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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLET 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.

A BENEVOLENT FUND IN BEING.

As will have been seen from the report of the Sussex Association's annual meeting in our last issue, a very admirable foundation has been laid by that organisation for a benevolent fund, and there is now provision to the extent of £25 to assist members who may be in distress. Sussex has the proud distinction of being the first ringing association actually to adopt a scheme for such a fund—although Kent was only a week or two behind—and it is interesting to note, therefore, the basis upon which the fund is established, for it should give the lead to other societies who are still without such a scheme.

The fund in Sussex is to be composed of all life honorary subscriptions, interest from the reserve fund and such sums as shall be from time to time ordered to be paid at any general meeting. Thanks to two years of exceptional financial prosperity, the Association was able at its annual meeting the other day to vote some £17 from the general fund to raise the benevolent fund to £25—and this after voting nearly £20 to the reserve fund in the preceding year. That is how Sussex proposes to raise the money for assisting members in distress. How it proposes to administer the fund will be found in the scheme adopted at the annual meeting. Briefly each application will come before a sub-committee of six members—the general secretary and treasurer, and the divisional secretary and divisional representatives on the general committee. Thus it will have to pass the scrutiny of those best in a position to judge the merits of the case, and it will be noticed that, while proper safeguards have been taken, there is a complete absence of red-tape in the scheme.

In these matters the more simple and the more effective the means of administration the better, and in this respect we think Sussex has set an excellent example. The one omission that is noticeable is the provision of help for a widow or for orphans in the event of a ringer's death in necessitous circumstances. While cases of this kind are clearly within the spirit of the scheme, they have for the moment been excluded by the drafting of the rule, but there is no doubt this technical oversight will be remedied at the first opportunity. The point would, perhaps, hardly have been worth mentioning were it not for the fact that we desired to put on their guard any other societies who might be thinking of taking the Sussex regulations as a basis for a scheme of their own. With the working models which Sussex and Kent now provide we hope it will not be long before the country is covered with a network of these funds always ready to help a brother in need, for we are convinced that there still is and will be opportunity for valuable work to be done by this means.

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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.

BRISTOL.

ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

† RICHARD CHAMMINGS... .. Treble	* ERNEST G. SEVIOUR ... 6
HENRY PORCH 2	FRANCIS T. JEWELL ... 7
* HENRY J. WAY 3	ALFRED PEARCE ... 8
* CHARLES J. WALTON ... 4	* WILLIAM H. SHORT ... 9
* ARTHUR W. SEVIOUR ... 5	* HERBERT A. ADAMS ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by H. PORCH.

* First peal. † First away from tenor. This is the second peal ever rung on these bells by an entire parochial band, and was rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first peal.

STEPNEY, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

ERNEST PYE... .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... 8
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 4	JOHN R. SHARMAN ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... 5	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(WALTHAMSTOW BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, Junr. ... Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
WILLIAM D. SMITH 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 7
JOHN H. WILKINS 3	ALBERT A. HUGHES... 8
FREDERICK RUMENS ... 4	FRED C. MAYNARD ... 9
HENRY J. MAYNARD 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, Senr. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, Junr.

Rung as a birthday compliment to James C. Adams and Henry J. Maynard.

CENTRAL COUNCIL. PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	KEITH HART 7
EDWIN H. LEWIS 3	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 8
REV. A. T. BEESTON... .. 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 9
REV. H. S. RICHARDSON ... 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

These ten ringers represent ten different towers, and nine different associations, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson being an hon. member of the Council.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ERNEST NEWMAN... ..Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM... 2	WILLIAM GRIMWADE ... 6
JAMES FLEUTY 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
GEORGE MELBOURNE 4	LEONARD W. CROW... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

This was the conductor's 100th peal.

GLADWICK, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE OLDHAM AMALGAMATION.

(ROCKDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

FRANK WILD... ..Treble	JOSEPH OGDEN 5
FRED CROSLAND 2	JAMES LEES 6
HARRY HAMPSON... .. 3	LUKE HAMPSON... .. 7
SAMUEL STOTT 4	ALBERT CLEGGTenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by H. HAMPSON.

First peal by the newly formed Oldham Amalgamation.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN ALDIS, Senn.Treble	ALFRED FUNNELL 5
FRANK H. PHILLIPS 2	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 6
*ARTHUR C. TYRRELL ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
WILLIAM W. GOODBOURN 4	WILLIAM STEELETenor

Composed by the late Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMANTreble	WILLIAM BURGESS 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	ALFRED T. WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM SAWYERTenor

The first peal of St. Clement's Triples by the Association and by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th's daughter, Edna Burgess, aged 11 years.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lbs., in D.

HENRY WOODFINETreble	JAMES MORGAN 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	*PERCY H. SMITH 6
*FRANK UNSWORTH 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7
†CHARLES E. BOYERS 4	HENRY W. WILDE... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

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

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

JAMES HEASMAN... ..Treble	GEORGE MALYAN 5
GEORGE H. STONESTREET 2	THOMAS WALLIS 6
JOHN W. STEDDY 3	WILLIAM STEED 7
ALBERT BEETON 4	HERBERT MARKWELL ...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES HEASMAN.

Rung for the Festivals of Ascension and Whitsun.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E flat.

WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ...Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	JOHN E. BURTON 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
FREDERICK KNIGHTS 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK R. BORRETT.

First peal in the method on the bells. This was W. Steele's 100th peal for the Norwich Association.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PETER INCE'S VARIATION OF TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

PETER INCETreble	JOHN MAKIN 5
GEORGE PINCOTT 2	ROBERT ALLRED 6
PETER NUTTALL 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
JOHN NUTTALL 4	JOSEPH GREGORYTenor

Conducted by PETER INCE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Allred and W. Pennington.

PULHAM.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HENRY GARNHAMTreble	*ERNEST WHITING 5
*EDWIN WHITING 2	*GEORGE SNELLING 6
*JOHN SNELLING 3	CHARLES BRICE 7
*FREDERICK SEAGER 4	FREDERICK BORRETT ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by C. BRICE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county by a resident band since the peal at Norwich in 1835—the first rung in the method.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS EASTTreble	G. FREDERICK JAMES ... 5
*WILLIAM E. NAPPER 2	RICHARD G. JAMES 6
RICHARD G. RICE 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
WILLIAM J. NAPPER... .. 4	ALFRED WOODLEYTenor

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

* First peal on a bob bell.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HERBERT HULBERT Treble	FREDERICK LAMBERT 5
SAMUEL WILTSHIRE 2	FREDERICK PEARCE 6
LEONARD AMBROSE 3	LEONARD TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM HULBERT 4	HENRY POWELL Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TAYLOR.

* First peal by the ringer of the treble and 5th.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WORSLEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VARIATION OF BROOKS' FOUR-PART.

TITUS BARLOW Treble	JOHN BAGUELEY 5
FRED DERBYSHIRE 2	PERCY DERBYSHIRE 6
JOHN WEBSBY 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
JOSEPH HY. RIDYARD, JUNR. 4	WILLIAM GRUNWELL Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

This is the conductor's 150th peal. Rung on the 44th birthday of the conductor and on the 73rd birthday of the eldest sister of the ringer of the 3rd, who celebrated her golden wedding at Walkden, the parish adjoining Worsley, three weeks ago.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BEESTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

JOSEPH WOOLLEY Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	WM. CLIFFORD, JUNR. 6
ARTHUR LOWE 3	PERCIVAL PRICE 7
WM. CLIFFORD, SENR. ... 4	FREDERICK S. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung for the festival of Whitsuntide.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN B. JACKSON Treble	*SAM BATEMAN 5
SAMUEL B. NORFOLK ... 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	WILLIAM B. SMITH 7
*THOMAS BANCROFT ... 4	*ROBERT W. JENNISON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Ernest Morris is a Leicester ringer and was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
WALTER S. WISE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	DAVID WRIGHT 7
CHARLES DEAN 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICKERS'.

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

EDWIN WOOD Treble	GEORGE GARRISON 5
WILLIAM H. JONES 2	*STEPHEN DANBY 6
JOHN CORRIGAN 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 7
WILLIAM G. ANKER 4	THOMAS VERRY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal with a bob bell and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Corrigan.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOPER Treble	JESSE SCREEN 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	THOMAS HUGHES 6
REUBEN HALL 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	EDGAR T. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung on the eve of the Whitsun Festival, also as a birthday compliment to Miss Gough, daughter of the 7th ringer.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. o qr. 23 lbs.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6
R. ALDER GOFTON 3	KEITH HART 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ADAPTED FROM HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN SIDDALL, JUNR. Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT 5
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	HUGH GREGORY 7
WILLIAM TAYLOR 4	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and by the Association. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of the new church at Hackney, on the 3rd instant.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 5
WILLIAM STOWELL 2	JOSEPH GOULD 6
ALBERT STOWELL 3	FRED G. MAY 7
HENRY HOWELL 4	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

PONTEFRACT.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY Treble	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 5
CLEMENT GLENN 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 3	THOMAS M. BARKER ... 7
ARTHUR HAGUE 4	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qrs. 23 lbs.

GEORGE H. HOWSE Treble	GEORGE NAYLOR 5
JOHN S. RICHARDSON ... 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 6
JAMES COTTERELL 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 4	FREDERICK SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

OATLANDS, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FERRIS SHEPHERD, Senr. ... Treble	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN ... 5
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 2	JOHN EMERY 6
ALFRED WOODROW 3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 7
WM. A. WOODROW 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and

Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

First peal on the bells. This composition contains 36 long and 12 short courses.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WALTER S. WISE Treble	ALFRED CLAYTON 5
*ACKLAND J. PERKINS ... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... 3	*ARTHUR DEAN 7
*DAVID WRIGHT 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. The conductor, who is 61 years of age, had not rung a tower peal for upwards of seven years, and was heartily congratulated by the rest of the band. It is worthy of note that this is the first occasion on which this peal has been called from a non-observation bell.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. A. T. BERSTON ... Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 2	BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... 6
KEITH HART 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Treble	REV. W. P. WRIGHT ... 5
FRANK HOPGOOD 2	THOMAS METCALFE ... 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and 720 of College Single.

*CHARLES MILLARD ... Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
*HENRY MILLARD 2	VICTOR A. JARRETT, R.E. 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal by the ringers of treble and second, two of the local ringers for whom the peal was especially arranged.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

LEONARD A. SMITH ... Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4
CECIL A. VALENTINE ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 3	ALBERT J. GREEN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

OWSLEBURY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with six different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb., in A.

*GEORGE WRIGHT ... Treble	WALTER YOUNG 4
LEONARD S. LAMPARD ... 2	FREDERICK OXENBURY ... 5
*FRANK GLASSPOOL ... 3	*JESSE PENTON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. OXENBURY.

* First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for his kindness in entertaining them to supper at the Vicarage after the peal.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

At the Church of St. Mary,

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

*REV. B. H. DURRANT FIELD Treble	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ... 4
WILLIAM WALDRON 2	*HUGH BEECHY 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	GEORGE JUTSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells.

ODIHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES R. ELKINS... .. Treble	HUBERT CHAFFEY 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	GEORGE UPSHALL 5
ALFRED J. CROUCHER... .. 3	THOMAS UPSHALL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal upon the bells rang in honour of Whitsun eve.

WHORLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, four of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. GRAVES, Junr. Treble	REV. R. L. B. OLIVER 4
J. APPLETON... .. 2	J. H. BLAKISTON 5
W. RUDD 3	E. MILBURN Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM... Treble	JAMES FLEUTY 4
ERNEST NEWMAN 2	JAMES FRENCH 5
FRANK CLAYDON 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 4, KEYTHORPE STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor size 14, in D.

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	WILLIAM WILLSON 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3-4	EDWARD NORMAN 7-8

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpires: T. H. HARDY and S. SHELTON.

First peal in the method rung on handbells in the county of Leicester.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT 20, GERARD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 1-2	*ARTHUR HAGUE 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	SIDNEY F. PALMER 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire, W. FROGGATT.

* First handbell peal in the method away from 1-2 and 7-8. First attempt for a peal in the method by Miss Hague, for whom it was rung as a birthday compliment. After the peal the ringers were entertained to supper by Mrs. Hague, to whom best thanks were accorded for her kind hospitality.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 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 G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: A. J. WHITING.

First peal of Stedman Caterers rung on handbells in the above Guild.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Size 18, in G.

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

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

H. E. Smith hails from Framlingham, Suffolk.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 18, in G.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6
*HOBART E. SMITH... .. 3-4	HENRY L. GARFATH 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Triples on handbells.

The peal rung at Pentlow on April 26th should have read: First peal by J. Harrington, and first attempt; he was elected a member previous to starting the peal, not W. Wiffen as stated.

The peal at Whitchurch published last week should have been credited to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, not London.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday week at Ranmoor, Sheffield, and proved very successful. Unfortunately the weather turned out very bad after a beautiful morning, but nevertheless about 80 ringers turned up from Anston, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Dore, Dronfield, Ecclesfield, Eckington, Gainsboro', Killamers, North Wingfield, Norton, Nottingham, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Sheffield Parish Church and St. Maries (R.C.), Staveley, Treeton, and Worksoop.

Ranmoor is, perhaps, the most beautiful of the many pleasant suburbs for which Sheffield is justly noted, and its crowning glory is undoubtedly the magnificent Church of St. John the Evangelist, probably one of the most beautiful modern ecclesiastical buildings in the country. Surrounded by many palatial residential houses, and lying over 300 feet above, and about three miles away from the centre of the city, the church has escaped the usual covering of grime with which the majority of the Sheffield Churches are coated, and its many fine architectural points were greatly admired by those present. The original building was erected in the seventies by Mr. John Newton Mappin, of the famous firm of Mappin and Webb. It was, however, with the exception of the tower and spire entirely destroyed by fire one Sunday a few years later, and within a year the present splendid building was erected in its place, and one can quite credit the report (which the writer has not verified) that upwards of £35,000 was spent on its erection. One of its most interesting features is a very fine carved oak chancel screen and Communion table recently placed there to the memory of the late Sir Frederick and Lady Mappin.

The tower contains a musical ring of eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), by Barwell, of Birmingham. These were raised about 3.45 p.m., on the occasion of the meeting, and were kept going at intervals till 9 p.m., some good striking being heard. The methods rung included Cambridge, New Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Oxford

Treble Bob Minor. A pleasing innovation was the presence of a lady change ringer (Miss Evelyn Steel, of Bedford), who performed with much credit in several touches including Cambridge Surprise.

In view of recent discussions on the subject, it might be of interest to state that all the louvres in the bell chamber are bricked up, and that three felt-lined shutters are provided, which, when closed, give the bells a subdued and pleasing tone close at hand, and cause no annoyance whatever to those near by.

A substantial tea was provided in the Schools about 5 p.m., by Mr. Morrison (churchwarden) and the local company, and ample justice was done to it by those present. The tables were very tastefully decorated with flowers, and the kindness of the lady helpers was much appreciated.

The business meeting was subsequently held, and was presided over by the Rev. T. Torrens, supported by Mr. Morrison (churchwarden), Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), president, the vice-presidents, treasurer, secretary and auditors. The balance sheet, showing a balance of £12 10s. 8d. in hand on the capital account, was presented and adopted.

THE ADVANTAGES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS.

The hon. secretary's report followed, and showed a pleasing year of progress. It stated that there were 19 affiliated towers, and a membership of 226, made up of honorary members, 3; life members, 16; attached to various affiliated towers, 164; unattached, 43. Compared with last year, this showed an increase of 39 members, including one honorary, 21 attached, and 17 unattached members. Two new six-bell towers in Dronfield and Beighton had joined the society, and one in Treeton had dropped out.

The monthly meetings had on the whole been well attended, and the standard of ringing had been high. The attendances had averaged about 25, which, while an improvement on some previous years, was with a membership of well over 200 capable of improvement. Three meetings had unfortunately had to be postponed or cancelled. The desirability of attending as many of these meetings as possible was impressed upon the members. In addition to the fact that they provided a pleasant source of social intercourse amongst ringers, these meetings are capable of doing very great good in raising the standard of ringing in the district, both as regards striking and methods rung. There was always encouragement for the learner; and, for those more advanced in the Art, there was the opportunity of taking part in methods which, perhaps, a member might not have a chance of practising at his own tower. Everyone would be pleased that the Eckington bells were now being restored, and were nearing completion, and some good meetings there were looked forward to.

The society's silver cup and framed certificate for the best Sunday ringing attendances for the year ending March 31st, 1913, had been won by the Worksope company with 98.55 per cent., followed by Dore with 96.41 per cent., Ranmoor with 96.01 per cent., and Doncaster with 94.83 per cent. The Worksope company were deserving of much congratulation on their good record, especially as this was their first year as members of the society. The secretary was glad to be able to say that this competition was now being taken up much more seriously by affiliated companies, as it deserves to be, and the entries for the coming twelve months were a great improvement on some previous years, though there was still room for improvement. The secretary was also glad to be able to say that the society was still in a sound financial position, though the income for the present year had again only just covered the expenditure. He was glad to note an improvement in the payment of subscriptions, the majority of members having been prompt with them, which was all for the good of the society.

The peals rung during 1912 numbered 26, and the standard was very high indeed, indeed it was doubtful if it could be surpassed in any part of the country. It would be noted that there were 11 Surprise Major peals, including two of London and one peal of Surprise Minor. Grandshire Triples and Plain Bob did not appear, another sign of the high standard maintained. Mr. B. A. Knights headed the list of conductors with seven peals to his credit, Mr. J. Flint being a good second with six, Mr. Sam Thomas third with five, followed by Messrs. A. Knights and A. Craven with two apiece, and Messrs. G. Hollis, G. Lewis and W. Wallace with one each.

Mr. J. Flint was to be congratulated upon ringing his 300th peal, and Mr. W. Gosling, of Mansfield, upon ringing a peal in his 86th year.

The Hon. Secretary added that he thought the proposed division of the Yorkshire Association into districts ought to receive the very careful consideration of members of the Sheffield Society, who belonged to that association, as these proposals might very seriously affect their society. He expressed his thanks again to the majority of the committeemen and secretaries, who have promptly and courteously replied to all enquiries on his part. To a small minority he would say, as last year, that a few words on a postcard should not be a great deal of trouble, and would much facilitate his work.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF RINGERS.

The Hon. Secretary welcomed the Rev. T. Torrens and Mr. Morrison (one of the churchwardens) to the meeting, because it showed that they took some interest in the ringers. A little kindly interest and encouragement went a long way at times, and ringers were not any less appreciative than, say, the choir. The layman scarcely realised the amount of hard work and perseverance which went to make a good ringer, and gave the ringer very little credit for his efforts as a rule.

In conclusion, he added that the society was on the up grade. They were doing a good work in promoting change ringing, with its attendant advantages of orderliness and decent behaviour in belfries, and in so doing, they merited the support and interest of all church authorities who possessed peals of bells, and of all ringers. It was one of the aims of the society to avoid all friction and ill-feeling in connection with the art of change ringing, and he appealed to all members to do all in their power to carry out this object, and to continue to set a good example in their dealings with Church authorities and others. In that case, he believed there was a big future in front of the society, and that they would continue to make good progress in every sense of the word.

The whole of the officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), president; Messrs. J. P. Farlton (North Wingfield) and A. Knight (Chesterfield), vice-presidents; Mr. David Brearley (Bolsterstone), hon. treasurer; Mr. J. E. L. Cockey (Ranmoor), hon. secretary; Mr. G. Hollis (Chesterfield), assistant hon. secretary; and Messrs. G. W. Bemrose (Bolsover) and W. Peabody (Chesterfield), auditors. The committee were elected as last year, with the exception of Mr. G. Elliott, of Dore, whose place was taken by Mr. G. M. Thorpe.—The cup competition sub-committee were re-elected, viz., the president, two vice-presidents, hon. secretary and two trustees (Messrs. C. H. Hattersley and S. Thomas).

RINGERS AS MUSIC-MASTERS.

The presentation of the society's silver cup and framed certificate to the ringers of the Priory Church of St. Cuthbert, Worksope, for the best attendance for Sunday service ringing next took place.—The Rev. T. Torrens, in making the presentation, gave an eloquent address to those present. He extended a most hearty welcome to the society to Ranmoor, referring to the sympathy of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Williams) with the ringers, and the sympathy which he knew they all felt for him in his sad illness. Personally, he always greatly appreciated the welcome of the bells as he came to Sunday service. He referred to the splendid ringing of the Ranmoor bells, and to the credit which it reflected on those responsible for it. In filling the Sunday air with sweetness, change ringers were doing great good to the community at large, in reminding all within reach of the service of God. The music of the bells entered many a sick room, uplifting the despondent heart and cheering the weary ones. Change ringing, he thought, was a noble and blessed work, and a public duty. Sweet bells and good ringers generally went together. He believed that change ringing cultivated a taste for music in those who heard it, and that where there are beautiful peals of bells, there one would find the love of music more pronounced. In fact, change ringers might in a sense be called the music-masters of England. He once spent five weeks in the Lake district of Italy, and he compared the choir and the ringers to the song of the nightingale and of the blackbird which he once heard there, pouring forth beautiful music to the glory of God. He expressed his pleasure at seeing a lady present, extending a welcome to her, and referred to the refining and ennobling influence which it should have on all present. It gave him great pleasure to present the cup and certificate to the Worksope company, and to congratulate them on their fine record.

Mr. H. Haigh, in receiving the cup and certificate on behalf of the Worksope company, expressed his great pleasure in having won it. When they decided to join the Sheffield District Society, he said, they did so because they considered it the most up-to-date and progressive society in the district. He was proud of the fact that of their company of twelve, all were communicants and regular service goers, and he referred to the fact that they rang three times every Sunday. He believed that ringers were doing a great work in ringing to the honour and glory of God, and in cases of national rejoicing or sorrow. They realised the importance of Sunday ringing, in ministering to the outside world, and to the old and infirm who could not attend the services, and the importance of always giving their best ringing for these occasions. He concluded by emphasising the necessity of regarding ringers as real Church workers.

LADY RINGERS ELECTED.

Six new members were elected, including three ladies, viz., Miss Evelyn Steel (Bedford), Miss Jessie Wair (North Wingfield), and Miss W. Hague (Rotherham), and Messrs. A. West (Eckington), W. Barton (North Wingfield), and G. Holmes (Sheffield).

A hearty vote of sympathy was passed with the Vicar of Ranmoor and his family in connection with his illness.

In replying to a vote of thanks to the churchwardens, Mr. Morrison congratulated the society on the conduct of its business and upon its performances, and expressed his sympathy with its aims. He believed that at Ranmoor they possessed a church second to none in the county, and he thought he was not for wrong in saying that their bells and their ringers were also second to none (applause). He was glad to note that they had arranged a meeting at Ranmoor for next February, and he would be delighted to meet them again and give them all a welcome as he did now.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local company and to the ladies, and was suitably responded to by Messrs. Frank and Maurice Ward.—A very cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. T. Torrens was proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by Mr. S. Thomas, in a humorous speech.—The Rev. T. Torrens suitably replied, and the meeting closed with the Doxology.

Handbell ringing was indulged in by some of those present after the meeting.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

When the removal of the Rev. H. G. Bird from the county of Middlesex caused his retirement from the presidency of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, there seemed but one man to whom the members could turn to fill the office, and that man was Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O., the founder of the Association as it at present exists, and, for thirteen years its honorary secretary. Needless to say, Mr. King's acceptance gave unbounded satisfaction to the members, for they recognise that it is to his efforts the present proud position of the Middlesex Association is largely due. His fondness for bells goes back to his boyhood's days, but it is in con-



MR. A. T. KING, I.S.O.

nection with his labours to build up the Association with which he has been so closely identified that he is best known.

He came into touch with the old Middlesex Association in November, 1889, the organisation having on the previous August Bank Holiday been formed out of the remains of the North Middlesex Association. In 1895 Mr. King was elected honorary secretary, the members pressing him into service and simply declining to take a refusal. The first thing he did on assuming office was to open negotiations with the South Middlesex Association, with a view to the uniting of forces, and had the satisfaction of seeing the fusion take place in 1897, after which, instead of a couple of weak associations operating in different parts of the county, there was a tolerably strong organisation, all the better for the unity which had been secured, under the title of "The Middlesex County Association of Change Ringers." Mr. King was appointed

joint secretary, with Mr. C. Edwards, of Hounslow, the President being the Rev. H. G. Bird, who has just resigned, and whom, as mentioned above, Mr. King succeeds. From this time the Association grew by leaps and bounds, and its membership has increased from 338 in 1897 to close upon 700. In 1901, on the resignation of Mr. Edwards, Mr. King took over the entire secretarial duties, besides those of honorary secretary of the N. and E. district. On October 10th, 1903, the seventh annual meeting was held at All Saints', Fulham, and the members were addressed by the Bishop of London, who has been patron since the amalgamation in 1897. The Bishop afterwards entertained the members, and it was upon this occasion that, with the express permission of the Bishop, the term "London Diocesan Guild" was added to the title. For this important step Mr. King was again very largely responsible.

Indeed, throughout the many years he occupied the post of secretary he was ever doing his best to forward the interest of the Association, and only those who were closely associated with him have any knowledge of the time and labour he expended on the task. On removing from London in 1910 Mr. King resigned his office, and at the annual meeting, held at All Saints', Fulham, on September 24th, 1910, he was made a vice-president of the Association, and presented with a magnificent timepiece, striking the Westminster chimes, in grateful recognition of all he had done for the society. And now he has returned to active connection with the work of the Association, for he intends to be no mere figure head, but an officer who will watch carefully over the doings of the Guild.

Mr. King, whose father was the Rev. Charles King, Vicar of Stratford-sub-Castle, and Canon of Salisbury, was born in the Cathedral Close, at Salisbury, on September 30th, 1845. He was educated at Winchester, where, incidentally, several other well known members of the Exercise received their education, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. F. A. Milne, the honorary treasurer of the Association, being Wykehamists. In 1864 Mr. King joined the Civil Service, entering the National Debt Office, and, after 46 years' service, he retired in 1910, having in 1903 been made a Companion of the Imperial Service Order. The bestowal of this honour by the late King Edward, in recognition of Mr. King's meritorious public service, was commemorated by the Middlesex Association by a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Giles', Camberwell, on November 14th, 1903.

In his youth Mr. King was a great athlete, and among other things, won the vaulting in the Civil Service Sports of 1867, with a height of 7ft., which has never been beaten. At Richmond about the same time he won the prize for throwing the hammer, beating a man who was afterwards amateur champion. He won the chief swimming event at Winchester in 1862, and only last year he was able to save a little girl from drowning in the River Nadder, at Bemerton, near Salisbury.

Mr. King was always fond of handling a bell, and had some experience when, as a boy, in the early sixties, he used to spend some of his holidays with his uncle, the Rev. Canon King, who was for many years Vicar of Worstead, Norfolk. While at Winchester Mr. King used sometimes to ring the curfew, and for many years after this he always inquired whether the curfew was rung in any town he visited, and if it was he was sure to be there to ring it. Apart from this, however, Mr. King took no

part in ringing until somewhere about 1893, when the old peal at Barnet were recast and fresh metal added, and he then became a member of the local society. It was, however, when he undertook the secretaryship of the old Middlesex Association that his real interest in the Exercise developed, and since that time he has rung 127 peals, either on the tenor or on the treble in a plain hunt method. With a splendid ear, he could do either of these things perfectly, and it is a little surprising that he did not venture further into the realms of practical ringing. Even Mr. King can hardly tell you why he never sought to ring inside. He has said that it may have been "partly laziness and partly specific density," but no one who knows him will attribute it to either of these failings. He has found a great delight in composition, and some very good peals of his are frequently rung, his knowledge of composition having been acquired from his old and valued friend, Mr. Charles H. Martin, of Hendon. Of the 127 peals which Mr. King has rung 117 have been for the Middlesex Association, and while he has never rung a peal on twelve bells he once came very near it at Cornhill, where he rang the tenor for about four hours and the peal came to grief, to everyone's disappointment, less than a hundred changes from the end. His peals, rung in 53 towers, consist of the following :—

Bob Triples	3
Grandsire Triples	9
Bob Major	4
Double Norwich Major	5
Stedman Triples	80
Stedman Caters	26

Total ... 127

Mr. King is a member of the Central Council, and serves on the Analysis Committee. He is also a member of the following associations, in addition to the Middlesex :—Chester Diocesan, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Norwich Diocesan, Salisbury Diocesan, Surrey, Sussex, Waterloo, Winchester Diocesan and Yorkshire.

ODD CHANGES.

Owing to a large number of records of peals being received just before we went to press, some few have unavoidably had to be held over, together with other reports.

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Some time ago we referred in this column to various family peals that had been rung. A correspondent sends us the record of one rung over a hundred years ago. It was achieved at St. Andrew's Church, Soham, Cambs, where it is recorded on a peal board as follows : "Society of Soham Youths. In this tower was rung a complete peal, by three brothers and their sons, of Oxford Treble Bob, 5240 changes in 3 hrs. and 30 mins. on November 20th, 1809 : Thos. Tebbit treble, Robert Tebbit 2nd, Ben. Tebbit (age 15 years) 3rd, Robert Tebbit (son of Robert) 4th, Edward Tebbit 5th, John Tebbit 6th, Thomas Tebbit (son of Thos.) 7th, William Tebbit (son of Thos.) tenor." No conductor of the peal is mentioned. In the tower there are also recorded several peals of Norwich Court Bob and Imperial Treble Bob, between 1790 and 1800, of Oxford and New Treble Bob Royal between 1810 and 1821.

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Among the ladies who have recently taken up handbell

ringing is Miss Winifred M. Hague, of Rotherham, whose first peal of Bob Major we record this week. It is not uninteresting to note that upon the handbells that were used on this occasion over a hundred peals have been rung. Considering them as having rung at least as many changes in failures or practices, etc., they have been struck well over one million times. They are in quite good condition, and have needed no attention since they were purchased in 1903, except a drop of oil occasionally.

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A start is being made in Boston, U.S.A., as a result of the recent recruiting of strength from England. On Wednesday evening, April 30th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, called differently, was rung by : P. J. Allfrey 1, Mrs. Shurtleff 2, S. W. Sturgis 3, Wm. Bashford 4, George Moore (conductor) 5, Dr. A. H. Nichols 6.

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It is reported that the bells of Bromham, Beds, cannot be rung owing to the lack of ringers. That is a state of things that ought soon to be cured. There is an opportunity here for the Beds Association if they have not already taken steps.

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The new peal of eight for Lincoln Cathedral were dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln on Saturday. Each bell, which bears a Latin inscription, is named after a different bishop of the diocese.

FRAMLAND SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.

ANNUAL MEETING AT BOTTESFORD.

The 38th annual meeting of this society was held at Bottesford on Monday week. Bands of ringers were present from Bottesford, Harby, Croxton Kerrial, Hose, Eaton, Waltham, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray, and Wymondham, numbering just over eighty. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major.

At 1.30, the company sat down to an excellent dinner at the Belvoir Coffee House, served by Mr. Hardy. After dinner a mixed band was arranged to ring for service, when a very good 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung under the conductorship of Mr. R. H. Bartram, Melton Mowbray.

A good congregation assembled in the Parish Church at 3 p.m., when a very interesting address was given by the Rev. J. P. Hales, of Cotgrave, Notts. A collection was made in aid of the fund of the society. The ringers then rang again in turn, and various touches were brought round.

At 6 o'clock the company again repaired to the Coffee House, where a splendid meat tea was provided. A business meeting was afterwards held.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the organist and choir for their services, and to the clergy of the society for coming among the ringers and encouraging them.—The Rev. Canon W. Vincent Jackson suitably replied.—There were about 15 new ringing members elected.—It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Melton Mowbray, and the half-yearly meeting at Waltham. The balance sheet, which showed a profit of £1 7s. 1d. on the year's working, was passed, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded the honorary members, to whom the satisfactory financial position was due.—A vote of thanks to the secretary (the Rev. F. E. Nugee) concluded the business.

The clergy present during the day were the Rev. F. E. Nugee (hon. secretary), Rev. E. H. Stone, Rev. J. P. Hales, Rev. Canon W. Vincent Jackson, and the Rev. C. J. Sturton.

Some of the ringers then ascended the tower again, and the Waltham ringers engaged themselves in ringing handbells, several tunes being very beautifully rung, including "The Blue Bells of Scotland," "Ring out o' Bells," "How beautiful upon the mountains," etc. A most enjoyable day was spent.

OWSLEBURY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At the Parish Church, on April 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Wright 1, W. G. Edwards 2, F. Glasspool 3, A. Stubbington 4, F. J. Oxenbury (conductor) 5, F. Allan 6.

BECCLES.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—At St. Michael's Church, on April 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Goate 1, H. Reynolds 2 (first 504) 2, E. Pipe (first 504) 3, T. Beckett 4, O. Parnell 5, G. Baxter 6, H. Ling (conductor) 7, R. Rush 8.—On Sunday, April 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Goate 1, H. Reynolds 2, T. Beckett 3, G. Baxter 4, C. Parnell 5, W. Spaulding 6, H. Ling (conductor) 7, R. Freestone 8.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT NEWCASTLE.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Central Council was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Tuesday, and was attended by some 50 representatives. From the previous Saturday onward, members arrived from the south singly and in small parties, and to all a most hearty welcome was extended by the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. The President of the Association (Mr. C. L. Routledge) and the committee had left nothing undone that could add to the pleasure of the visitors, many of whom accepted the invitation to be present at the meeting of the Association at Whitley Bay and North Shields on Whit-Monday. Peals were arranged for all who cared to stand in them, and for those content with shorter lengths, other bells were available. The Council meeting was held in the Lecture Theatre of the Mining Institute, and the following members were present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: A. Hughes.
Bath and Wells: A. E. Coles.
Bedfordshire: Rev. W. W. C. Baker.
Cambridge University: E. H. Lewis.
Chester Diocesan: Rev. A. T. Beeston, W. Bibby.
Cleveland and North Yorkshire: Rev. W. P. Wright and T. Metcalfe.
Devonshire: A. W. Searle.
Durham and Newcastle: C. L. Routledge, W. Story and C. Todd.
Essex: W. J. Nevard.
Hertfordshire: B. Prewett.
Kent: T. Groombridge, senr.
Lancashire: Rev. H. J. Elsee, H. Chapman and T. Redman.
Leeds and District: P. J. Johnson.
Lincoln: Rev. H. Law James, R. Richardson and J. W. Seamer.
London County: E. A. Young.
Middlesex: A. T. King.
Midland Counties: E. C. Gobey, J. Griffin and J. W. Taylor.
Northants: D. J. Nichols and F. W. Wilford.
Norwich: G. P. Burton.
Oxford: Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, F. W. Hopgood.
Peterborough and District: R. Narborough.
Salisbury: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.
Surrey: C. F. Johnston.
Sussex: K. Hart, G. H. Howse, F. B. Tompkins and G. Watson.
Winchester Guild: Rev. C. E. Matthews.
Worcestershire: J. R. Newman.
Yorkshire: G. Bolland.
Hon. Members: Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. H. A. Cockey, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett, and the hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies).

A full report by our own representative will appear in these columns, but the following is a summary of the business transacted.

The statement of accounts showed that the year was begun with a balance in hand of £71 12s. 6d., and that affiliation fees to the amount of £12 2s. 6d. had been received. The expenditure was £6 1s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £77 13s. 6d.—The financial statement was adopted, and a resolution passed to place £50 of the balance on deposit.

The Hon. Secretary announced that he had received no statement of accounts from the publishers of the Council's publications, and it was decided to appoint an hon. librarian to carry out the duties in future, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn being elected to the office.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. J. W. Parker and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson were re-elected hon. members.

Letters acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution of protest against the Welsh Disestablishment Bill were read from the Prime Minister, Lord Lansdown and Mr. Bonar Law.

Verbal reports on the work of the Peal Collection Committee and the Legitimate Methods Committee were presented, and showed that progress was being made.—A suggestion that the present stock of copies of "Legitimate Methods" should be "scrapped," and a new edition, showing the bob work and giving extents in the methods, published, was postponed until an examination of the whole of the stock of publications has been made by the hon. librarian and the Revs. G. F. Coleridge and C. E. Matthews.

The reports of the Peals Analysis Committee (already published) were received, and the committee given power to act upon it in compiling the Analysis for the current year.

A report was also presented by the "Towers and Belfries Committee," and an offer by the President to draw up and print at his own expense a pamphlet on the subject was gratefully accepted.

A lengthy discussion took place in the afternoon upon "The possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell ringing as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung."

It was introduced by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, but no resolution was moved on the matter.

The Rev. H. Law James moved: "That the Council is of opinion that Superlative Surpris Royal, as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major." Mr. James went into an exhaustive and highly technical argument in support of his theory, but on the suggestion of Mr. Parker, the matter was left over for another year, so that there might be more opportunity for members to look into the subject.

The following motion was on the agenda: "That the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers should be represented on the Council, and, if thought well, to move a resolution on the subject."

It was pointed out that the Ladies' Guild made no application for admission this year, and after some discussion, in which divergent views were expressed upon the admission of lady representatives, the question was left over for the members to consult their respective associations, with a view to coming to a decision next year.

Mr. George Bolland moved: "To call renewed attention to the Council's recommendation passed in 1902, and incorporated in "Rules and Decisions," to the effect that not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of the ringing papers stating the tower, day and hour at which any attempt is to be made to surpass any previous peal."—The motion found no seconder.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the President, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Routledge and the members of the Newcastle Association for the trouble they had taken to make the meeting a success.—This was carried by acclamation, and Mr. Routledge replied.

A vote of thanks to the President closed the meeting.

In the evening an enjoyable social gathering took place at the County Hotel.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on Whit-Monday at Birmingham. Fourteen members attended from various parts of the country, including Birmingham, Leicester, Tamworth, Burton-on-Trent, Reading, Bramley, Portishead, and London.

Ringing took place at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and St. Peter, Harborne. At the former tower some of the members had their first experience in twelve-bell ringing. With the help of the gentlemen present touches of Stedman Caters, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich were rung, and nine members took part in rounds on the twelve. It may be remarked in passing that the three gentlemen who assisted in the rounds rang the small bells, one of Birmingham's "big bell" ringers being on the treble.

At Harborne, Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the Guild only, and Stedman Triples with a tenor man. This is the first time seven ladies have rung Stedman Triples inside.

The tea took place at Harborne Schools, and a company of 42 was present, including such well known ringers as Messrs. Godden, Groves, Reeves, Rock Small, Carter, Painter, and others from neighbouring towns.

Before the business meeting commenced, Mr. W. H. Godden welcomed the Ladies' Guild to Birmingham, on behalf of the St. Martin's Guild and other associations, and expressed the hope that they would in years to come visit the city with increased numbers, and also increased abilities.—Miss Parker suitably replied, and invited the gentlemen to stay to the meeting.

In the absence of Miss Alice White (the President), through ill-health, Miss Belcher was voted to the chair.

The balance sheet was passed as read. It was very gratifying to find a balance of £12 4s. 8d. in hand. This splendid balance is due to the generosity of Sir Arthur Heywood, who, to show his interest in the Guild, sent a donation of £10 towards the funds.

Miss Alice White was re-elected as President of the Guild. The secretary and treasurer and the committee were also re-elected as follows: Northern District: Miss L. Willson. Eastern District: Miss E. Steele. Southern District: Miss E. N. Belcher. Western District: Miss N. Gillingham. Midland District: Miss Pigott. Secretary and treasurer: Miss E. K. Parker.

One honorary member and two ringing members were elected, and the election of seven members ratified.

A slight alteration was made in Rule 2, which now reads as follows: "That the society consist of members of the feminine sex who are able to ring either upon church bells or handbells, and honorary non-ringing members."

As the place for the next meeting, London, Leicester and Bristol were in turn proposed, and in turn rejected. This caused considerable amusement to the audience. After a prolonged discussion, Bristol was again put to the meeting, and carried unanimously. It was left to the committee to decide the date of the meeting.

The matter of a badge for the Guild was then discussed, and various designs submitted. A design was selected, and the secretary was asked to communicate with Mr. Whittington, who had very kindly offered to secure the badges. The Guild decided to buy a stock and sell to the members at cost price, thus effecting a considerable saving on each badge.—The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rectors and steeplekeepers of the churches, and also to the ringers present for their assistance in the belfry and for their presence at tea.

After the meeting, a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by members alone, and a course of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters with some of the visitors.

The Guild wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mr. J. E. Groves for giving up the whole day in their interest.

On Sunday evening, at Selly Oak, Birmingham, Mr. Harry Withers tapped on his dulcimer Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins., the calling being by Miss Edith K. Parker. Witnesses: John Carter, J. E. Groves, S. Grove, Miss Sampson, Miss Johnson.

LONG STANTON TENOR.**NEW BELL DEDICATED.**

The new tenor bell at Long Stanton, Cambs, a picture of which is here given, was dedicated on Thursday of last week. It will be remembered that after the peal had been augmented to eight and rehung, in face of a good many difficulties, the old tenor cracked, and as the result of an appeal made by Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Woolley) ringers from many parts of England sent their contributions towards the cost of recasting. The work has been very successfully carried out at the Loughborough foundry.

The dedication services commenced with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. The actual ceremony was performed at the first evensong at 3 p.m., the following clergy being present: The Revs. H. B. Woolley (Vicar), W. C. Cooke (Rural Dean), A. Peskett, H. G. Hooton, T. E. Beckett, J. Selwyn Sharp, and H. Law James. The usual choir was augmented by a surpliced choir of B.A.'s and undergraduates from Cambridge, processional hymns being sung at the beginning and end of the services. After the third collect the clergy and choir walked in procession to the tower, where the Rural Dean unvoiced a peal board commemorating the first peal rung on the bells on December 12th, 1912, and then dedicated the new bell, upon which a dozen strokes were rung by the Vicar. A few rounds were then rung on the eight bells. The Rural Dean preached an appropriate sermon on Acts vii, 47.



The day was, unfortunately, inconvenient for ringers, but Cambridge ringers were represented by Messrs. J. Bruce Williamson (hon. secretary Cambridge University Guild), and T. R. Dennis (hon. secretary Ely Diocesan Association). At the evening service, held at 7 p.m., the preacher was the Rev. H. Law James, who preached a most forcible and telling discourse from Acts i, 8, bringing out in a very able manner the spiritual teaching which underlies the recasting of the old bell. The new tenor is of the same size as the old one, viz., 35 inches across the mouth, but her weight is 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs., as against 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs., the note being A.

The old inscription on the shoulder has been reproduced in facsimile, viz.: MILES GRATE FECIT 1655.

The tone of the bell is much admired, and reflects great credit on the firm of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, being richer and fuller than that of the old bell.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT.**

It was almost a unique gathering that took place at North Shields on Monday on the occasion of the Whitsun meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Not only were there members present from a great many towers in the two counties, but the gathering was attended by a number of the representatives who had assembled in Newcastle for the Central Council meeting on the morrow, a hearty invitation to the visitors having been extended by the Association. Ringing took place during the day, both on the ten bells

at Christ Church, North Shields, and on the fine new eight at Whitley Bay.

Dinner, to which 70 sat down, was served at the Bath Hotel, Tyne-mouth, the chair being taken by the genial president (Mr. C. L. Routledge). He was supported by the Revs. R. E. Holmes (Vicar of Tyne-mouth), B. Jealous (Fencehouses) and A. W. Lister (Tanfield), Messrs. A. T. King, I.S.O. (president of the Middlesex Association), J. W. Taylor (vice-president of the Midland Counties Association). Among others present were: Messrs. G. Watson (hon. secretary of the Sussex Association), J. Cotterell (treasurer of the Yorkshire Association), B. Prewett (Herts Association), K. Hart, G. H. Howse (Sussex), G. Bolland, P. J. Jackson (Yorks), E. C. Gobey (Midland Counties), H. Chapman (Lancs.), C. Johnston (Surrey), G. T. Potter (past president), J. W. Parker, W. Storey, T. T. Gifton, J. A. Gifton, C. Todd (hon. secretary), and others.

After the toast of "The King" had been honoured, the President proposed "The Visitors," to whom he extended a cordial welcome.—Mr. A. T. King, who first responded, said he had been simply struck with the extraordinary hospitality with which the visitors from other Associations had been welcomed at Newcastle. He, a perfect stranger, had been received with open arms by everybody, and all the visitors would go away with the most pleasant recollections of an exceedingly enjoyable trip.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of "The Ringing World," whose name was also coupled with the toast, endorsed what had been said by Mr. King as to the warmth of the welcome extended to the visitors, whose thanks were voiced.

PRESIDENT'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

Mr. G. T. Potter said on that occasion, which was rendered of special interest by reason of the visit of the Central Council to Newcastle, the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association desired to make a presentation to their esteemed and respected president (applause). For a great number of years Mr. Routledge had worked extremely hard in the interests of the Associations—in fact, the amount of work he had done nobody knew, except, perhaps, his wife (laughter and applause). As secretary, he had been the friend and guide of everybody, spurring on the lazy ones, coaxing the beginners, and giving a helping hand to all. And now he occupied the honoured position of president. No man more deserved that honour, and they hoped he might long be spared to enjoy it (applause). One of his services had been appreciated very much, and that was in the Cathedral belfry, which had been in a state of chaos and darkness in more senses than one. They had cleaned out the dirt from the belfry, they had now established regular ringing on Sundays, and had got together a band as good as any in the country (hear, hear). All that was due to the energy of Mr. Routledge (applause). Personally, he (the speaker) wished to thank him for all the assistance he gave him during the time he occupied the presidency. On behalf of the members of the Association, he had to ask Mr. Routledge's acceptance of three silver dishes, which were inscribed: "Presented to C. L. Routledge, Esq., president, by the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, as a token of esteem and appreciation of his past services. Whit-Monday, May 12th, 1913."

Mr. Potter handed the handsome dishes to Mr. Routledge amid loud cheers and the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. Routledge, whose rising was the signal for another outburst of cheering, was obviously taken much by surprise. He said he thought he knew everything that was going on in the Association, but that presentation had "fairly bowled him over." He thanked the members for their great kindness. He had done nothing to deserve such recognition, and whatever he had done had been a labour of love (applause).

The Hon. Secretary read an apology for absence from the Rev. J. H. Barker (Consett), who sent his good wishes to Mr. Routledge.

Nine new life members were elected, and 16 ordinary members, including twelve from St. Aiden's, Bambrough.

This concluded the proceedings, and bands were afterwards made up for peals in the evening.

BELL RESTORATIONS IN KENT.

The bell hangers have been very active in Kent during the past year or two, but despite this fact, there still remain many peals which need rehanging and repairing. A meeting was recently held at Smarden, when it was decided to rehang the five bells and add a new treble, for which a sum of £180 would be required. It was arranged to hold a garden fete and a sale of work in July, in aid of the funds. A committee was appointed, and an appeal will shortly be made to all householders in the parish.

At Westwell, a small village three miles from Ashford, a scheme has for some time been on foot for raising £250 for repairing and augmenting the church bells. There are four bells in the pretty little steeple, one of them being cracked.

It is also reported that a fund is to be started towards rehanging the beautiful peal of eight at Biddenden.

There is a pretty church at Eastling, with a fine peal of six (tenor about 9 cwt.), which have not been rung for many years, owing to their unsafe condition, and there is also a peal of five at Kingsnorth (tenor 14 cwt.), which have been silent for some time, as they are in need of repair. A peal of five at Boughton Aluph, which need repairing, have also been silent for several years. There is opportunity here for the Church authorities.

DEATH OF MR. JOHNSON HERN.**A PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING IN THE NORTH.**

The death has occurred at his residence at Reading of Mr. Johnson E. Hern, who was a pioneer of change ringing in Durham and Northumberland, and who, throughout his life, wherever he has lived, has taken the liveliest interest in the art and done much, by teaching young ringers, and rendering help wherever it was possible, to further the cause in various parts of the country. The deceased, who was only ill for a few days, was 66 years of age, and leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss.

Born in Dickleburgh, Norfolk, the eldest son of the late Mr. Edward Hern, a farmer, Mr. Johnson Hern was one of four brothers, the others being Joel, Judah and James, all ringers. The deceased has been almost a lifelong exponent of the art of campanology. Beginning in his boyhood days, in his native county of Norfolk, where he acquired his first experiences as a ringer, he migrated to the North of England, and settling down in the pretty village of Hurworth-on-Tees, situate some three miles from the Quaker town of Darlington, the birthplace of railways, he at once set about earnestly to further the cause he had so much at heart, gathering around him a band of youthful spirits imbued with the desire to learn the art of ringing. Under the skilful guidance of the deceased, they soon became expert in the various Minor methods which come within the scope of a six-bell tower such as Hurworth possessed.

A FOUNDER OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

At that time scientific change-ringing in the North of England, at any rate beyond Yorkshire, was entirely unknown, but having once got a start, the deceased soon spread the infection to most of the large towns and villages in the counties of Durham and Northumberland, and, ultimately, with the assistance of one or two other equally enthusiastic followers of the art, they formed what is now so well known in the bell ringing world as "The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association." These facts speak volumes as to the indomitable character of the deceased, who was ever ready, both in theory and practice, to further the cause. On leaving Hurworth, after a residence of a good many years, to take up fresh duties at Newnham-on-Severn in Gloucestershire, he was presented with very tangible mementoes by the choir (of which he was a devoted member), the bell-ringers, and also the parishioners, to whom he had endeared himself, and by whom he was held in the highest respect.

Mr. Johnson Hern's first peal was rung in 1869 in his native village, and was a 5040 of Doubles in five methods, which he conducted. The peal was recorded by a local paper as follows: "On Tuesday last, five of the ringers of this place met at the church tower and performed an unparalleled feat on these bells by ringing in splendid style 5040 changes in 3 hrs. 2 mins. The ringing was composed of the following peals: Stedman's principle, Stedman's slow-course, St. Simon's Doubles, Dunstan Doubles and Bob Doubles. The ringers were: Mr. C. Rudd treble, Judah Hern second, Robt. Hammond third, Joel Hern fourth, Johnson Hern tenor and conductor."

EARLY PEALS.

Mr. Hern removed to Hurworth in 1871, and soon got a capable band together. In 1874 he rang in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Thirsk; and subsequently in the first peal of Major in Northumberland. He trained some of the best ringers in the district, and there are still some of his pupils ringing the same bells, to Treble Bob and Surprise methods. Mr. Hern left the north for Newnham-on-Severn in 1884, and went to reside at Reading 25 years ago. He was a member of St. Mary's and St. Lawrence's belfries, and was much respected by all who knew him. He was a member of a number of ringing societies, including Durham and Newcastle; the College Youths, to which he was elected in 1872; the Yorkshire Association, which he joined in 1875; and the Gloucester and Bristol, to which he became affiliated in 1884.

The mortal remains were laid to rest in St. George's Cemetery, Reading, the officiating clergy being: The Rev. W. H. Harper (Vicar of St. George's), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, R.D., Vicar of Crowthorne. A number of ringers attended the last sad rites, and over the open grave a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by: A. W. Pike 1-2, C. Giles 3-4, F. W. Hopgood 5-6, W. Newell 7-8. Subsequently, at all three of the Reading Churches touches were rung with the bells half-muffled.

BELLS DEDICATED AT OSWALDTWISTLE.

The bells of Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, have been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. The old six have been rehung in a new iron frame, and an extremely satisfactory job has been made of the contract by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Foundry. The dedication of the new bells took place on Tuesday of last week, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Manchester, the other clergy assisting in the service being the Vicar of Oswaldtwistle; the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association and Vicar of St. George's, Bolton; and the Rev. F. Velville. After the service the bells were opened by the local company with a short touch of Double Norwich: C. Sharples 1, J. Shaw 2, W. Whewell 3, J. Rawcliffe 4, W. Riley 5, A. T. Houldsworth 6, J. Houldsworth (conductor) 7, J. Bentley 8. Afterwards the Rev. H. J. Elsee and Mr. Woods (Musbery) joined in a touch of Double Norwich, and other visitors took part in touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been rehung and augmented to a peal of eight.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A monthly meeting will be held at Kenilworth on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shutterly.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All members and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A general ringing meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, May 17th, commencing at 5 p.m.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Business to follow. Service at 6. Members intending to be present at tea please let me know by Thursday, May 15th.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 22nd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 20th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, all the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Whittlesea on Saturday, May 24th. Service at St. Mary's at 4.30. Meeting after. Bells at St. Mary's (8), St. Andrew's (6) available afternoon and evening.—F. T. Cooke, Hon. Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, May 24th. Bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson). Ringing from 4.30, short service at 6. Tea will be provided by the Vicar at 6.30 to those who notify (by May 22nd) Mr. W. Lawrence, Shakespeare Road, Hanwell. — H. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster, on Wednesday, May 28th. Ringing to commence at 11.0. Service in the

Minster at 12.15. Preacher, Rev. Canon J. M. J. Fletcher, Vicar of Wimborne Minster. Dinner at Masonic Hall at 1.15. Ringers will be the guests of the Wimborne Branch. The towers at Cranborne and St. Giles, Poole, Canford, Lytchett Minster and Sturminster Marshall will be open for ringing.—N.B.: The day fixed is not Monday, but Wednesday the 28th inst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Walton-le-Dale on May 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-Dale.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Rev. O. R. Dawson, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3.30. Short service, with address, at 5. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Surfleet (in connection with the opening of the new peal of 10 bells) on Saturday, May 31st. Short service at 3 o'clock, with address, by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Dinner at the Crown Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. As Surfleet is a country village it is absolutely necessary that intending visitors wishing to dine must notify me not later than May 24th. Stations: Surfleet, G.N., one mile; Pinchbeck, G.N. and G.E., two miles. Ringing friends will be heartily welcomed.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

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