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GILLETT & JOHNSTON CROYDON, Surrey. BELLS, CLOCKS, CARILLONS.



St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.
Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and 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.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

Christmas is upon us, and ringers will be busy on Wednesday in the steeples of England, heralding the day, which, above all others, is a day of "peace and goodwill," and proclaiming the great feast through the brazen throats that from the towers send forth the message over hill and dale. Christmas is the festival of bells. Without bells half the charm of the Christmas spirit would be absent. From time immemorial the bells of our churches have played a great part in the celebration of the dawn of the Christmas era. Christmas bells have been a favourite theme with poets and writers, and there is no occasion when the pealing from the church towers is more appreciated by the public than at this festive season. There are those who lament the passing of the old spirit of Christmas. In some respects, perhaps, it is changing with the times, and we seldom now seem to get that picturesque setting for it which we are taught to associate with Yuletide—a snow covered country or the sparkle of a frosty landscape. But whatever we may lack in other directions, the bells remain with us, and ever as the years roll on peal out over the land on Christmas Day their message of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

"The time draws near the birth of Christ
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist."

Thus Tennyson records the part which the bells play in reminding Christendom of the Church's great festival. Ringers need not to be informed that apart from the opportunity of engaging in the Art they love so dearly which Christmas affords, they have, after all, a not unimportant part to play. Their duty it is to proclaim the festival, let them see to it that they perform the task worthily. An English Christmas without bells would be unthinkable. As well think of it without the plum pudding as without bells. Ask a man, who has spent his days abroad, what he most missed on Christmas Day, and he would in nineteen cases out of twenty say the church bells. Ringers who are in the habit of ringing Sunday by Sunday and upon the Church's festivals often do not fully appreciate the spirit which the sound of the bells awakens. Familiarity with the sonorous notes pealing forth from the steeple above them, may, perhaps, have blunted the keenness of feeling, but, to the public outside, Christmas bells convey a very special message. They stir the emotions, they awaken memories, and do as much to symbolise the spirit of the day as anything that can affect the feelings of the multitude. Thus we ringers have a duty beyond the expression of our own feelings. We ring at Christmas for the delight of others. Let us do it well.

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage,
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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,
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TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ... Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY ... 6
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 2	HARRY GOODMAN ... 7
SAMUEL SPITTLE ... 3	JOHN SMITH ... 8
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 9
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ... 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

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

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Samuel Spittle, the esteemed master of the above Guild, the band congratulating him on attaining his 77th birthday. It is also the 50th peal by John Goodman, Junr., and Ben Gough.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.	
BERTRAM PREWETT ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	WILLIAM THEOBALD ... 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 8
REUBEN SANDERS ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... 9
JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 5	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
HARRY THORPE ... 2	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 7
J. FRANK PROCTOR ... 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... 8
JOHN T. HOLMES ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 5	*WALTER H. WOOD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Caters. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains 5 and 6 their extent behind the 9th in the titmums position.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.	
REV. C. CAREW COX ... Treble	FRANK HALLSWORTH, Junr. 6
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 2	JOHN C. ADAMS ... 7
REV. E. V. COX ... 3	FREDERICK J. COPE ... 8
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	EDGAR T. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. H. Reeves. This composition is No. 3 on Carter's Broadsheet.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr. ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH SHARP 5
WALTER ALCOCK 2	GEORGE WATSON 6
ARTHUR GOWER 3	KEITH HART 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	GEORGE H. HOWSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DRAKE <i>Treble</i>	JOHN WM. CUNDALL ... 5
JAMES COTTERELL 2	FRED SALMONS 6
JAMES MAWSON 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
JOSEPH HARDCASTLE 4	*HERBERT SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. REEVES, and
Conducted by H. SIMPSON.

* First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late J. W. Ackroyd, of Low Moor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE TWITCHEN <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM PHIPPS 5
JAMES W. WILKINS 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 6
RALPH COLES 3	JOHN EVANS 7
ARTHUR G. JAMES 4	ARTHUR HOING <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

* First peal of Stedman.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. R. BORRETT <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES BAKER 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	EDWIN WHITING 6
WILLIAM ROOPE 3	CHARLES ROOPE 7
JOHN HERROD 4	FREDK. ROOPE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN YATES, Junr. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN YATES, Senr. ... 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	WILLIAM TRIGG 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	EDWARD READER 7
WILLIAM SMITH 4	WILLIAM THORLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tuesday, December 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 5
*T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ERNEST PYE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 10, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM ROOPE 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	JOHN HERROD 6
HENRY GARNHAM 3	CHARLES ROOPE 7
FREDK. ROOPE 4	ERNEST WHITING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.*On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN <i>Treble</i>	SAMUEL GROVE 5
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 2	JOHN NEAL 6
*THOMAS H. REEVES ... 3	A. PADDON SMITH ... 7
JOHN CARTER 4	THOMAS MILLER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by PAUL CASHMORE, and
Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. The ringer of the 7th is the grandson of the composer of this famous composition, and the composer was also the conductor's late employer.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs., in D flat.

JOHN FAIRCLOUGH <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM PRICKETT ... 5
ALFRED NEWTON 2	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 6
GORDON WHITAM 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 7
ERIC L. BENNETT 4	ROGER SATTERTHWAITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

First peal of Triples by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Marjory Gaddum, daughter of Mr. Wm. Gaddum, of Brockhole, Windermere, to Mr. John Jasper Payne, son of the late Sir Salusbury Payne, of Blunham, Bedfordshire.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JOHN W. LANE <i>Treble</i>	*GEORGE BEEBY 5
*TOM E. EADES 2	SAMUEL R. GARNER ... 6
FREDERICK HUNT 3	HERBERT BAKER 7
EDWARD TRENDELL 4	*GEORGE E. H. COVENEY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. TRENDELL.

* First peal.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.	
REV. H. LAW JAMES ... <i>Treble</i>	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 2	WILLIAM B. KEMPTON ... 6
REV. W. C. PEARSON ... 3	FREDERICK PITSTOW ... 7
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 4	† REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by REV. H. L. JAMES.

† First peal. This was the Rev. W. C. Pearson's 200th peal.
First peal on the bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.	
JOHN ALDIS <i>Treble</i>	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 5
ALFRED FUNNELL ... 2	GEORGE POYNIZ ... 6
JOHN F. WILSON ... 3	WILLIAM STEELE ... 7
RICHARD BALDREY ... 4	JOHN ALDIS, JUNR. ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. C. GOBEY, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

This was the conductor's 200th peal.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.	
WILLIAM ASHDOWN <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED TOMSETT ... 5
GEORGE TOMSETT ... 2	THOMAS STRINGER ... 6
FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH ... 3	HERBERT TOMSETT ... 7
HENRY J. GRAVETT ... 4	EDMUND PATCHING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE TOMSETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Stringer and Gravett.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Friday, December 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.	
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, Senr. <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, Junr. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	ARTHUR W. G. BLAKE ... 6
*THOMAS SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	WILLIAM E. NAPPER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Guttridge, Senr., and T. Smith.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
CHRISTOPHER STEPHENSON <i>Treble</i>	JAMES HORNER ... 5
GEORGE THORNTON ... 2	JOHN B. JACKSON ... 6
THOMAS HATHAWAY ... 3	† JOHN L. PHILLIPS ... 7
* WILLIAM B. SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

* First peal as conductor from a non-observation bell. † First peal of Major. This peal contains the full combination of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 5-6 with the 2nd and 3rd, only four courses each in 5ths and never in 6ths.

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HERNHILL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.	
CLARENCE HADLOW <i>Treble</i>	FRANK ELSEY ... 5
* IVO HADLOW ... 2	SIDNEY FOX ... 6
ALFRED T. W. BONES ... 3	EDWARD TRENDELL ... 7
EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... 4	† PERCY J. PRICE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. TRENDELL.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

H. HUBBARD'S NO. 1 FIVE-PART.	
HENRY RABBITT <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS SMITHERS ... 5
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	ROBERT VANNS ... 6
LEONARD S. PARIS ... 3	ARTHUR H. READER ... 7
ERNEST HOOK ... 4	GEORGE W. MANSER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR H. READER.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
GEORGE HARDY <i>Treble</i>	* JAMES M. BAILEY ... 5
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... 7
WILLIAM DREW ... 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* 100th peal.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.	
* ARTHUR DRURY <i>Treble</i>	FRED TURNER ... 5
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 2	JOSEPH LORD ... 6
* REGINALD SCOTT ... 3	SAM BAKER ... 7
ARTHUR W. WARD ... 4	THOMAS H. HALL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal in the method. Messrs. A. W. Ward and S. Baker were elected members before starting.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANCES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt., in F.	
* REGINALD BROUGH <i>Treble</i>	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5
ISAAC EMERY ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
* EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	* EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of New Cambridge. Also first of New Cambridge on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints, Edmonton,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

GEORGE A. CARD Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER... .. 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
GEORGE RADLEY 3	JAMES PARKER 7
*E. MAURICE ATKINS 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLBROOK Treble	HARRY CHAPMAN 5
HAROLD ECKERSALL 2	J. DERBYSHIRE 6
JOSEPH RIDYARD... .. 3	W. H. IDLE 7
J. T. BOTTRELL... .. 4	R. DAVIES Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by W. H. IDLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Margaret B. Idle, daughter
of the conductor.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary & All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	FRANK JACOBS 5
THOMAS W. GORE 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
*GEORGE LEWIS 3	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4	BART MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. This was the conductor's 100th peal
on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(St. Peter's Society, Caversham.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

HARRY MILES Treble	ERNEST W. MENDAY 5
GEORGE ESSEX 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN... .. 6
ALBERT D. CULLUM 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 7
JOSEPH HANDS 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

First Surprise peal on the bells. The band wish to tender their
heartiest thanks to the Rev. A. C. R. and Mrs. Freeborn for their
hospitality before the peal, and to Mr. F. Webb for having everything
in readiness.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

JAMES HEASMAN Treble	ELGAR KING 5
GEORGE MALYAN 2	ERNEST EVEREST 6
SIDNEY HUNTLEY 3	HARRY SEAL 7
HARRY HARRINGTON 4	HARRY COOMBER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST EVEREST.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

FREDERICK C. BURROWS ... Treble	THOMAS FITZJOHN 5
FREDERICK A. POULSON 2	WILLIAM EVERETT 6
FREDERICK A. SALTER 3	*WILLIAM MEARS 7
ALFRED NEWSON 4	CHARLES CARTER Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS, and
Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

* First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate the wedding of Mr
Robert Hutton.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*ARTHUR FAIRY Treble	HORACE COPERWHEAT 5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 2	FRED STUBBS 6
FRANK KIRK 3	HENRY STUBBS 7
WALTER GILBERT 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by G. HUGHES, and
Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM H. JOINER... .. Treble	ALBERT CALVER 5
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT... .. 2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD... .. 6
*BENJAMIN MORRIS 3	*ALFRED CLAYTON 7
*FRANK HOLDER 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minute
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., in G sharp.

*GEORGE EDSER, Senr. ... Treble	ALFRED WOODROW 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD... .. 2	FERRIS SHEPHERD, Senr. 6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 3	†FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 7
*CHARLES J. HAMBLIN 4	JOHN EMERY Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from the
treble. Rung in honour of Prince Albert's birthday. This is the first
peal in the method at Hershams by all local men, and was rung at the
first attempt.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

HERBERT C. FENTIMAN ... Treble	GEORGE H. BARKER 5
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 2	JOSEPH LADLEY 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	BARNARD PATMORE 7
HENRY C. INGLE 4	HENRY S. REEVES Tenor

Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

This peal was rung as a farewell to Mr. H. C. Ingle, who is leaving
the town for Worthing, and was his first peal.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SWINDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs.

*JOHN H. ODEY Treble	*GEORGE LANCASTER ... 5
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2	*HENRY W. L. WELLS ... 6
ROBERT W. HYNER 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 7
*GEORGE W. TOWNSEND ... 4	ERNEST BISHOP Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five and a half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM ... Treble	FRANK HALL 5
JOSEPH GODDARD 2	BENJAMIN GODDARD ... 6
WILLIAM HENRY BRADLEY 3	JOHN HARROP 7
ROBERT WALKER 4	THOMAS BRADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

J. Goddard has now rung peals on all the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NASKETON.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine, Treble Bob and 720 of Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT, Junr. ... Treble	GEORGE ABLITT 4
HENRY BURCH 2	WILLIAM KING 5
DAVID LEGGETT 3	CHARLES KING Tenor

Conducted by C. KING.

CHURCH LENCH.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, three of Plain Bob and two of Grandsire each called differently.

H. J. PHIPPS Treble	F. JORDAN 4
H. JORDAN 2	F. JOHNSON 5
J. HEMMING 3	H. MIDDLETON Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

This was the quarterly peal by the Southern Branch, and first peal of Minor on the bells. After the peal the band were entertained to tea at the Rectory by Miss Smith, to whom a vote of thanks was passed for her kind hospitality.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON ... Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 5
JAMES OSBORN 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Rung in honour of the christening of the son of the ringer of the 5th.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE POPNELL Treble	*CHARLES SHERRIF 4
WILLIAM BOUGHTON 2	JOHN BARBER, Senr. ... 5
CHARLES BOUGHTON 3	*JOHN BARBER, Junr. ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BARBER, Senr.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single. Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER ... Treble	ERNEST GIBBS 4
CHARLES LAYTON 2	CHARLES L. SADLER ... 5
CHARLES WEOBLEY 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY WEBBER Treble	ERNEST WILKINS 4
THOMAS J. SMITH 2	JAMES CLARKE 5
ARTHUR SYMONS 3	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Mereson.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN TAYLOR Treble	ROBERT GREEN 4
ALFRED WILSON 2	GEORGE H. KETTLE ... 5
HARRY HASTINGS 3	CHARLES AYLETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. KETTLE.

First peal on the bells by a local band, and first peal by all except the conductor.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES COLLINS Treble	†OLIVER COLLINS 4
*CHARLES BRETT 2	†GEORGE A. TAYLOR ... 5
*HARRY BROOK 3	WILFRED BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED BOOTH.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells and by the local band.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED BALL Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 4
GEORGE H. GEARY 2	ARTHUR MEASEY 5
WILLIAM SMITH 3	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal with all Oxford Treble Bob on the bells and by all. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Victor Geary (of the local band) to Miss Ethel Barrett.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

ROGER SATTERTHWAITE ... Treble	ERIC L. BENNETT ... 4
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 2	JOHN HOLME ... 5
*GORDON WHITAM ... 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER SATTERTHWAITE.

* First peal in three methods.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

ROBERT G. BLACK ... Treble	GEORGE HOLLAND ... 4
EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 5
PERCY J. LENTON ... 3	HORACE W. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Friday, December 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE ABBOTT ANSLEM INSTITUTE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 1-2	FRANK J. LEVITT ... 5-6
WILLIAM W. KEMP ... 3-4	*HORACE FOULGER ... 7-8

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.

Umpire: HARRY A. TURNER.

* First peal double-handed.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S.

FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 1-2	T. H. BERNARD ... 5-6
ARTHUR E. MOORE ... 3-4	HARRY A. TURNER ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire: FRANK J. LEVITT.

This peal was arranged for T. H. Bernard, of Harwich, and was his first peal of Grandsire.

FYLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

MERVYN DUCK ... 1-2	*CHARLES WATSON ... 3-4
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 5-6	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

Umpire: GEORGE WELLBURN.

* First peal on handbells.

RETTFORD, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in One Hour and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT ALMA VILLA, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of Double Bob and Plain Bob was tapped on handbells by

JOHN SEGER, JUNR.

Umpires: L. BLAGG, J. SEGER, SENR., and J. WOOD.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 1-2	FRANK J. LEVITT ... 5-6
WILLIAM W. KEMP ... 3-4	*CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and

Conducted by FREDERICK G. DEWELL.

Umpire: ALFRED ELY.

* First peal of Major "in hand."

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CETERS, 5079 CHANCES;

*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7-8

FRANK BLONDELL ... 9-10

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: THOMAS W. RADFORD.

* First peal of Stedman on an inside pair and first attempt.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Friday, December 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE ABBOTT ANSLEM INSTITUTE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WILLIAM W. KEMP ... 1-2	FRANK J. LEVITT ... 5-6
HARRY A. TURNER ... 3-4	*ALFRED ELY ... 7-8

Composed by J. P. BURTON, and

Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.

Umpire: FREDERICK G. DEWELL.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT 120, CROYLAND ROAD, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

*MISS E. K. PARKER ... 1-2	*JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	*WILBY J. HAZELL ... 7-8

Composed by J. HARRISON, and

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method in hand. This is the first peal of Treble Bob on handbells in which a lady has taken part.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 1-2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, December 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON ... 5-6
WALTER S. WISE ... 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: FREDERICK J. HARDY.

The peal at Stansted, Essex, rung on December 7th should have been credited to the Essex Association, and not to the Ely.

The ringer of the 5th at Gresford on December 7th was George Vaughan.

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- Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
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- Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
- Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
- Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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ODD CHANGES.

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS" to all our readers.

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That clever young man, Mr. J. Seger, junr., of Retford Notts, has succeeded in tapping another peal of Minor this time in five methods. These are wonderful performances, even in these days of marvels. Next week we hope to give Mr. Seger's portrait.

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Mr. James George writes:—"I changed my residence nearly a year ago, and, as many communications are still being sent to my old address, I shall be glad if ringers will kindly note that my present address is 50, Craven Road, Rugby."

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Mr. J. Slarke of Towcester, who gave a new bell to Easton Neston Church, and is a most enthusiastic ringer, has just celebrated his 71st birthday. To mark the event he entertained the members of the Towcester and District Association to tea.

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There were two veterans in the peal of Grandsire Caters at Dudley on Saturday. It was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Spittle on his 77th birthday, and Mr. W. Rock

Small, who also took part in it, is 73 years of age. They are wonderful ringers for men well past the allotted span, but they seem game for a good deal more yet.

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The history and uses of church bells have always an interest for the general public, and many writers have endeavoured to provide articles of interest for the readers of newspapers and magazines. It is, however, astonishing how much at sea these authors get when they come to the technical side of ringing. A by no means uninteresting story of bells appeared last week in the "Manchester Evening News," but it is marred by the following, which displays a somewhat woeful ignorance of the art of ringing. The writer says:—

No particular skill is required to ring a peal of bells in regular order from treble to bass, but to "ring the changes" on a large peal requires skill, muscle, and physical endurance. The greater the number of bells the greater are the number of changes possible. A "Round" of three bells only admits of six changes, a "Double" or "Grandsire" of five bells consists of 220 changes, a "Bob Minor" of six bells (720 changes), a "Bob Major" of eight bells (40,320 changes). There are altogether ten grades of peals culminating in a "Bob Maximus" comprising no less than 479,001,600 changes. Of course no one is capable of this supreme effort. A "Triple" of seven bells takes three and a half hours to ring, and a "Bob Major" twenty-eight hours. A "Bob Maximus" would take ninety-one years to ring at the rate of ten strokes a second. A clergyman recently died, who had many times rung all the different grades up to the "Bob Major," and had even achieved that Herculean task more than once.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Owing to the Christmas holidays falling in the middle of next week, it will be essential for "The Ringing World" to go to press much earlier than usual. Reports of Saturday's peals and events should therefore be posted to us the same night. Secretaries and others should bear in mind that notices of meetings, etc., must reach this office by **FIRST POST MONDAY MORNING**. "The Ringing World" will be on sale on Friday as usual.

THE CHESTER GUILD.

On Saturday, the annual meeting of the Runcorn Branch of the Chester Guild was held at Frodsham. The two towers of the Branch (Runcorn and Frodsham) were well represented, visitors also attending from Grappenhall, Eccleston, Widnes, and Wernham. Good touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, these being the methods most practised at Frodsham since the new trebles were added a year ago, and in which the locals have made excellent progress. At tea, which had been prepared in the Schoolroom, the ringers were joined by the Rev. W. M. Myers (Vicar of Frodsham) and Mrs. Myers, who, with Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, presided at the tables, the Rev. H. V. Pigott (Chairman of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Guild), the Rev. R. L. Mann (Curate of Frodsham), and the Rev. A. T. Beeston (hon. secretary of the Guild), who took this opportunity of paying his annual visit to the branch.—The Vicar expressed his delight in welcoming the ringers and visitors to Frodsham, and at the business meeting, which followed, a good number of new members were elected—an excellent sign of progress.—The Rev. A. T. Beeston expressed his pleasure at attending such an enthusiastic meeting, and also congratulated the secretary and other officers on the way in which they conducted the work of the branch. The ringers afterwards attended evensong, for which the bells were rung, and after service the ringing chamber was again visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Oxford Bob Triples rung, a number of ringers calling their first touches in these methods.

UPTON CHURCH BELLS RENOVATED.

After being silent for six months for necessary repairs, the peal of beautiful bells in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Upton, Torquay, were joyously rung on Saturday. For four hours in the afternoon a series of call changes were rung by the regular band of Upton ringers, assisted by members of the Mid-Devon Ringers' Association, the parishes represented being St. Marychurch, Babbacombe, Paignton, Newton Abbot, Highweek, Kingskerswell and Stoke-in-Teignhead. The ringers, numbering about sixty, were afterwards entertained at a bountiful tea provided by the hospitality of the Rector and Mrs. Gregg, and they then adjourned to the church, where a short service was held, and an address on bells was given by the Rector, who dedicated the bells to their renewed work, and asked for a blessing upon them, the ringers, and the parish generally. Of the heavy expense of renovation, the sum of about £15 is still needed. Inasmuch as the bells are often devoted to the service of the town generally, it is hoped that many outside Upton parish will be ready to respond to the appeal which has been issued. The work of restoration has been ably carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild of change ringers concluded their series of meetings for the current year on Monday in last week, when they assembled at Tenterden. As was anticipated, the meeting was wonderfully well attended, for campanologists eagerly make use of opportunities to ring on Tenterden's famous peal of bells. Members attended from Appledore, Benenden, Iden, Lyminge, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower. The ringing consisted of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples. Many short touches were brought round in praiseworthy manner, under the conductorship of Messrs. G. Billenness, R. Edwards, and W. E. Pitman.

The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) presided at the business meeting.—It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Appledore on the third Saturday in January, when it is hoped that the tower will be opened from three o'clock till half-past five. A service will be held in the church, after which the annual dinner and meeting will take place at the Swan Hotel, with the president (the Rev. A. O. Scutt), Vicar of Appledore, in the chair.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs) reported that the Guild was in a most satisfactory condition financially, and it was resolved, on the proposition of Mr. A. Johnson, seconded by Mr. W. H. Lambert, that the Guild pay half the expenses in connection with the annual dinner.

The question of attempting peals at Rolvenden and Appledore was discussed, and eventually it was left to the Secretary to arrange them at any date he might think suitable.

ST. IGNATIUS, SUNDERLAND.

The ring of six bells at St. Ignatius, Sunderland, is shortly to be increased to eight, Messrs. Taylor and Co. having two trebles in hand to complete the octave. These are the gift of Mr. S. M. Ritson, a former churchwarden, in memory of his mother.

The ring originally consisted of five bells, dedicated on Easter Day, 1898, and since that time change ringing has been constantly practised. The band was well grounded in the rudiments of the Art by such capable instructors as Mr. T. Hudson and his two sons, of Bishopwearmouth. Consistent progress has been made, the Guild having won first place in its Association for Sunday service ringing for the last two years, and it is confidently expected that the ringers will be able to do justice to their augmented ring.

The first 720 (Grandsire Doubles) was scored on the bells on Dec. 12th, 1898, by three members, assisted by Messrs. T. Hudson, senr., and R. Hudson, in honour of the marriage of a member of the Guild. The 14th anniversary of this day coinciding with a practice, 720 true changes were rung to celebrate the occasion. The 720 consisted of 360 each of York and Durham Surprise, the band including Messrs. Robt. L. Patterson and Joseph W. Parker, two of the members who rang in the first 720, the third, Mr. W. H. Denteth, being now in Australia.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON'S 200 PEALS.

Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 5; Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 4; London Surprise Major (treble), 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 15; Double Norwich Major, 39; Kent Treble Bob Major, 48; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 18; Forward Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Bob Major, 13; Stedman Triples, 29; Grandsire Triples, 12; in three methods of Minor, 4; in four methods of Doubles, 1; total, 200. Rung in sixty-four different towers in eight different counties, and ninety-three of them upon the bells of his own Parish Church.

MR. W. STEELE'S 100 PEALS.

On six bells, 8, conducted, 4; Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 1; Bob Major, 9, conducted, 7; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 22, conducted, 16; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 17, conducted, 9; Double Norwich Major, 22, conducted, 5; Duffield Major, 1, conducted, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 10, conducted, 1; New Cambridge Surprise, 1; Norfolk Surprise, 1; total, 100, conducted, 48. Rung in 36 towers, in the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex.

MR. J. M. BAILEY'S 100 PEALS.

On tower bells: Bob Minor, 1; Grandsire Triples, 1; Bob Major, 7; Kent Treble Bob Major, 13 (including 7003); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 9; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 13 (including 11,040); Superlative Surprise Major, 27; Cambridge Surprise Major, 13; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1. On handbells: Kent Treble Bob Major, 4; Bob Major, 5; total, 100.

MR. B. A. KNIGHT'S 100 PEALS

ON CHESTERFIELD PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

Grandsire Triples, 4; Caters, 6; Stedman Triples, 5 (conducted 3); Caters, 18 (11); Bob Major, 2, (1); Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7 (4); Royal, 27 (11); Oxford Major, 1; Royal, 5 (3); Double Norwich Major, 6 (3); Royal, 4 (1); Forward Royal, 1 (1); Superlative Surprise Major, 6 (2); New Cambridge, 1; Yorkshire, 3; Peterborough, 1; London, 2; total, 100 (conducted 40). Including the first peal of Stedman Triples, Oxford Major and Royal, Double Norwich Major and Royal, Forward Royal, Superlative, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Peterborough and London—on the bells.

DEATH OF MR. F. S. PERCIVAL, PORTMADOC.

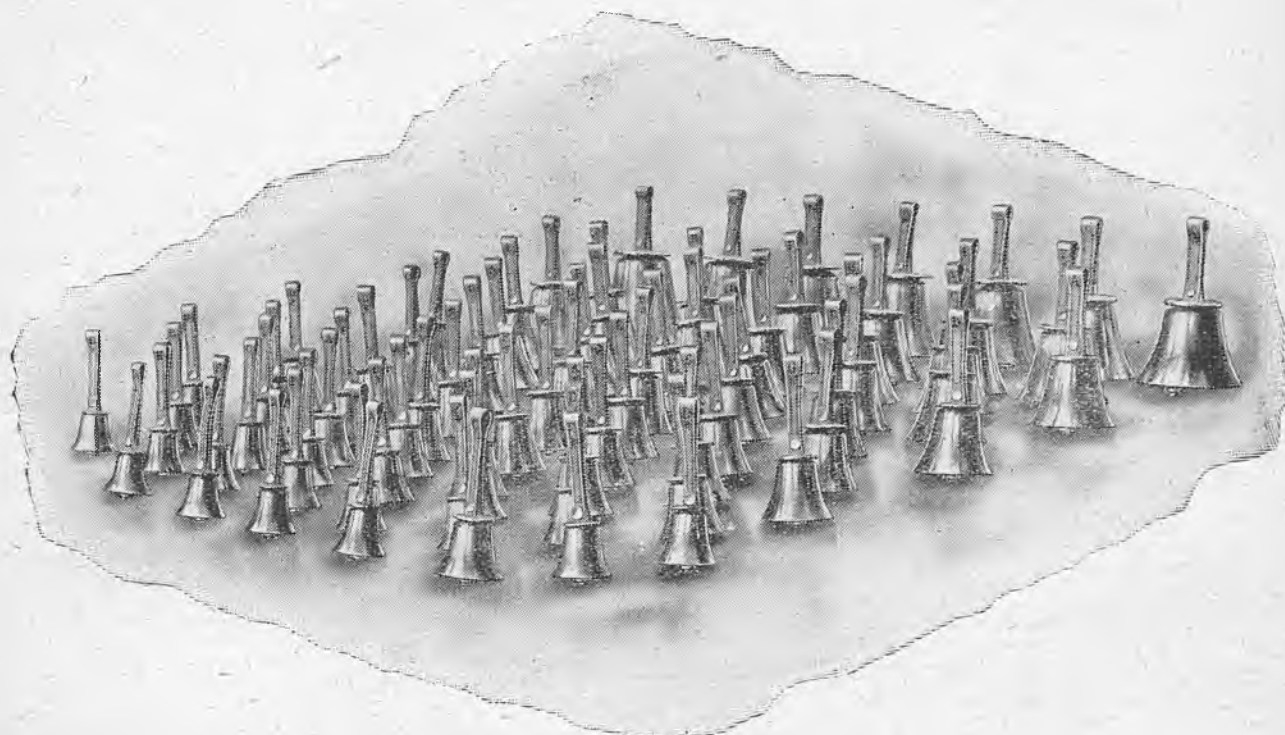
The Portmadoc bellringers have sustained a very great loss, through the death of their president, Mr. F. S. Percival, Bodawen, Portmadoc, who died after a long illness. The deceased, who was in his 84th year, was one of the most liberal benefactors of St. John's Church, his gifts including the Church tower and peal of eight bells, and vestry. He was the bellringers' greatest friend, his beneficence and generosity to them at all times being unsurpassed. The burial took place at the family vault at Llanbedrog. The bells were rung fully muffled on the two subsequent Sundays, and also on the day of the funeral.

An attempt was made on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, to ring a memorial peal of Grandsire Triples, fully muffled, but it came to grief after two hours and five minutes' splendid ringing.

THE LATE MR. A. JACOB.

The amounts received on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. A. Jacob are as follow: The Rev. B. Spink, £1 1s.; Mr. F. Sherlock, £2 2s.; members of the Hornsey Ringers' Guild and friends, £1 7s.; from his fellow workers, £2 2s.; anonymous, £2 2s.; Mr. Edward F. Cole, £1 1s.; Mr. J. H. Cheesman, 5s.; Mr. R. K. Knight, 3s.; G. F. M., 2s.; total, £10 5s. Subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Rev. B. Spink, The Rectory, Hornsey; Mr. E. Robins, 12, Church Lane, Hornsey; Mr. F. Sherlock, The Ferns, Priory Road, Hornsey.

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STOKE POGES BELLS.

RE-DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF SIX.

The old six bells of the famous Church of St. Giles', Stoke Poges, which have been in an unringable state for some time, have now been recast and rehung in an entirely new iron and steel frame, at a total cost of £244. The work was completed about the middle of last month, and the same evening the bells were rung for a short time to see that all was right.

The old bells were sadly out of tune with each other, and as it was desirable to lay the foundation for a useful and musical peal of eight, it was decided to recast the whole peal, as it would give important advantages. In spreading out the metal of the old bells it enabled the bell-founders to increase the weight of the tenor, while in tuning the new bells they could be brought into perfect harmony with each other. The weight of the tenor has been increased from 12 cwt. to 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs., while the weight of the smaller bells has been slightly reduced. The bells have been tuned on Simpson's five tone principle. The whole work has been most successfully carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, to whom great credit is due.

The re-dedication of the bells took place during the morning service, on Sunday week, when a large congregation attended.—The Rev. Canon Barnett, Vicar of Stoke Poges, took the first part of the service, and after the second lesson, the Rev. Canon Eliot (Rural Dean and Rector of Slough), ascended to the belfry and re-dedicated the bells to the glory of God. At the conclusion of the prayers, a few rounds followed by 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung. After the hymn, "The Church's one Foundation," had been sung, Canon Eliot gave a very interesting and appropriate address on the uses of Church bells. During the hymn, "When morning gilds the skies," a collection was made, which will go towards extinguishing the remaining debt of £30.

At the conclusion of the morning service, six members of the Oxford Guild rang a favourite 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (5th observation): Messrs. J. J. Parker, G. Gutteridge, C. Garbett, F. Bateman, W. Bateman and W. Henley (conductor). While the ringing was in progress, the Vicar, the two churchwardens and the organist visited the belfry, and expressed their keen delight at the charming tone of the bells, and as the congregation passed through the churchyard on their way home, one heard nothing but expressions of delight on all sides. The church stands in Stoke Park, and the surrounding trees add greatly to the charm of the bells.

With regard to the "go" of the bells, it would seem that nothing has been omitted that would ensure complete success. The parishioners of Stoke Poges and the whole neighbourhood owe a debt of gratitude to the churchwardens, Mr. E. H. Parry and Mr. W. A. Judd, and especially Mr. Parry, without whose energy and perseverance the recasting of the bells would not have been carried through.

Appended are the inscriptions on the bells and their weights:—

		cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble.	T. Mears, of London. Fecit, 1824	3	2	13
	John Edson, Churchwarden.			
2.	John Fenmore, John Slaughter, Churchwardens...	4	2	6
	Thos. Swain. Fecit, 1772.			
3.	R. Phelps. Fecit, 1728	5	2	22
4.	Thos. Hunt, John Slaughter, Churchwardens	6	1	23
	Thos. Swain made mee 1773.			
5.	R. Phelps. Fecit, 1728	8	2	6
6.	The Reverend Mr. Tho. Dolphin, Vicar	13	2	3
	Messrs. Wm. Godfrey, Joseph Hewet, Churchwardens.			
	R. Phelps. Fecit, 1728.			

KENT ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held on Saturday, at Chathan Parish Church. There was ringing during the afternoon, and a service was held in the small chapel, conducted by the Rector, who gave a short but instructive address.

The business meeting was held in the vestry, and was presided over by the Rector, who welcomed the Association to the parish, and wished it prosperity.—One new member was elected, belonging to the Milton-next-Gravesend band.—Milton-next-Gravesend and Tunstall were suggested for the half-yearly meeting, and Tunstall was selected by a majority of six. The meeting will be held about the second Saturday in March.—The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding at the meeting, and for his address, and a similar compliment was passed to the secretary for presiding at the organ.

The towers represented were: Swanscombe, Gravesend, Milton-next-Gravesend, Meopham, Rochester, Gillingham, Upchurch, Queenboro', and the local band. Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and one of his men, who are at work on the Gillingham bells, were present in the evening. The methods rung were: Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble, Bob, and Double Norwich.

CONGRATULATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

Mr. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton, near Evesham, writes: Will you allow me, through the medium of your paper, to thank the many members of the Exercise who have so kindly sent congratulations to myself and children on their scoring the handbell peal of Grandsire Doubles, and to assure them that we shall not be content until we have a peal of Triples to our credit.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devises Branch was held on Saturday, at Edington and Bratton, and although the weather was most unfavourable, a fairly good number of ringers assembled. Ringing was kept up in various methods during the afternoon, and the party then adjourned to the Monastery Gardens close to the grand old Church of Edington, where 22 sat down to a good substantial tea, supplied by Mr. Marsh, of Bratton.—A short business meeting followed, the Rev. J. A. Sturton (Vicar of Market Lavington) occupying the chair, supported by the Rev. E. C. Alexander (Vicar of Edington), and Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. secretary of the branch), and ringers from Bratton, Market Lavington, Edington, Seend, Southbroom, and Great Cheverell. Three new members from Southbroom, nine from Enford and 12 from Bratton were elected.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of Edington and Bratton for the use of the bells at their respective churches was unanimously carried.—A little practice with the handbells, and more ringing at the churches brought the day's pleasant proceedings to a termination.

MORE INTEREST WANTED IN MARLBOROUGH BRANCH.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the annual meeting of the Marlborough branch, on Saturday, was very poorly attended. Ringing began at St. Mary's, Marlborough, at 3 p.m., and the Guild service was held in the church at 4.30. A very practical and appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. A. E. G. Peters, chairman of the branch. The members afterwards sat down to tea, and a short business meeting followed. The report for the year showed an average attendance of 14 at the monthly meetings. The membership of the branch showed an increase from 61 to 74, nine of the new members being change ringers. The secretary was obliged to report that several attempts to establish change ringing in various towers had apparently met with failure. Very little progress could be acknowledged in the way of restoration, which was so sorely needed in the district.

The report was approved, and the officers were re-elected for next year. The meeting over, some more ringing was indulged in until late in the evening. It is hoped that next year may show fruit in the improvement of the ringing, and this hope must be the keynote of the work for the year.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

NORTH FOREST BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The second annual meeting of the North Forest Branch was held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Newent, on Saturday week. Although the weather was very wet and dreary, some 30 members were present, representing Newent, Corse, Hasfield, Redmarley, Staunton, Churcham, and Westbury-on-Severn. The bells, a heavy peal of six, were available during afternoon and evening, and the special service, conducted by the Rev. Canon Connor (chairman), was well attended. The members afterwards adjourned to the Parish Rooms, where an excellent tea was provided by the chairman, who also presided at the business meeting.—The secretary's report showed that eight towers had been affiliated, making a total of 12, and 37 new members elected, including three honorary, making a total of 55. Ten meetings had been held, the average attendance being 18.—The Chairman complimented the secretary upon being able to present such a successful report, which, with the financial statement, was adopted.—The Chairman was unanimously re-elected, as also was the hon. secretary (Mr. W. J. Roberts). Mr. T. H. Hayes was re-elected as representative on the committee of management, and a branch committee was formed, consisting of one member from each tower, viz.: Messrs. C. E. Merchant (Hasfield), A. Martin (Newent), G. Parsons (Corse), T. H. Hayes (Staunton), E. J. Stephens (Churcham), E. Robinson (Redmarley), and C. Heath (Blaisdon).—Blaisdon tower was affiliated to the branch, and five new members elected.—Tirley was suggested as the next meeting place.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for his kindness, and, in responding, he welcomed the ringers to the parish, and wished the branch every success.

A smoking concert was afterwards held, at which songs were contributed by Dr. A. Higgins, Messrs. W. S. Hankins, G. H. Berkley, C. Heath, C. Tunnicliffe, A. Dobbins and W. Tyler, and selections on the handbells were given by the local band.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. J. J. Clark (churchwarden), who presided at the concert, and to the gentlemen who had kindly assisted.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On November 20th, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell, of Barwood, Gloucester, celebrated their golden wedding, having been married at Brockworth Church, near Gloucester, on November 20th, 1862, by the Rev. G. Watts. In honour of the event, for evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 24th, at St. Lawrence's Church, Barnwood, a 720 Bob Minor was rung, by: A. E. Waite 1, A. A. Waite 2, G. A. Smith 3, A. G. Waite 4, H. Mitchell 5, J. A. Waite 6. This touch was conducted by Mr. H. Mitchell, who is 77 years of age, and has been a member of the Barnwood band of ringers since 1853. The Vicar and his fellow ringers offered him their hearty congratulations, and presented him with a gold-lined sugar basin and sifter, which the recipient suitably acknowledged.

LUTTERWORTH RINGERS' DINNER.

The date of the peal at Lutterworth, recorded last week, coincided with the annual dinner of the local band, who very kindly invited the peal ringers to join them. A sumptuous spread was partaken of at the Denbigh Hotel, and amongst those sitting down were Messrs. Wilford, of Northampton; Fowler and Dexter, of Leicester; five members of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby; the local band; and a few of their friends. A social evening was afterwards spent under the able chairmanship of Mr. A. J. Ross, who proposed the loyal toast. The first item of a splendid musical programme was a selection on the handbells ("The Retreat March") by Messrs. Fenton, junr., Hessian and White, of the Rugby company, which was followed by a humorous song by Mr. Mills. Mr. Fred Wilford then proved himself to be a superlative singer as well as a Superlative ringer, with a well-rendered song, "Off to Philadelphia."—Mr. Peter Rourke, in proposing "The Visitors," said how pleased he was to see such a representative gathering. He coupled with the toast the names of Messrs. Wilford and Smy, and previous to those gentlemen responding, a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Messrs. Chandler, Fenton, senr., Hessian, Fenton, junr., and White, of the Rugby company. After another humorous contribution by Mr. Mills, "The song that reached my heart" was given with much taste by Mr. Prentice, following which was a well executed cornet solo by Mr. Herbert, a member of the local band, and a selection on the handbells, "Caller Herrin," by Messrs. Chandler, Hessian and White. "The St. Andrew's Society, Rugby," was proposed from the chair, and in the course of his remarks, Mr. Ross said how much the Lutterworth ringers were indebted to the members of the St. Andrew's Society for the help and instruction they had given them. The names of Messrs. Fenton, senr., and White, master and hon. secretary respectively of the St. Andrew's Society, were coupled with the toast, and Mr. Fenton, in replying, thanked Mr. Ross for his remarks, and also the local ringers for their kindness in inviting them to the dinner.—Mr. White also replied, and said that any help they might require would be gladly given by the Rugby company.—Messrs. Wilford and Kimpton Smith next obliged with songs, and then the toast of the evening, "Success to the St. Mary's Society, Lutterworth," was submitted by Mr. Fenton.—Mr. Williams, the Ringing Master, in replying, thanked the company for the kind way in which they had received the toast, and his name.—After a couple of songs had been given by Messrs. Prentice and Mills, another selection on the handbells was contributed by Messrs. Fenton, junr., Hessian and White, and a cornet solo by Mr. Herbert, all of which were much appreciated.—The concluding toast, "Our Chairman," submitted by Mr. S. Poole, was accorded musical honours, the company being thanked by Mr. Ross for the enthusiastic way in which they had received his name. An ever-popular item of these gatherings is a mirth-making duet by Messrs. Peter Rourke and Kimpton Smith, entitled "Come with me down Regent Street," and after this had been given in their inimitable style, an evening which will long be remembered by those present was brought to a close.

The writer wishes, through the medium of "The Ringing World," and on behalf of those taking part in the peal, to thank the Lutterworth ringers for their kindness in granting permission to attempt the peal, and also for the invitation to join them at dinner. It is their earnest hope that they may on some future occasion be able in some slight way to return the kindness shown to them on this and many past occasions.—A. J. H.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT SEEND.

On Saturday week, a large congregation attended the grand old country Church of the Holy Cross, Seend, for the dedication of the bells, after restoration. The tenor has been recast and the bells rehung in a new iron frame.—The Bishop of Salisbury performed the ceremony, and there were present the Vicar of Seend (Canon Thynne, R.D.), Canon Wyld (Vicar of Melksham), the Rev. G. A. King (Vicar of Easterton), the Rev. W. H. Kewley, R.D. (Vicar of Potterne), and the Rev. W. H. Weekes (Chaplain at H.M. Prison, Devizes). Mr. R. Roberts, of Seend, presided at the organ (which, by the way, is a very fine one).—The Bishop delivered an excellent address, and after the dedicatory prayers had been said, a few rounds were rung by the local ringers. At the conclusion of the service, a short touch of 240 Grandsire Doubles was well rung by a band of ringers from St. James' Church, Trowbridge: W. Butcher 1, C. Raison 2, J. Francis 3, A. K. Harrison 4, S. Hector (conductor) 5, W. Baxter 6. Afterwards, the local ringers, assisted by Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (hon. branch secretary), and Mr. Thos. Weekes, of Southbroom, rang another short touch, and the bells were kept going until the evening.

The work has been most satisfactorily done by Messrs. John Taylor and Sons, the noted Loughborough founders, and the "go" of the bells is excellent. The weights of them are as follow: Treble, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs., D; 2, 5 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb., C; 3, 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs., B flat; 4, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs., A; 5, 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs., G; 6, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs., F. The cost of recasting the tenor (between £80 and £90) was generously defrayed by Mr. W. Howard Bell (High Sheriff of Wilts), who was present at the opening ceremony. The remainder of the cost was provided by the parish, amounting in all to about £250. Seend is now in possession of a splendid old church, a fine organ, and a capital ring of bells.

THE PEAL AT ELSTREE, HERTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The first 5040 on Elstree bells was conducted by Mr. C. H. Martin, under the auspices of the then Middlesex County Association. Our peal, mentioned by Mr. G. R. Newton in your last issue, was subsequent to this. There have been, therefore, two peals on these bells previous to that on 23rd November last. Incidentally, all three peals have been claimed as the first on the bells.—Yours faithfully,

Watford.

G. N. PRICE.

DEATH OF A BOLNEY RINGER.

The death occurred on the 9th inst., somewhat suddenly, of Wm. Hy. Packham, of Bolney. The deceased was engaged as under-game-keeper on the Wykehurst Estate, and had complained at times for some weeks of not feeling well, but attributed his condition to indigestion. On Saturday, the 7th, during the afternoon, he complained of not feeling so well as usual, and, therefore, went home. On Sunday morning he felt much better, and did his usual morning rounds, and after returning home, expressed his intention of going to the church (a distance of over two miles) to assist in the ringing for evening service. During the afternoon, however, he was taken suddenly worse, and a doctor was summoned. He was removed to the Hayward's Heath Cottage Hospital the following morning, and an operation for gastric ulcer was performed, but the patient passed away during the night from collapse. He leaves a widow and one son to mourn their loss.

The deceased had been for many years a valued member of the local band of ringers, his perfect good nature having won the respect of all. He has taken part in several peals of Grandsire Triples with the local ringers.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church, on Saturday, amid every manifestation of respect and sympathy. The Vicar, the Rev. E. W. Michell (who is also a ringer), officiated, and six of his brother ringers acted as bearers. The ringers were fully represented, and were seated by request of the Vicar in the choir stalls. The hymn, "O God, our help, in ages past," was sung during the service, Mr. C. J. Brightling (organist) presiding at the organ, and rendering appropriate music while the congregation were assembling, and on the funeral procession leaving the church.

After the funeral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, by: A. Absolam 1, W. Wheeler 2, J. Newman 3, W. Vincent (conductor) 4, T. Gasson 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Walder 7, G. Packham 8, followed by 504 in the same method, in which C. Starley and F. Stoner took part.

HEPTONSTALL'S NEW BELLS.

"Ringer's Day" at Heptonstall, Lincs., where a new peal of eight have just been hung, was a great success. A large number of ringers responded to the invitation of the local men, and representatives were present from Newchurch, Lindley, Waterfoot, St. Saviour's and Christ Church (Bacup), Hamer Bottom, Todmorden Parish Church and Unitarians, Cross Stone, Mytholmroyd, Ripponden, Halifax Parish Church and All Souls', Lightcliffe, Brighouse, Birstall, Sowerby, Guiseley, and Lincoln Cathedral. The ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and went on until 9 p.m. A meat tea was provided in the schoolroom, to which the company, numbering about 100, sat down. The ringers expressed great admiration for the rich tone of the bells, and of their excellent "go." Mr. Taylor, of Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough (the firm which has so successfully carried out the work), was present, and was naturally pleased that the work gave such entire satisfaction. Touches in various methods were rung during the day.

Messrs. J. Sutcliffe-Thomas, J.P. and J. T. Sutcliffe, of Mayroyd, and Mr. W. H. Sutcliffe, Brearley, the donors of the two heavy bells in connection with the augmentation of the peal at Heptonstall, Lincs., generously entertained the members of the Bells Committee and past ringers, together with a few friends, numbering about 40, to dinner at the Cross Inn on Saturday week. The committee comprised the clergy, wardens, sidesmen, ringers, and other representatives, and their work has been no easy task, but, thanks to a dogged perseverance, it has been carried to a thoroughly successful issue, and for this the committee have earned the gratitude of the parishioners.—The Rev. E. O. Williams, M.A., who presided, made an apology for the absence of Mr. J. Sutcliffe-Thomas, who had fully intended being present, but was unavoidably prevented. Neither of the two other brothers were present.—After an excellent dinner, the Rev. E. O. Williams, in proposing the toast, "Mr. J. Sutcliffe-Thomas and Messrs. J. T. and W. H. Sutcliffe," made a neat little speech, in which he eulogised the generosity of the donors, who had enabled them to bring about such an improvement in the belfry.—The toast was accorded musical honours.

The evening was afterwards spent in a social manner, being presided over by Mr. L. Ashworth, the energetic secretary of the committee. Mr. W. Sunderland was at the piano, and also gave solos and songs.—Other contributors to the programme were the Rev. J. F. L. Orton, Messrs. J. Armstrong, W. Ingham and H. Uttley. Some dancing was also indulged in. The whole affair was of a thoroughly enjoyable character.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, the host and hostess, for their excellent catering.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Wrington on Saturday week, when 42 members put in an appearance representing twelve towers. Service was held in the Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Ashdown) officiating, and giving a very suitable address.—Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association) presiding, supported by the Rev. G. M. Ashdown (Wrington), Mr. J. Stagg (Long Ashton), and others. After tea, the business meeting was held.—The Master first moved a vote of sympathy with Mr. Nipper, the captain of the Wrington band, who had that day buried his father.—The motion was passed in silence, the members standing.—Eight new members were elected, and Ilminster was chosen for the next place of meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. G. M. Ashdown for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells, and to the organist and choir for their services.—Mr. Ashdown suitably replied.—A move was then made to the tower, which holds a fine peal of ten bells (recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), and touches of Grandsire Caters, Triples and Doubles were rung.

A RINGERS' INDUCTION SERVICE.

A service of induction for ringers is a rather unusual occurrence, but one such was held at Biggleswade on Advent Sunday. It took place in the tower. A short service with prayers was conducted by the Vicar, after which a touch was rung on the bells by Messrs. E. Hussey, H. Rowlett, F. Blood, E. Stratton, H. P. Smith, L. C. Franklin, F. Thompson, and Allen Franklin. Following this, the rules of the Biggleswade Society were signed by the Vicar, the churchwardens, and the following ringers: Mr. F. Blood (captain), Mr. E. Hussey (vice-captain), Mr. H. Rowlett (secretary), Messrs. F. Thompson, E. Stratton, Allen Franklin, R. M. Spang, L. C. Franklin, H. B. Smith, R. Olney, C. A. Pratt, and M. G. Walker.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held on Saturday week, at St. Mark's, Glodwich, Oldham. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and the business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Crabtree. One new member was elected, and Whitworth Parish Church was selected for the next meeting. Members were present from Glodwich, Oldham Parish, Moorside, Middleton, Bakderstone, St. Albans, Todmorden Parish and Todmorden Unitarian. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 15th, 672 Bob Major: A. Macro 1, F. Salter 2, F. A. Poulson 3, Lou Dickerson 4, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 5, G. Platt 6, W. Everett 7, C. Carter 8. 518, with H. Hawes 4. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect for Mr. John Deeks, who had been a member of the above company for twelve years, and was very much respected by all. He was 49 years of age, and died suddenly, from pneumonia.

BECCLES.—At St. Michael's Church, on Oct. 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Goate 1, H. Hopson 2, F. Beckett 3, G. Baxter 4, C. Parnell 5, E. Etteridge 6, H. Ling 7, R. Freestone 8.

OATELEY BRIDGE.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 17th, 720 Bob Minor, on six bells: Ted Richmond (first 720) 1, H. Nicholson 2, J. Sargison 3, F. Sherwood 4, Lawson Holt (first 720 with a bob bell) 5, Jos. Summersall 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Mead 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, T. Best 3, J. Mead 4, L. Meager 5, E. Masks 6, W. Sear 7, V. Sear 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. Thomas Houghton, who has been a member of St. Mary's choir for over 40 years, and was interred in Bletchley Churchyard on the above date.

SOUTHWARK.—On Oct. 17th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, with the bells half-muffled, the whole pull and stand was rung on the occasion of the funeral of the late Mrs. T. A. Lamprell, wife of the senior churchwarden: T. H. Taffender 1, C. H. Hughes 2, H. T. Gowllett 3, T. Walker 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, G. Woodage, senr., 6, W. Davies 7, F. J. Hardy 8. Afterwards touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, etc., in which Messrs. Bennington, E. J. Edwards, and G. Runham also took part. W. Davies hails from St. Nicholas, Liverpool.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: T. Walker (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, F. J. Hardy 4, R. W. Green 5, R. W. C. Grimwood 6, A. D. Barker 7, F. Martin (first quarter-peal) 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Oct. 17th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Attwell 1, W. G. Brockhurst 2, H. J. Ellis 3, J. Allford 4, G. Luff 5, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Attwell.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 44 mins.: C. Remnant 1, W. G. Brockhurst 2, T. Luff (first in the method with a bob bell) 3, G. Luff 4, J. Allford 5, T. Attwell 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, J. Gardiner 8. Also 280 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. G. Brockhurst.

NOTICES.

ST. PETER'S, CROYDON.—The new ring of ten bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Croydon on Saturday, December 21st, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 8.30. Visiting ringers will be welcome.

WHITCHURCH, OXON (near Reading; Pangbourne Station under half a mile).—Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The bells (a peal of 6), which have been recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Oxford at a special service on Monday, December 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing will take place after the service, from 7.30 to 9, when visitors will be able to take part.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, on Thursday, December 26th, 1912. Bells available from 1 o'clock to 6 o'clock. (Business meeting to elect Officers at 3 o'clock).—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in St. John's Schoolroom on Thursday, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. Important business. Bells (10) available.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Kempston (six bells), on Saturday, December 28th. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stamford on December 26th at the Church of St. Martin. Service 4.30, meeting after. Bells: St. Martin's (6), St. Michael's (6) and All Saints' (6) available afternoon and evening.—F. T. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Midhurst on Saturday, December 28th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea please inform me by Thursday, December 26th. Outstanding subscriptions for the present year should now be paid without delay.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The quarterly general meeting of the association will take place on January 6th, 1913, at Christ Church, Blackfriars Road, S.E. Tower open from 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday, January 4th, 1913. Reports can be had at the meeting on payment of current subscription; Life Members on application. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Notice is hereby given that a motion affecting the society's rules will be brought forward at the meeting to be held on January 7th, 1913.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, on Tuesday, January 7th next, at 8.30 p.m., when the balance sheet will be presented. Will members please note that all subscriptions are payable at this meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

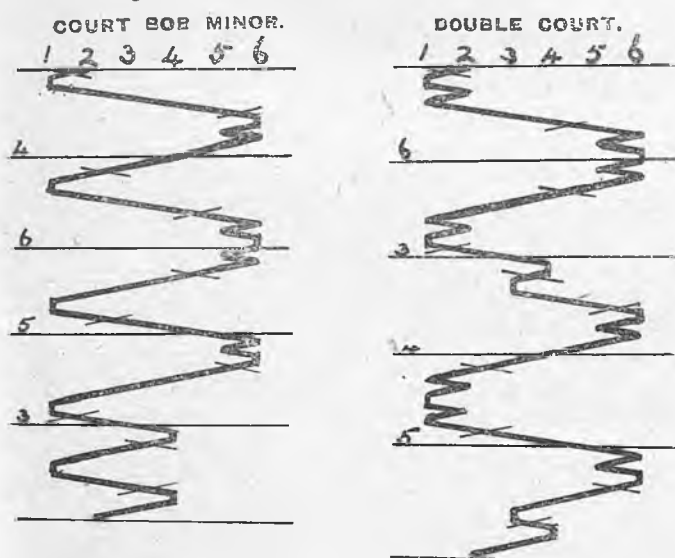
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RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

We give this week the diagrams for Court Bob Minor and Double Court. The figures at the side show the starting place of each bell and the small line intersecting the diagrams the place where the treble crosses the path of the working bell.



LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

At a Grimsby District meeting, at Thornton Curtis, members were present from Waltham, Grimsby St. James' and St. Andrew's, Barrow, and the local men, the afternoon being spent in practice of a most valuable kind, those who were only able to ring a bell having an opportunity as well as those who rang in the higher methods. The Thornton Curtis ringers very generously provided tea for the visitors, about 36 members sitting down.—A short business meeting followed. the Vicar (Rev. C. B. Goodacre) presiding, supported by the Rev. H. Mawson, Vicar of Ulceby.—Mr. P. Sellars was elected a member, and a discussion took place as to the best means of raising funds for another bell at Ulceby (three miles away), where at present there are only five bells. A collection at the meeting resulted in £1 17s. being received.—The Secretary, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome, remarked that since the last meeting at Thornton Curtis they had made headway with their bells by having them increased from five to six. This was due to the generosity of the Rev. Goodacre. And not only had they got the bells, but they had got men who could ring them; which was very gratifying.—The Vicar replied, and the Rev. Mawson also thanked the members for the collection. Mr. Atkinson and the local men received the best thanks of the meeting for the way they had worked to provide tea, and to make the meeting the success it was.—The members then adjourned to the church, where a short service was held, and afterwards to the belfry for more ringing.

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