rivals and even the superiors to our Cathedrals and the churches of our great towns, but there was no country in the world which, for its village churches, was to be compared with England. When they passed from sights to sounds, he should put the two most characteristic sounds of our country which must haunt the memory of those afar off, as the song of the birds and the sound of the church bells rung in the traditional and, as far as he knew, unique English manner. The Bishop proceeded to remark upon the improved tone now existing in the belfries, and of the excellent conduct and reverent behaviour of the ringers and, passing on to draw the lessons of his text, impressed upon his hearers that if they would ring with understanding they must themselves be worshippers at the services to which they summoned others.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Master (the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn) presiding. By acclamation Mr. Jenkyn was re-elected Master. Mr. A. E. Reeves was unanimously re-elected secretary; the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, hon. treasurer; and Mr. E. Francis, auditor, with thanks for his past services.

It was decided to hold the festival for 1913 at Wokingham, and, on the recommendation of the committee, the following grants were made to bell restoration funds: Twyford (where augmentation to a peal of eight is contemplated), and Checkendon (where the peal of six is to be rehung). The question of these grants elicited an inquiry as to the financial position of the Guild, and in reply, the Hon. Treasurer said the balance in hand was now £33 3s., but after allowing for estimated income and expenditure, he anticipated that the balance would be reduced at the end of the year to £24 5s.

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL.

The Master reported upon the Robinson Memorial fund. He said the total receipts were £204 12s. 2d. It was impossible for the committee to carry out their original scheme, as the amount at their disposal was nothing like sufficient. They had expended £11 17s. 8d., leaving a sum of £192 14s. 6d. The committee had, therefore, accepted the tender of Mr. Reed, who tendered for the original scheme, for the erection of a screen at the west end of Drayton Church. This would involve an expenditure of £124, and in addition there were the architect's fees of about £12, while they also intended to provide a memorial tablet, which would cost about £10. That would leave £46 unexpended, and the committee had had several suggestions before them as to how this sum should be spent. One suggestion was to place a tablet in the cloisters of that Cathedral, where it would be seen by many more ringers than at Drayton. Another idea was that they should give a sum towards the new Communion plate that was wanted at Drayton Church.

The Rev. J. B. Kirby said that as the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's work had a very distinct diocesan character, it would be extremely fitting if they had a memorial in the Cathedral or cloisters.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the committee, with power to carry out whatever scheme they approved of.

The Master reported on behalf of the committee entrusted with the task of drawing up a form of service for the Guild. He said they had submitted several ideas of services to the Bishop, but none of them had been entirely satisfactory. Their last copy was still in the Bishop's hands, and they would no doubt have his report on it before very long. They need not be disturbed at the delay, if as the result they got something really worth having. He asked the members to leave it in the hands of the committee.

The Vicar of Bucklebury said he would prefer to see them adhere to the form of service in the prayer book. They had too many forms nowadays.

The Master said whatever form of service was sanctioned for their special use, they would always leave it to the option of the Vicar of the parish to have morning or evening prayer if he wished it. Their only idea was to give an alternative form of service for those who wanted something different.—The matter was left to the committee.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge reported upon the proceedings of the Central Council, to which, he said, the Oxford Guild was again represented by its full complement of members. Referring to the action of the Council in welcoming "The Ringing World," he said a year ago there was a certain feeling among those in high places against having to correct official reports for two papers. But the new paper had made its mark in the ringing world, and they were only too glad to know that it was making great strides (applause). They were glad to welcome a paper of such a high tone and so admirably conducted as "The Ringing World" was; they welcomed it in their midst, and valued it very much (applause). Mr. Coleridge commented briefly on the other matters before the Central Council meeting (which have been fully reported in these columns), and the Master expressed the thanks of the members for the excellent account that had been given by "the Prime Minister" of the Guild (laughter and applause). The election of 80 change ringers and 86 probationers was confirmed.

A MISSING STEPPING-STONE.

Mr. G. King (Oxford) said the ringers of Oxford felt very much handicapped by having no ring of eight upon which they could practice, and asked if the Guild could not do something to help them to get over the difficulty. They had several rings of six, but no stepping-stone to the higher numbers. At St. Giles' there was a ring of six, with an eight-bell frame, and he thought with a little energy they might get the other bells.

The Master said this was a matter that had been in his mind for a long time, and he had not been idle. He had approached the Vicar of St. Peter's-in-the-East to get the bells put into a ringable condition, but apparently that was not possible. He then even went so far as to send a cheque for the St. Giles' fund to Mr. Fox, who, however, had returned it to him, as nothing had been decided upon. The Guild wanted the Oxford men to give them a lead, and they would do their best to see the matter taken through, because a great deal of the early peal ringing of the Guild took place in Oxford, which they associated with the names of Mr. Washbrook and the late Master. They would be very glad to see a peal of eight in the City of Oxford, but even if it were at Ifley, he did not think it would be too far out.

Mr. Fox said if the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Giles were pressed something might be done.—The Master said he would write to the Vicar.—This concluded the business, and the members then adjourned to the famous dining hall, where luncheon was served, the Archdeacon of Oxford presiding, supported by the Bishop, and the principal officers of the Guild.

At the conclusion of the repast, the loyal toast was honoured, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed the toast of "The Bishop, the Chapter, the Organist, etc." They were not only privileged, he said, to have the Bishop with them at luncheon, but they were grateful to him for coming, in the midst of his busy and varied life, to address them that morning in his own Cathedral (applause). He trusted that the words he had addressed to them and the high ideals he had put before them would remain with them all their lives, and that they would do their best to live up to them. They had with them also representing the Dean and Chapter of that ancient house, the Arch-

deacon of Oxford, whom they had to thank for many kindnesses shown to the Guild (applause). The speaker went on to thank the organist for his services, and also Mr. French, the verger, who, said Mr. Coleridge in a reminiscent vein, used to open the belfry door for them in his (the speaker's) undergraduate days of 35 years ago.

The toast was cordially honoured, and the Bishop, in replying, said that any service he could do for the promotion of bell ringing, not only for the perpetuation of the craft, but for the welfare of religion, he would most gladly do. He was heartily glad of having the opportunity of coming among them that day (applause).

THE MASTER'S ADVICE.

The Chairman proposed the toast of "The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers," in a felicitous speech, and coupled with it the name of the Master. They all knew Mr. Jenkyn's work, he said, and the zeal he put into it, and the skill he brought to bear on the science of ringing (applause).—The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The Master, who had a hearty reception on rising to respond, said although he had been called the Master of the Guild, he looked upon himself as being the Guild's chief servant, and he wanted the Guild to look upon him in that light. He was always ready to receive any suggestion by which he could promote the welfare of the Guild, and he would endeavour to carry it out to the best of his ability. A good deal of work was being done throughout the Guild in a quiet, unostentatious way by their leading members, and he had found much good being done in interesting young fellows in the Art. He thought the Guild was in a healthy state, and for this reason, that throughout the Guild generally—there were exceptions of course—their members were prepared to be told of their faults and to try and mend them (hear, hear). They liked to hear good ringing, and they liked to know that a ringer was a good sound churchman. They were ready to keep those ideals before them, and he thought that was a real sign of a healthy state (applause). The Bishop had touched upon the spiritual side of their work in his address, and, as Master, he would ask them not to be satisfied with themselves. There was a great deal of discontent in the world, but there was one sort of discontent that was absolutely right, and that was discontent with themselves. He was not in the least a bit content with the way in which he served them as Master, and he was going to try and do better. He did not want any of them to be contented with the way they were serving the Church in their own parish as bell ringers, and he wanted them to try and do better. He wanted them to ring better, not to snatch at the ropes as if it did not matter, as long as they pulled, when they pulled. He wanted them to feel that they were working musical instruments (applause). There was no earthly reason why the bells, when they were rung for the services on Sundays, which was their chief use, should not always be rung well. Practice night was practice night, Sunday morning and evening was not practice time. If they were not able to ring a touch for service on Sunday, let them ring rounds and ring them well (applause). Let them try and ring better and then, besides causing more pleasure to people outside, they would be doing at the same time more for the glory of God (applause).

PRESENTATION TO THE LATE SECRETARY.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis submitted the toast of "The Chairman," to which the Archdeacon briefly replied, and proceeded to perform an interesting duty, in presenting to the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis a gift in recognition of his long and faithful service to the Guild. Mr. Hart-Davis, said the Archdeacon, was one of those who started the Guild, and when the secretaryship was given up by the Rev. Dolben Paul he took over the duties, which he carried on for 22 years. They knew that what he had done had been done for the love of the work, and for the happiness of serving his fellow men. They asked him to accept a little token from them, and one which he believed would come as a surprise. He had to present him with a silver inkstand, and when he reached home he would probably find a comfortable arm chair awaiting him (applause).

The inkstand was suitably engraved, and the arm chair, which had been sent direct to Mr. Hart-Davis' home, was a luxuriously appointed one.

Mr. Hart-Davis, who had a cordial welcome, said they had kept their secret wonderfully well. He did not think there could have been many ladies in the case (laughter). There was, he said, no work he had done in his life, except his work as a parson, that he had more thoroughly thrown his heart into than the work which he had been able to attempt for the Guild (applause). He could not help thinking that in some ways his position must be unique. It was true that he had learnt to ring a bell, but he had never rung a peal in that Diocese. It was not often that under such circumstances a man took up an interest in such a famous Guild as theirs. It had been a bit of good luck for him that his services were wanted, and that he was able to give them. He thanked the members most heartily for their gifts, and had he known anything about them he should have asked Mrs. Hart-Davis to accompany him. He was not going to leave them altogether; they had allowed him to go on as their hon. treasurer, and that would bring him to their meetings and give him a use for that beautiful inkstand (applause).

This concluded the speech-making, and the members then dispersed to the various towers, and made full use of the bells at their disposal.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

BISHOP RYDER'S, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday the ringers of Bishop Ryder's Church journeyed to Droitwich for their annual outing. Unfortunately, on arrival at their destination, the visitors found two cases of "wife desertion," for the husbands were unable to board the train, and for a time the band was broken up. The secretary and Vicar had made arrangements for tea at the Waggon and Horses, known as "The Crooked House," the mysteries of which they were shown by the host. A billiard ball placed on the table to all appearances ran uphill, the clock hung out of the perpendicular, the bedsteads were packed several inches at the foot to make them level, the chandeliers hung all askant from the ceiling, in fact the obliqueness of everything was amazing. A band from Hales-owen (on tour) arrived at the tower for a few touches, and Mr. Carrod at once consented. Two or three of Bishop Ryder's band had the pleasure of ringing with them, although they arrived late for tea. The "lost ones" turned up in time for the meal, which was admirably served by Mr. Kench, and to which full justice was done. To further add to the enjoyment of the party, Mr. Kench invited them to look over his garden and help themselves to a button-hole each.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, and a touch of Bob Major was brought round, when illness stopped anything further, and the bells were lowered.—On returning to the "Crooked House," the host showed the visitors its wonders, and by his geniality gained the admiration of the whole party.—Thanks are accorded to the Rev. — Richardson for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. G. E. Badger for his presence and generosity in providing tea.

BUSHEY.

The annual outing of the Bushey Society took place on Saturday week, in delightful weather. This year it was decided to go for a brake ride, and by 8.30 a.m. the party were on their way to Hillingdon, where the first stop was to be made. The rains of the previous few days had freshened the country up wonderfully, and the roses in the suburban gardens of Pinner were in full bloom, and were much admired by all, and especially by the gardening experts among the visitors. From Pinner the way lay through Eastcote, and by the church of the once old-world village of Renslip, now, alas! fast becoming overrun by the jerry builder. The bells here are eight in number, but two are cracked, and the frame is in a very dilapidated condition, so that no ringing was possible. At Ickenham, the visitors peeped into the church, a quaint little structure, typical of many West Middlesex Churches, with its tiny wooden steeple and dormer windows in the nave. Judging by the ropes, there are four bells here, but the party were unable to investigate further, owing to the door being locked. Arriving at St. John's, Hillingdon, at 10 a.m., the visitors were met by the obliging steeplekeeper, Mr. H. H. Chandler, and soon the new bells were going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major. Here, too, they were joined by Mr. W. H. Fussell, who was to be their guide, philosopher and friend for the rest of the day, and by Mr. G. H. Gutteridge, of Iver. With their assistance, two plain courses of Stedman Caters were rung, several of the band not having seen ten ropes before. Those who had not heard bells tuned on the Simpson principle before were greatly struck with the tone of this new peal, and many expressed the wish that they had these bells in their own tower, or that some kind friend would provide the funds for recasting the present peal and bringing them up to the standard of Hillingdon bells. An agreeable surprise here awaited the party, who learned that Mr. J. F. Stillwell, the churchwarden, had provided lunch for them at a neighbouring hostelry, and they very much appreciated this kind and generous act. Leaving Hillingdon at 11.30 they passed by Cowley Mill to the "Crooked Billet," at Iver. Here the party left the brake, and took a footpath through the fir woods, and by the lake in Stoke Park. The fir cones provided a sort of summer "snowball" for the younger members of the party, and the "no hat" brigade came in for some severe treatment. Rejoining the brake they were not long in coming to Farnham Royal, passing by the Church of Stoke Poges, where the six bells are not ringable. There is no doubt that it was the curfew rung on these bells that inspired the poet Gray to write his immortal "Elegy." After dinner, at Farnham Royal, the party adjourned to the church, where there is a light peal of eight, and after assisting to pelt a newly-married couple with rice, rang them out with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Superlative, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich, the latter, however, being lost half-way through—the only touch that was not brought home during the day. The journey was then resumed to Fulmer, by way of Burnham Beeches—the resort of crowds of happy and somewhat noisy beanfeasters—and Stoke Common. Arriving at the church, where they again met Mr. Gutteridge, the visitors quickly raised the light peal of six in peal, and rang Stedman Doubles and Treble Bob Minor, finishing up with a plain course of Kent in record time, the backenders being spurred on at a furious pace by the aforesaid "guide, philosopher and friend," who, however, took good care to be ringing at the light end.—After tea, a few courses on handbells in the village street delighted the inhabitants, and bidding Mr. Fussell a cordial farewell, the party left for home.—Their best thanks are due to the various incumbents for granting permission to ring, to the steeplekeepers who had everything in readiness, to the local ringers who so kindly met and rang with them, and, last but not least, to Mr. W. H. Fussell who made such excellent arrangements for their comfort.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 23rd, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; both at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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.—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 St. 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.—H. Rumens, Honorary Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, July 27th. Service, with an address, at 4.30 p.m. A free tea and business meeting after service. Note: All intending to take tea please let me know by Tuesday, July 23rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—

James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Eversham.

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, Shotton.

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.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Corbridge and Hexham. Bells available all afternoon and evening. Tea at Tynedale Hotel, Corbridge, at 5 p.m. Members intending being present please notify by the 23rd.—Chas. Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available will be Lavenham, and probably Preston. Tea, followed by a business meeting, will be at 4 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend.—R. L. Gardner, District Secretary, Lavenham.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, July 27th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Honorary Secretaries.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Whitfield, Glossop, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.; all ringers invited.—Chas. Bower, Honorary Secretary, 25, Chadwick Street.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on July 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Middlezoy on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary, Huntspill, Bridgwater.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5.30.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Bank Holiday, August 5th, and will consist of a tour in the Hope Valley, including Hathersage, Hope and Castleton. The bells of Hope (6) and Castleton (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Those of Hathersage (6) for a limited time during the afternoon or evening as may be arranged. Any ringers requiring the use of Hope or Castleton bells before about 3 p.m. please advise me as soon as possible. The society's handbells will be available at Castleton, where a short business meeting will be held during the afternoon. Meals easily obtainable at Castleton at various places. Trains leaves Sheffield (M.R.) at 10.28, 12.25, and afterwards at short intervals. Return fares from Sheffield to Hope (for Castleton) 1s. 7d., to Hathersage 1s. 3d.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 25th annual festival will be held at Chester on Monday, August 5th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—An all-day meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday, commencing at 11 a.m. The bells at Yateley, Hawley and Yorktown will be available during the day. Tea will be held at Yorktown, commencing at 4.45 p.m., and will be followed with a business meeting and short social till 8.30 p.m. Visitors will be gladly welcome. Full particulars can be obtained on application to G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

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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WORSLEY.—On June 6th at St. Mark's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Derbyshire 1, James H. Ridyard 2, Joseph Ridyard 3, Joseph Ridyard, junr., 4, A. Ridyard 5, P. Derbyshire 6, Wm. Greenwell 7, G. Way 8. First 500 by the ringer of the 4th, whose age is 16 years.

WANSTEAD.—At Christ Church, on June 9th, 720 Bob Minor: E. A. Sebbon 1, J. Marks 2, *L. A. Pye 3, *W. A. Pye 4, A. Pye 5, J. B. Marks (conductor) 6. * First 720.

TENBY.—On June 9th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Brighton (conductor) 1, T. Griffiths 2, J. Evans 3, A. Richards 4, L. Jenkins 5, A. Rees 6, R. Jenkins 7, J. Williams 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. John 1, T. Griffiths 2, J. Evans 3, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 4, L. Jenkins 5, A. Rees 6, R. Jenkins 7, A. Richards 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—At St. Margaret's Church, for practice, 720 Plain Bob: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, J. Tuckwell 3, F. Looker 4, W. G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, G. Lancaster 6.—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 720 St. Clement's: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, E. Manton 3, F. Looker 4, W. G. Lancaster 5, G. Lancaster (conductor) 6.—On June 2nd, 720 Plain Bob.—On June 10th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: G. Lancaster 1, T. Moulden 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob, A. J. Gilbert ringing treble.

HOARCROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On June 10th, 720 Bob Minor: J. H. Swinfield 1, W. J. Smith 2, H. Hurdman 3, W. W. Worthington 4, J. Hough 5, R. F. Lane (conductor) 6. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D. This is believed to be the first 720 on these fine bells.

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IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's Church, on June 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor; also 180 Plain Bob Minor by the same band: F. Bowell (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, W. Brown (Bramford) 2, F. Kinsey 3, G. Bird 4, W. Kinsey 5, F. J. Long (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late John Hawes, for many years clerk at the above church.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Bates 1, P. J. Cooke 2, Miss E. Steel 3, C. W. Clarke 4, A. Robinson 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.—On June 9th, 720 London Surprise: C. Stapleton 1, P. J. Cooke 2, A. J. Green 3, C. Valentine 4, C. W. Clarke 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6. First 720 of London by all the band, and also in the county. 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Robinson 1, P. J. Cooke 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, A. J. Green 4, C. Valentine 5, W. Stapleton 6.

FULMER, BUCKS.—Recently, at St. James' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. H. Gutteridge 1, E. Harding 2, J. J. Parker (conductor) 3, J. Walden 4, W. Henley 5, J. Clarke 6.—On Thursday, June 6th, after the dedication of a new mission room at Stoke Common (the gift of the Rev. J. F. Hoyle to the parish of Stoke Poges), three of the Stoke Poges ringers, with three of Fulmer, rang 720 of Bob Minor: E. Harding 1, J. Walden 2, J. Bateman 3, A. Bateman 4, G. Gutteridge 5, W. Henley (conductor) 6.

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