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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
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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.

A SUGGESTION FOR ASSOCIATIONS.

A practical suggestion is contained in a letter in another column, in connection with the proposed establishment of a system of inter-affiliation. Mr. A. E. Parsons throws out the hint that, now that the Llandaff Association have set the ball rolling, as it were, other associations whose annual meetings are to be held before Whitsun should discuss the question, so that their representatives can go to the Central Council meeting prepared with the official views of the organisations they represent. This would greatly facilitate the settlement of the question when the Council have it before them, and those who support the proposal will then be prepared with practical suggestions. It is only first hand knowledge of what the individual associations think of a subject of this kind that can put the Central Council into a position to deal with it. To get the object, which the proposers have in view, carried into effect it is useless to go to the meeting of the central body armed merely with generalities. There must be a definite purpose in view as to the line to be taken to ensure that action will follow the acceptance of the principle—if the principle be accepted.

But it is on the question of principle that the Associations would do well to consider the matter first. Only too often members of the Council are asked to express an opinion on some important subject without being in a position to know what the general opinion is of the members whom they represent. Such a position, for example, arose at the last meeting on the question of admitting the ladies to representation on and membership of the Council. The result was the postponement of the question for a year so that the Associations could be consulted. In regard to the question of inter-affiliation, the same thing would doubtless have to happen, unless the representatives can first have the opportunity of testing the opinion of their respective societies.

There are quite a considerable number of annual meetings to be held before Whitsun Tuesday, and there are thus facilities for gauging, at any rate to a large degree, the feelings of ringers themselves, and the not less important views of officials, who, as responsible for the finance of the Associations, must have their opinions seriously considered. The whole subject is one which should be well ventilated before action is taken, as its success, if put into operation, very largely depends upon the unanimity with which it is accepted. The meetings of the Associations are, therefore, the first place at which it should be discussed, and we hope that the suggestion made by Mr. Parsons will be carried out by all those societies who have the opportunity before the next Central Council meeting, which is at Winchester.

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CHAS. EDMUNDS,

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	JAMES PARKER 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	FREDERICK PITSTOW 9
HAROLD P. BURTON 4	JAMES HUNT 10
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 11
FREDERICK J. PITSTOW 6	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 53 cwt., in B.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2	REUBEN SANDERS 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	KEITH HART 9
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES 10
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5	ERNEST PYE 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. C. Chandler, Joint Hon. Sec. of the Association, and to Mr. R. Sanders. This is the first time this composition has been rung.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, January 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

SAMUEL SUMMERHILL Treble	WALTER BRITTAN 6
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL 2	JOSEPH BATES 7
BENJAMIN GOUGH 3	GEORGE HUGHES 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	WILLIAM FISHER 9
ALFRED ROWLEY 5	HORACE BELCHER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

This peal was specially arranged and rung to commemorate the 83rd birthday of Mr. Joseph Bates, a ringer at the above Parish Church for 60 years. He was heartily congratulated by his colleagues at the finish of the peal. It is nearly 50 years since he had the honour of accomplishing a peal, and it is a most remarkable performance for a man of 83 years of age. He was proposed a member of the above Society and Guild previous to starting for the peal.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN CORRIGAN Treble	*JONATHAN PRESTON 6
JAMES JONES 2	GEORGE GARRISON 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	†WILLIAM DAVIES 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	*CHARLES ALLEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters away from the tenor. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

STORER W. WEST Treble	JAMES PAGETT 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	*ALGERNON P. STONE 6
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 4	ALBERT WAGG Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

* First peal in the method.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.
JOSEPH SHARP Treble	WILLIAM C. HART 5
EDGAR HANCOX 2	EDWARD W. BRAY 6
ERNEST GOWER 3	KEITH HART 7
ARTHUR GOWER 4	GEORGE H. HOWSE Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.
EDWARD J. MALLARD Treble	GEORGE H. HOWSE 5
WALTER ALCOCK 2	EDWARD W. BRAY 6
ERNEST GOWER 3	KEITH HART 7
GEORGE PENFOLD 4	CHARLES GATLAND Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung to commemorate 30 years' ringing by G. H. Howse.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Three Hours,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.
EDWARD J. MALLARD Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
EDWARD W. BRAY 2	GEORGE H. HOWSE 6
*WILLIAM WHITE 3	KEITH HART 7
ARTHUR GOWER 4	CHARLES GATLAND Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung in honour of the silver weddings of Messrs. R. J. Howse and G. W. Smith, former members of the Christ Church Guild.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.
EDWARD J. MALLARD Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2	KEITH HART 6
EDWARD W. BRAY 3	JOSEPH SHARP 7
EDGAR HANCOX 4	CHARLES GATLAND Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

G. H. Howse's 36th peal rung in 1913.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 1, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DAVIES' VARIATION.	Tenor 22½ cwt.
JOHN ANDERSON Treble	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5
JOHN F. BIRD 2	JOHN FOREMAN 6
THOMAS MURRY 3	R. ALDER GOFTON 7
NORMAN C. FLECK 4	JOHN S. RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

LESLIE WILLIAMS Treble	E. MATRICE ATKINS 5
EDGAR VALLANCE 2	JOHN OLDHAM 6
FRED KILBORN 3	JAMES HARRIS 7
WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr. 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal on eight bells by F. Kilborn and first attempt. He was elected a member previous to the peal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 24 cwt., in D.
*COMER D. MEAD Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
GILBERT H. HARDING 2	ARTHUR K. HARRISON 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
SYDNEY HILLIER 4	WILLIAM BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal on eight bells.

OSSETT, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*HENRY BRETTON Treble	*GEORGE BENNETT 5
*AUSTIN AUDSLEY 2	*FREDK. J. COLE 6
HERBERT ROWLEY 3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 7
*HERBERT GEE 4	*JOE BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

* First peal. J. W. Moorhouse hails from Wakefield, H. Rowley from Horbury, the remainder are local men.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, January 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 15 cwt., in F.
THOMAS J. BRATTON Treble	THOMAS HUGHES 5
THOMAS MILLER 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
THOMAS RUSSAM 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
THOMAS COLLINSON 4	THOMAS VERRY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

This is believed to be the first "Thomas" peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas J. Bratton, also on the 24th anniversary of the death of Henry Johnson.

MITCHAM.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	ALBERT CALVER 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6
ALFRED CLAYTON 3	JOHN WEBB 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	FRANK HOLDER Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

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

Composed by J. FLEMING, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by an entirely local band.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, January 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT LITTLE Treble	EDGAR SMITH 5
FRANK PERRENS 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6
DANIEL JONES 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	JAMES ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM BURGESS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
BENJAMIN THORP 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES 6
FREDERICK B. STEDMAN 3	GEORGE COOK 7
WILLIAM KATHRO 4	*WILLIAM BLACKMORE Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal and first attempt.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOKE, R.N. Treble	GEORGE GILBERT, R.E. ... 5
FREDK. A. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I. 2	VICTOR JARRETT, R.E. ... 6
*ALFRED PLAYLE, Sto. R.N. 3	PERCY GIBBS, King's Own 7
†FREDK. SOUTER, Essex Regt. 4	JAMES BENNETT, R.M.L.I. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal ever rung by an Army and Navy band of ringers. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th were elected members of the Association before starting.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 9, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTO SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN LUCKEY Treble	WALTER PRIOR 5
GEORGE JORDAN 2	THOMAS J. WATTS 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
FRANK M. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Jordan.

NEWHEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE OLDHAM SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK WILD Treble	HARRY HAMPSON 5
JOSEPH OGDEN 2	HERBERT BARLOW 6
SAMUEL STOTT 3	LUKE HAMPSON 7
SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH ... 4	CHARLES H. MARSLAND Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN OVERTON Treble	BERTRAM HEAD 5
*WALTER HAYWARD 2	WILFRED OVERTON 6
GEORGE CASE 3	HORACE W. OVERTON 7
JOHN ELCOCK 4	ERNEST FOXALL Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The tenor and treble of the above peal have just been rehung by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, and both bells give every satisfaction.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHESHUNT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs., in E.

DAVID TUCKER Treble	HENRY G. ROWE 5
GEORGE MAXIM 2	HENRY CORNWELL 6
WALTER G. DARLINGTON ... 3	MORACE SIMMONS 7
FRANCIS JELF 4	ROBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CORNWELL.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

GEORGE L. DORRINGTON ... Treble	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 5
ROBERT W. GREEN 2	ALBERT TURNER 6
JOSEPH BARRY 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
ARTHUR E. BUNN 4	HENRY C. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

†THOMAS LEYBOURNE ... Treble	*JOHN W. SMITH 5
FREDERICK LAVERICK 2	JOHN G. HALL 6
*WILLIAM LETTY 3	*WILLIAM T. HOLMES ... 7
ALEXANDER MACFARLANE ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. HOLMES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal away from the tenor. First peal in the method as conductor.

THORNABY-ON-TEES.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RONALD CHISHOLM Treble	WILFRED ADDISON 5
*JOHN SINCLAIR 2	*GEORGE CATTLE 6
†FREDERICK BARKER 3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 7
REV. R. L. B. OLIVER 4	EDMUND MILBURN Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT, and
Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

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

IRTHLINGBORO, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE DOWNING Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN 5
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 2	JAMES T. WARD 6
WALTER PERKINS 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	JAMES HOUGHTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by J. HOUGHTON.

This was the conductor's 50th peal of Superlative.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.)

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt., in E.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	THOMAS MILLER 5
JOHN CARTER 2	JAMES E. GROVES 6
*ALFRED J. HESSIAN 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7
JOHN NEAL 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

* First peal of Cambridge, also the first peal of Cambridge for the above Guild and the conductor's 200th peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	WALTER PRESTIGE 5
THOMAS HILL 2	CHARLES TYLER 6
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
HORACE HOWELL 4	ALFRED ROWLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CARTER Treble	VICTOR R. WILLIAMS 5
FREDERICK OAKHILL 2	JAMES PARKER 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
GEORGE CAPEWELL 4	*CHARLES MUSTOE Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHALFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*J. TURRELL Treble	*G. STEER 4
*A. HOOK 2	W. TREWIN 5
T. STREETER 3	†R. CROWHURST Tenor

Conducted by R. CROWHURST.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. J. Turrell was elected a member of the Guild before starting.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 4 Six-Scores of Stedman and 38 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	JESSE FRANCIS 4
COMER D. MEAD 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
ARTHUR K. HARRISON 3	WILLIAM BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

SEAL, CHART.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, three of Plain Bob, and two of Grandsire, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt., in G.

ERNEST G. SAXBY Treble	ARTHUR WENTAN 4
ARTHUR BURR 2	JAMES FORD 5
HERBERT H. HARDING 3	DENIS J. GOLDSMITH Tenor

Conducted by DENIS J. GOLDSMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Burr.

ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*BENJAMIN TAYLOR, JUNR ... Treble	ALFRED KITSON 4
GEORGE TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM H. YOUNG 5
†JAMES TAYLOR 3	*JOHN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by W. H. YOUNG.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to an old parishioner, John Perkins (aged 93), a great friend to the ringers.

SEEND, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lbs.

*CHARLES RAISON Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4
JOSEPH E. WILLSHIRE 2	SYDNEY HILLIER 5
HORACE TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	†WALTER GOODAY 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	*ROBERT KEEBLE, R.E. 5
ARTHUR KEEBLE 3	WILLIAM STIFF Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

MEOPHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN AVIS Treble	†HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 4
GEORGE A. JONES 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
JOHN BURLS 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods on a bob bell. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal for Mrs. J. Avis, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Holden, who kindly entertained the band at the conclusion. The band wish to thank the Rev. A. C. F. Owen for the use of the bells.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

B. TAYLOR Treble	A. KITSON 4
G. TAYLOR 2	G. HARRIS 5
J. TAYLOR 3	J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by G. HARRIS.

Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who was leaving for Wolverhampton, and who carries with him the best wishes of the band for his success in his new sphere.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT E. NEWICK ... Treble	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 4
GEORGE DURLING 2	ISAAC EMERY 5
REGINALD BROUGH 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SENR. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SENR.

First peal on the bells after being augmented to six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

WALTER BRITTEN ... Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT 4
FREDERICK KELLY 2	WILLIAM ALEXANDER ... 5
ARTHUR SKINNS 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

This peal was rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. H. A. Watson, a member of the local band.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Hull, Annable's London, Norwich, Bourne, Cambridge and Netherseale. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. C. M. SKINNER ... Treble	FREDK. SEAGER 4
GEORGE SNELLING 2	BERTIE F. TURNER ... 5
CLARENCE GOOCH 3	JOHN SNELLING ... Tenor

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 19th birthday.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

WILLIAM J. BARROW ... Treble	GEORGE DANN 4
JOHN BRETT 2	OLIVER COLLINS 5
CHARLES BRETT 3	WILFRED BOOTH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED BOOTH.

First peal on the bells.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD DUNKLEY ... Treble	LEONARD WYMAN 4
BERNARD C. LOVEDAY ... 2	THOMAS JERVIS 5
ALFRED KNIGHT 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

This peal was especially arranged and rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Alfred Knight, which occurred on the previous day.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 45 Six-Scores with 9 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JAMES MORLEY Treble	ALBERT E. ANCOMBE ... 4
LUKE VERRALL 2	ALBERT C. EDWARDS ... 5
WM. H. BANKS 3	HARRY FUNNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT EDWARDS.

This peal was rung on the occasion and in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. H. Cox (one of the local ringers) to Miss A. M. Barrow, and was started as the happy pair were leaving the church.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PEACOCK ... Treble	†EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
*CYRIL SINFIELD 2	HENRY FLEET 5
REV. ALBERT RUST 3	HORACE H. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal ever rung by a Husbome Crawley Company.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*WILFRED ASHTON ... Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 4
*WILLIAM C. BROOKES ... 2	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ... 5
THOMAS M. BELTON 3	ALFRED E. FULLOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday peal to W. C. Brookes.

HARLESTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Double Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob, one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN T. HENSMAN Treble	THOMAS LAW 4
JOSEPH C. DEAN 2	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 5
FRANK ROLLINGS 3	FRED. HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED. HOPPER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 2, 1914, in One Hour and Forty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Called in to ways.

ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 1-2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 3-4
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5-6	

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Umpire JOHN STAFFORD.

Witness: FRED. MOORE, to whom the band are indebted for the use of the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 18, in G.

†BERNARD CLARKE 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, MISS HOOD.

† First peal away from 7-8. * First peal of Grandsire on handbells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF E. S. BAILEY, ROBERTS ROAD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	CHARLES SAMPSON 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ALLEN F. BAILEY.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Friday, January 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. PERRY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently.

*A. H. BAILEY 1-2	J. PERRY 3-4
*J. COPE 5-6	

Conducted by J. PERRY.

Witnesses: T. PERRY and J. C. DUMBELL.

* First peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
IN THE COMMON HALL AT THE ABBOT'S HOSPITAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

Size 21, in D.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	MAURICE SMITHER ... 7-8

*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9-10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpires: S. RADFORD and C. HAZELDEN.

Witnesses: JOHN HEATHORN and PHILIP PALMER (Master of the above hospital).

* First peal of Caters in hand and first attempt. This peal was arranged and rung on the eve and in honour of the 90th birthday of Mr. John Heathorn. The numerous listeners congratulated the ringers on the splendid peal they had rung.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob, at Holloway, on December 26th, 1913, was conducted by Albert Turner, and not H. Kilby. It was the latter's first peal of major and the former's first as conductor.

A. H. PULLING'S 400 PEALS.

	Tower.		Handbells.	
	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.
Bob Minor	3	3		
Seven Minor Methods	2	2		
Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods	1	1		
Seven Surprise Minor Methods	1	1		
Bob Major	22	17	25	22 A
Bob Royal	3	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	3	2		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	3		
Grandsire Triples	28	21	22	21
Grandsire Caters	1		9	9
Stedman Triples	60	37	65	62
Stedman Caters	11	5	79	79 B
Stedman Cinques	1		1	1
Double Norwich Major	21	13 C		
Superlative Surprise	16	12		
Cambridge Surprise	2	2		
New Cambridge Surprise	1			
Guildford Surprise	1	1		
Bristol Surprise	9	9		
London Surprise	8	8		
Norfolk Surprise	1	1		
	199	140	201	194

	Rung.	Conducted.
Total Tower	199	140
Total Handbells	201	194

Grand Total ... 400 334

A includes one silent.

B includes 7,023, 7,777, 14,031 and 19,738 record.

C includes 7,396.

HOLLOWAY.—On Dec. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 44 mins.: *C. Ottley 1. *J. Hurrell 2. *H. Brooks 3. *A. Turner 4. *A. Hart 5. E. Brett 6. G. Charge 7. *J. Cornford (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: L. Walker 1. L. Lampard 2. W. Carter 3. S. Wateridge 4. C. Russell 5. W. Young 6. T. Spratt (conductor) 7. A. Ings 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of one of the local band.

LEE, S.E.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 43 mins.: F. V. Martin 1. T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2. C. H. Hughes 3. R. N. Runham 4. Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 5. C. W. R. Grimwood 6. A. B. Peck 7. A. D. Barker 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise upon the bells.

STEPNEY, E.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Dunstan, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins.: T. V. Martin 1. T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2. C. H. Hughes 3. E. Gibbs 4. J. Scholes 5. R. N. Runham 6. S. Farmer 7. W. Truss 8. A. D. Barker 9. E. Hall 10.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 14th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): A. J. Lambert 1. J. D. Drewett 2. A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3. B. Morris 4. R. Grimwood 5. T. Steers 6. C. Bance 7. W. S. Smith 8. Has the 6th eight courses in 5th's place; 2, 3, 4, 5 each two courses in relative order in 6th's place; the 5th at home the last three courses.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. G. R. PYE.

In a recent issue, a footnote to a peal intimated that it was Mr. George R. Pye's 600th. In these days of high scores this, perhaps, does not attract quite the same attention that it would have done a few years ago, but an individual total of 600 peals is a distinction still noteworthy, and one that less than a dozen ringers, even now, can lay claim to. Moreover, Mr. Pye's 600 peals include some of the most famous records, and, in addition, comprise those wonderful performances of peals in methods like Superlative, New Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise rung on handbells.

Mr. Bob Pye, as he is familiarly known, is, as all the Exercise is aware, one of the family of talented ringing



MR. GEORGE R. PYE.

brothers who have done not a little to make ringing history. Born on June 30th, 1872, at the house at Chadwell Heath, Essex, where he still lives, Mr. Pye took up the Art in his early 'teens, beginning on the peal of five at Little Heath in 1888. It was nearly three years later, however, before he rang his first peal, this being Grandsire Triples at Romford on March 30th, 1891. His first as conductor was rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 31st, 1894, and on February 1st, 1896, he rang and conducted his first peal of Stedman Triples. This was at Barking.

With his brothers, he had found that if he desired to get on he must make opportunities for himself and he rose with the others, to the top of the campanological ladder purely on the strength of their own personal skill and endeavour. Handbell peals as well as tower bell ringing had their fascination, and it will be noticed that Mr. Pye's 600 peals include no fewer than 122 rung "in hand" from

Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques, from Treble Bob to London Surprise, while he took part also in the handbell record of Stedman Cinques (6063), and the peal of Stedman Caters rung while crossing the Irish Sea.

Of the record performances on tower bells, Mr. Pye has taken part in several, including the memorable 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough, when the band more than "rang the clock round." In addition he took part in the 11,111 record of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, the 14,112 record of London Surprise Major at King's Norton, and the 15,264 record of Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch. His other long lengths include 10,464 Treble Bob and 15,072 Double Norwich at Erith. The tower bell peals have been rung in 172 belfries in 28 counties, sufficient evidence of the amount of travelling which Mr. Pye has done in pursuit of his hobby.

But peals are not by any means the only phase of ringing which claim his attention. Since 1898 he has been a member of the Romford company, whose tower is about three miles from his home. At this church he is a regular service ringer, and he walks the distance mostly twice on a Sunday. When we hear some folk complaining that those who ring most peals usually do least service ringing, there is to be found in Mr. Bob Pye a striking contradiction of the allegation. To turn up regularly to ring at a tower three miles from home would be a task that would test the sincerity of purpose of all but the most enthusiastic and conscientious. At Romford Church Mr. Pye has rung 67 peals, the methods by the local men rising from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major. Mr. Pye is a member of a large number of ringing societies throughout the country, and the peals he has rung are as follow:—

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Condt.	Rang.	Condt.
Grandsire Triples	10	2	4	2
Grandsire Caters	3	1		
Stedman Triples	60	19	31†	8
Stedman Caters	52a	3	34	5
Stedman Cinques	40b	2	19g	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	16c	2	6	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	17		5	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	4		1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1			
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1			
Bob Major	4	1		
Double Norwich Major	39d	9	4	2
Double Oxford Major	1			
Duffield Major	1			
Superlative Surprise Major	88	13	7†	
Cambridge Surprise Major	12	1		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	12	1		
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3			
New Cambridge Surprise Major	8	2	3	
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1			
Bristol Surprise Major	48e	6	3	
London Surprise Major	53f	4	5	
On Six Bells	1			
	478	66	122	21

Total 600, conducted 87.

† Including one non-conducted; a including 18,027; b including 11,111; c including 10,464; d including 15,072; e including 15,264; f including 14,112; g 6063.

Two other ringers, in addition to those we mentioned last week, rang over 50 peals in 1913, viz., Messrs. W. H. Fussell and E. M. Atkins.

ODD CHANGES.

In connection with the recent appeal for the Upton Snodsbury Bells Fund the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Holden) acknowledges with many thanks 13s. 6d. per Mr. L. Longney, Hawford, Worcester.

It is really a remarkable performance for a man of 83 to ring a peal, yet last week Mr. Joseph Bates, of Wednesbury, scored a peal of Grandsire Caters, at his own church, at that advanced age. The peal was in honour of his birthday, and he was heartily congratulated by his colleagues at the finish. It is nearly 50 years since Mr. Bates accomplished a peal, and Mr. Wm. Rock Small is the only other surviving member of the band. Mr. Small would have taken part in the peal last week, but for the bereavement he has just sustained by the death of his wife, after more than 50 years of wedded life.

Our inquiry in last week's issue as to whether the Spitalfields Foundry staff peal was the first on ten bells by workmen in one employ has soon been answered. It has brought a reply from Mr. R. T. Holding, junr., of Crewe, who writes that the members of the Christ Church, Crewe, Society rang a peal of Grandsire Caters on June 1st, 1912. All were employed by the London and North-Western Railway Company, and all were, also, regular Sunday service ringers.

It is a rare occurrence, indeed we may say unique, for a Vicar and his wife to take part together in service ringing, but the Rev. A. Rust, the honorary secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, and Mrs. Rust are frequently to be found in the belfry of their parish church at Husborne Crawley, and on New Year's Eve they took part in 720 of Bob Major rung with the bells half-muffled: Mrs. Rust 1, C. Sinfield 2, E. Hobbs 3, Rev. A. Rust 4, H. Fleet 5, H. Smith (conductor) 6. We wonder whether such a performance has been previously achieved? The tenor at Husborne is 18½ cwt., and the treble, which Mrs. Rust rang, 6½ cwt.

The Services, which, doubtless, not a few young ringers enter, have scored their first peal. It was rung at Gillingham, under the auspices of the Kent Association, on Thursday of last week, the band being made up of four members of the Army, and four of the Navy and Royal Marines. They are at present stationed as follows: Warrant Officer W. A. Cooke, R.N., H.M.S. "Albion," Pembroke Dock; Lance-Sergts. Holden and Bennett, R.M.L.I., Chatham; Corpl. Gilbert, R.E., Aldershot; Musician Jarrett, R.E., Chatham; First Class Stoker Playle, H.M.S. "Endeavour," Sheerness; Pte. Gibbs, King's Own Regt., Dover; Pte. Souter, Essex Regt., Chatham. It is hoped to permanently record the peal in the church, and the band are looking forward to meeting again at some near date for a peal of Kent Treble Bob.

The peal which we quoted last week as being the quickest that has been rung on tower bells was the quickest on eight. Mr. J. R. Newman, hon. secretary of the Worcestershire Association calls attention to the fact that the quickest peal on tower bells of any number was rung at Stone, Worcestershire, on September 12th, 1909, in 2 hrs. 17 mins., conducted by Mr. R. Matthews. It was a peal in seven Minor methods. The tenor at Stone is 5½ cwt.

Each district of the London County Association is holding its annual meeting on Saturday, the Northern District at St. Andrew's, Holborn, with the business meeting at the Two Brewers, 74, Shoe Lane, E.C., and the Southern District at Fulham.

The Borough of Glossop Association has had a successful year financially, and are carrying forward £3 9s. 0½d., an increase of 15s. 2d. To-morrow the annual dinner and social, preceded by a service at Old Glossop Church, is to be held.

A board recording the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques rung by the College Youths at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on February 22nd, 1913, will be unveiled by the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Ellison, M.A., M.V.O., on Saturday, January 24th, at 4.30 p.m.

INTER-AFFILIATION.

A SUGGESTION TO ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Atwell's letter on the above subject in your last issue, and although we are at one in our views on the need for action, I must take exception to his remark that "I see mountains." Mountains, or even mole hills, had no place in my mind. When I wrote, therefore, I could not possibly have written conveying such an idea. On the contrary, I endeavoured to minimise any difficulty, and believe a simple and concise scheme can be formulated, if only the various societies will take the matter up. I am hoping to open a discussion at the Easter annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and a resolution of recommendation to the Central Council may be passed.

Seeing the Llandaff Association has led the way in adopting this course, may I respectfully suggest that the many societies holding their annual meetings at Easter will see their way to discuss the matter.

I believe there are two definite ways by which the idea can be controlled, or worked, which I cannot here outline. I suggest a name for the purpose, "The National Union of Church Bell Ringers." Such a name, I think, suggests a common brotherhood. Imagine such a brotherhood, what a pillar of strength it should be to our church, which surely will need many pillars of strength in the near future, judging from recent events at Westminster. The clergy, too, should foster a union such as this, and give it unlimited support. I trust many will express themselves on the subject through your columns.

Old Hill, Staffs.

A. E. PARSONS.

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday the annual meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Devizes. During the afternoon ringing took place at the churches of St. John the Baptist and St. James-the-Great, Southbroom, and subsequently tea was provided, by the kindness of the Rector of Devizes, in St. John's Parish Room, to which no less than 47 ringers sat down and thoroughly enjoyed the repast.

The business meeting was held afterwards, at which were present the Rev. J. A. Sturton (chairman), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Master of the Guild), the Rev. P. W. G. Fillen (Rector of Devizes), the Rev. H. H. Mogg (Vicar of Bishop's Cannings), Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. branch secretary), and ringing members from Trowbridge, Bradford, Melksham, Market Lavington, Southbroom, Devizes St. John and St. Mary, Bath, Chilton, Holt, Cheverell Magna, Beechingstoke, Poulshot, Potterne, and Bishop's Cannings. The annual report was read by the secretary. It recorded that eleven meetings had been held during the past year, with a gross attendance of 266 ringers, showing an average of 24. During the year two towers had seceded from the Guild, but on the other hand six additional towers had joined, and the membership for 1913 stood thus: Change ringers, 83; round ringers, 117; total, 200, as against 111 three years ago. Seventeen peals had been rung by the members during the year. The balance sheet for the year was also presented. It showed that after paying all expenses there was a very respectable balance to be carried forward to 1914. The report and balance sheet were unanimously approved of.

The chairman and hon. secretary were both thanked for past services, and with one consent asked to continue in office for another year. Three new members were elected, and the following meetings decided upon, viz., January 31st at Market Lavington; February 21st at Bishop's Cannings; and April 18th at Melksham.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector of Devizes for the tea, the use of the bells and parish room; and to Canon Gardner and the Rev. H. H. Mogg for the use of the bells at Southbroom and Bishop's Cannings respectively.—Ringing was then continued at St. John's and St. James' for the remainder of the evening, bringing to a close a most successful and satisfactory meeting.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



The new ring of 12 bells (Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, September 27th, 1913.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, have in hand
the restoration of the following ring of 12 bells:

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

What proved to be a very successful annual meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Fareham on Saturday last. In spite of the wet weather, a good number of ringers attended from Titchfield, Portsmouth, Portsea, Fareham, Shedfield, Curdridge, Swanmore and Gosport, and there were also visitors from Stoneham and Eling. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung, including a special 504 Stedman Triples, as a wedding compliment to Mr. F. Tull, one of the ringers of Fareham Church, who was married during the week. The ringers were: J. Whiting (Fareham) 1, L. Pogo (Titchfield) 2, J. Symonds (Portsea) 3, F. Burnett (Portsmouth) 4, A. Mears (Curdridge) 5, H. Reynolds (Gosport) 6, E. J. Harding (Portsea), conductor, 7, H. Ingram (Portsmouth) 8. The most notable performance of the afternoon was a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, in which Miss Carden rang the 2nd, this being her first course of Treble Bob Major. Miss Carden is one of the band at Titchfield, a six-bell tower, and she is to be complimented upon the way in which she rang her bell.

After attending evensong in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the ringers, to the number of 44, sat down to a substantial meat tea at the Paragon Restaurant.

The business meeting followed, a communication being read from Mr. A. T. King, of Southsea, expressing sorrow at not being present, as he was, unfortunately, laid aside with illness. Mr. Whiting (the hon. secretary) was requested to convey to Mr. King the ringers' sympathy, and hopes for a speedy recovery. The Rev. C. E. Matthews (Titchfield), Master of the Guild, was re-elected president of the district, and Mr. J. W. Whiting was re-elected district secretary. Mr. E. J. Harding was elected assistant hon. secretary, and, with Mr. W. Linter, was elected to represent the district on the Diocesan Committee. Mr. J. Symonds was appointed auditor. Two full members from Titchfield, two from Portsmouth and three from Portsea were elected, as well as four probationers from Portsmouth.

It was decided, if convenient, to have the quarterly meetings for the ensuing year as follows: Easter Monday at Curdridge; Saturday, July 18th, Newport; Saturday, Sept. 26th, Shedfield; Saturday, January 9th, 1915, Gosport.

The balance sheet was adopted, and considered satisfactory, the income being £16 4s., and expenditure £9 3s., leaving a balance of 27 1s.—Mr. Symonds, the auditor, said the way in which the accounts were kept reflected much credit upon the hon. secretary.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews gave a very interesting account of his visit to Carisbrooke tower. He showed some sketches which he had made of peal boards recording peals that had been rung over a hundred years ago by the Union of Carisbrooke and Newport Youths, and said that he hoped before long the bells would be recast. He also hoped that by the time the district arranged another meeting at his own tower (Titchfield) the two new trebles would have been added, making a peal of eight (applause).

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), Mr. Geo. Williams (hon. secretary of the Guild) for being present, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service.

After the business had been transacted the bells were again set going to standard methods.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE PEAL AUGMENTED.

The bells of St. Lawrence's Church, Barnwood, Gloucester, have just been augmented to eight. The former ring of six, five of which were cast by A. Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1898, were taken in hand by Messrs. John Taylor and Son, the well-known firm of bell founders, of Loughborough, and the result of their work is a splendid octave, the old treble having been recast and two new ones added. The local ringers, assisted by members of St. Michael's, Glos., rang the first 504 of Grandsire Triples at a preliminary practice before the dedication: A. A. Waite (conductor) 1, J. Gillett 2, J. A. Waite 3, H. Mitchell 4, G. A. Smith 5, A. G. Waite 6, H. Newman 7, A. E. Waite 8. At the dedication service, representatives attended from Gloucester, Painswick, Witcombe, Sandhurst, Cheltenham, Leckhampton, Prestbury, and Wolverhampton, Mr. Denison Taylor also being present. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, the conductors being A. A. Waite, J. Austin, T. Yeend, J. A. Waite. Opinions were expressed freely, and it was obvious that the general feeling was that the bell hangers had acquitted themselves in fine style. The Vicar and churchwardens have taken great interest in the work of the restoration, especially Mr. Wood, whose ability as architect has served in good stead. He also made personal visits to Loughborough.

MORE METHODS NAMED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—For the information of all concerned, will you kindly state in your journal that the extents of Nos. 27, 29 and 37, Thir's place Delight Methods, have recently been rung at Norbury, Cheshire, and have been named "Dislev," "Rostherne" and "Wilmslow" respectively?—Yours faithfully,

Stockport, January 9th, 1914.

A. T. BEESTON.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING AT BIRMINGHAM.**

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Birmingham, on Tuesday of last week, when a large number of members turned up to support the presiding ringing master, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, who was in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. Paddon Smith) having explained that for convenience in working it was desirable that the duties of secretary and treasurer should be combined, the whole of the officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of the treasurer.—Mr. John Carter was unanimously elected a vice-president of the Guild, as some slight recognition of his many benefactions to the Guild, and his eminent services to the Exercise in general.

The balance sheet was duly adopted, and showed that another prosperous year had been enjoyed by the Guild, the bank balance showing an increase of £2 5s. over the balance last year.

A proposition that is always received with acclamation, and is always carried without a single dissentient is: "That the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner be held as usual this year."—It was decided to hold it on February 28th next, at Ye Olde Royal, where so many excellent dinners have been held in the past, and it will doubtless be attended with all the customary success.

Several new members were made, and various tower elections ratified. The following addition was made to rule 5: "That any member whose subscriptions are more than two years in arrear, shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Guild."

The Chairman referred in feeling terms to the heavy blow Mr. Wm. Rock Small had suffered by the death of his wife, and the secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Small, on behalf of the members, expressing their deepest sympathy with him in his great trouble.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at King's Norton in April.

Mr. Neal (late treasurer) having been thanked for his services, a vote of thanks to Mr. Pritchett for presiding brought the business to a close.

A little later (although time was very short), Mr. Harry Withers brought forth his dulcimer, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

LICHFIELD VETERAN'S DEATH.**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS A RINGER AT THE CATHEDRAL.**

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Edwin Gallimore, a veteran Lichfield ringer, who passed away on January 3rd, after a painful illness, cancer in the throat being the immediate cause of death. The deceased was 74 years of age in July last, and had been a ringer at the Cathedral for 55 years, during 35 of which he was captain and tower keeper. He had served under five Deans, and during the episcopate of four Bishops, failing eyesight causing his retirement about two and a half years ago. Practically, he was connected with the Cathedral all his life, having sung in the choir both as boy and man. Being of robust constitution and portly figure, he rang the tenor for a number of years, but was equally at home at the heavy or light end, and had rung about a dozen peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters, taking his place in any position, on treble, tenor or working bell. His eldest son and a grandson are following in his footsteps, both being enthusiastic ringers. The deceased ringer was interred at St. Michael's churchyard on Tuesday, January 6th, being carried to his last resting place by six of his old comrades—Messrs. J. Key, F. Sedgwick, C. Barrett, F. J. Cope, A. Bowler and O. Sawyer. The bells of the city churches, St. Chad's, St. Michael's and St. Mary's were rung muffled on Sunday and Monday evenings, and half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral were rung after the interment. Floral tributes were sent by his brother ringers and other friends.

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS' HANDBELL PEALS.**THE ACCURACY OF FOOTNOTES.**

How necessary it is to be careful when appending footnotes to peals is once more emphasised by some corrections which Mr. W. H. Fussell sends us. He writes:—

Peals of Stedman Caters have been rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths Society on handbells (retained in hand) as follows: January 4th, 1855, at the York Arms, Ship Street, Strand, W.C., a 5000, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., composed and conducted by John Cox. October 21st, 1857, at Mr. Carr's, Waltham Abbey, a 5000, in 3 hrs. 3 mins., composed and conducted by John Cox. This latter peal also affects a certain recent county record. With regard to the Shoreditch peal of twelve, the same ring of bells are involved with reference to all the earlier performances thereon. The additional bells or recasting of one or more of them does not nowadays infer a fresh set of bells throughout. With regard to most of the early performances in many of the London towers, the "footnotes" lead one to suppose that all the bells were new. So keen was the antagonism between the College Youths and Cumberlands of a century ago that it was only necessary to find an old bell recast or a new one added to a ring in order to secure another "first peal" on the bells.

Mr. Fussell writes that Miss Hilda Wilson rang her first peal on eight peals when under 14 years of age, while Miss Matthews was more than 14. The former's was a tower bell and the latter's a handbell performance.

VETERAN RINGER'S BIRTHDAY.**MR. JOHN HEATHORN COMPLETES HIS 90TH YEAR.**

The senior member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, Mr. John Heathorn, celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday. Mr. Heathorn, who is a much respected member of the St. Nicolas' company, has been for some years an inmate of Abbot's Hospital, Guildford, founded in 1619 by Archbishop Abbot for the benefit of twelve brothers and ten sisters after reaching the age of 60 years. Mr. Heathorn still has an occasional pull upon the neighbouring church bells.

In honour of the veteran ringer's birthday, a handbell peal of Stedman Caters was rung on Saturday in the Common Hall of the Hospital, which is beautifully panelled with magnificent oak and hung with fine old oil paintings. It is not often that a handbell peal is listened to by such a numerous company as that which heard this particular peal. In addition to Mr. Heathorn and the Master of the Hospital, who were the official witnesses of the peal, Messrs. S. Radford and C. Hazelden being the umpires, the company included two sisters of the master, some of the brothers and sisters of the Hospital, Mr. Heathorn's son, daughter, niece, and some of his grandchildren, and Mrs. Hazelden and her niece. A splendid peal was rung, upon which the band were heartily congratulated. The time was slow on account of the size of the bells (21 in D). Regret was felt that Mr. S. Radford was unable to take part owing to the early start that had to be made. Mr. W. Shepherd was also to have been one of the band, but unfortunately missed his train, but this enabled Mr. C. H. Dobbie to ring his first peal of Caters in band.

On Sunday, his birthday, Mr. Heathorn climbed the steps to Holy Trinity ringing chamber, and rang the 2nd to a touch of 112 Grandsire Triples. In the old gentleman's rooms afterwards, two members of the St. Nicolas' and two of the Holy Trinity Societies rang a 1260 Grandsire Triples on handbells. The quarter-peal was one composed by Mr. Heathorn, and the length was extremely appropriate, for the 90 leads may be taken as symbolical of the 90 years of his life. We hope he may still be spared many years to enjoy the sound of the bells he loves so much.

ONE HUNDRED 504's.

During 1913, one hundred touches of 504 Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of Curdridge Parish Church, Hants. Mr. W. Linton (Swanmore) rang in about a score of these, and two of his sons in one each. Mr. A. Millard (also of Swanmore) rang in two, Mr. F. Tull (Fareham) took part in one, and all the rest of the ringing was done by the local band. Two 672's were also rung in the year.

ROYSTON SOCIETY'S PERFORMANCES.

During the year 1913 the Royston, Herts. Society, with visiting friends, rang 105 complete 720's, viz.: London Surprise 5, Norwich Surprise 2, Cambridge Surprise 11, Woodbine Treble Bob 9, Oxford Delight 1, Violet 2, Duke of York 2, Kent 9, Oxford 13, in three Treble Bob Methods 3, St. Clement's 1, Double Oxford 1, Double Court 2, Single Court 2, Oxford Bob 5, College Single 8, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Plain Bob 30. The following ringers took part: E. Bonnett 72 (conducted 17), W. L. Darlow 61 (conducted 9), R. G. King 103 (conducted 54), S. E. Roberts 66 (conducted 9), R. Wilkerson 87 (conducted 8), H. Bonnett 54, A. Gilbert 49, H. Wilkerson 49, W. B. Manning 36. Visiting ringers: A. Wilkerson 19, L. G. Mallion 12, A. E. Austin 4, P. Webb 6, W. Mansfield 3, R. Howard 2, H. Tysoe 1, A. Bowell 1 (conducted 1).

The St. John's, Leytonstone, company and visiting friends, during 1913 rang the following 87 complete 720's: Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 10, Oxford Treble Bob 3, Surprise Methods: Cambridge 14, York 10, London 8, Beverley 6, Carlisle 5, Lincoln 5, Chester 4, Durham 3, Wells 3, Canterbury 3, Ipswich 3, Worcester 2, Chelsea 1, Leytonstone 1, Norwich 1, Chichester 1, Coventry 1, and Ely 1. The following ringers took part: W. Theobald 81, W. Miller 78, H. Torble 64, J. Mould 48, G. Dawson 45, A. Fiddis 35, S. Sharpe 34, A. Prior 34, F. Doran 26, W. Doran 17, H. Saffell 13, G. A. Black 11, A. J. Neale 8, G. Harden 4, R. Sanders 3, G. T. Clayton 2, C. W. Clarke 2, W. Truss 2, F. C. Newman 2, J. Scholes 2, G. L. Joyce 1, H. Fowler 1, L. Pye 1, A. Pye 1, W. A. Pye 1, W. Pye 1, T. Cranfield 1, D. Elliott 1, A. Scrambler 1, H. Gowers 1, and F. G. Newman 1. The 720's were conducted by: W. Miller 56, J. Mould 14, H. Torble 5, S. Sharpe 4, W. Theobald 3, G. Dawson 1, W. Pye 1, C. W. Clarke 1, G. Hayden 1, D. Elliott 1.

In honour of the induction to the Vicarage of Gargrave, Yorks, of the Rev. A. C. Blunt, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples at the Parish Church, but to the great disappointment of the ringers, it came to grief after 2 hrs. 25 mins. ringing: J. Langstroth 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, H. J. Lofthouse 3, C. Langstroth 4, W. Townson 5, A. R. Jones (conductor) 6, J. Wane 7, H. Birtwhistle 8. The company were successful in September in ringing a farewell peal to the outgoing incumbent, and had hoped to welcome the new Vicar with a peal performance.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 29th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. Subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 17th. Bells available from 5. Meeting at 7. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, January 17th, 1914. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting 6.30. Subscriptions for this year are now due.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Northern District.—The annual general meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, January 17th, 1914. The bells at St. Andrew's, Holborn, will be available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and at St. Sepulchre's from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on January 17th, 1914. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea in the Vestry Hall at 5 p.m.—F. Bennett, Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 17th, 1914, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick Old Church, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar at 5.30. Business meeting after.—E. J. Dowler, Honorary Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, January 17th. Bells ready at two o'clock. Service in Church at 3. Committee meeting at 3.30. Tea (1/- each) at 4.15 in the Co-operative Cafe.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, January 17th, 1914. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Canon Hough, at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall 5.15 p.m., 6d. per head. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 17th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Divine Service 4.30, tea at 5.15, business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the society will be held on Monday, January 19th, 1914, at the church of St. John the Divine, Vassell Road, Brixton Road. Tower open from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 54, Thurlow Park Road, West Dulwich, S.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on January 24th. Bells at 3.30, meeting at 5.30. — E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 24th. The bells (10) of St. Wulfram's Church available at noon, service in the Chapel at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Dairy Company's Cafe, Westgate, at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome. — S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 24th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, January 24th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A bye meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, January 24th, 1914. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at the "Cross Keys" at 5.30 at 6d. each to members notifying me by Wednesday, 21st January. Hornchurch bells available after tea. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Queen Camel on Saturday, January 24th, 1914. Service in the Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held at Burnham on Saturday, January 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, at the Clarence Hotel. Tea 9d. each. Business meeting to follow.—J. Harris, Hon. Local Secretary.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, January 24th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. All Saints (10), St. Andrew's (8) and Benges (6). All members and friends will be made welcome. Particulars as to tea, etc., will appear next week.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, January 24th, 1914. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Rammoor on Saturday, January 31st, instead of February 7th, as given in the fixture cards. Church of St. John the Evangelist, 8 bells, tenor 15 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 31st, 1914. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place at Reigate on Saturday, January 31st. St. John's, Redhill (8 bells) open for ringing from 3 to 4 p.m.; Reigate Parish Church (10) open from 4.15 to 5.15 p.m. Service at Reigate at 5.15 (taken by the Rector); tea at 6 in the Parish Hall. Business meeting after, to be followed by ringing till 9.30.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) at Isleworth, on Saturday, January 31st. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill, in the Hartland Road Mission Hall, at 5.30, business meeting following. Richmond tower will be open in the evening from 7 till 8. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1914 became due on January 1st. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, January 31st. Bells available at 3. Short service with address at 5.30. Tea 9d., at the Coffee Tavern (opposite church) at 6. Those intending to be present please send word not later than Tuesday, 27th. — H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, February 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. For full particulars see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Wednesday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

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SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

Following an old custom the Salehurst company of the Sussex Association met at the Church at half-past nine on New Year's morning, and rang at intervals throughout the day, several touches of Grandsire Triples being brought round.

In the evening they held their annual supper at the Old Eight Bells Inn.—The Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Ward) presided, and there were also present Mr. F. T. Willsher, people's warden (in the vice-chair), and Messrs. F. Hudson, W. Franks (Battle), W. Thomas, T. Goodsell, and the ringers. An excellent repast was provided by Host and Hostess Kirby, and afterwards the chairman gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were musically honoured.

Mr. P. Booth, captain, proposed the health of the Vicar and churchwardens, regretting that their warden, Mr. J. Hodson, was unable to be with them as usual, owing to illness.—The Vicar, in responding, congratulated the ringers on the satisfactory way in which they had carried out their duties.—Mr. F. Willsher also replied.—Mr. Hudson proposed "The Salehurst Church Bell Ringers." He complimented the ringers upon the way in which they discharged their duties.—Mr. T. Booth (captain) responded.—Mr. W. Robinson gave "The Visitors," and Mr. Franks, in acknowledging the toast, said he felt all had worked very harmoniously together, and he congratulated the Salehurst men on the success they had achieved.—Mr. F. Hudson also replied.—The toast of "The Host and Hostess" was also submitted.

During the evening, Mr. F. Willsher contributed a recitation, while songs were rendered by Messrs. W. Franks, W. Robinson, E. Mills, T. Booth, G. Peacock and F. Morgan, and an extremely enjoyable evening was spent.

After the peal at Tyldesley, rung in honour of the 50th birthday of Mrs. R. Allred, and recorded in another column, the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Allred, who were thanked for their kind hospitality. During the evening songs, etc., were rendered. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells for the peal.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bridgwater branch was held at Bridgwater on Saturday last, 45 members being present. Service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. E. de St. Croix, who gave a splendid address from the words of 1 Cor. 14, v. 7 and 8. After service, tea was partaken of at Trinity Parish Room by the kind invitation of the Rev. E. de St. Croix, and the business meeting was then held.—The Secretary gave an encouraging report of the branch's work during the past year, and was able to show a good balance sheet. Both were received by the members with great satisfaction.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. E. de St. Croix, branch chairman; Mr. A. E. Coles, representative on general committee; Mr. W. G. Sellick, junr., branch secretary; Mr. A. E. Moulton, assistant secretary.—Six new members were elected.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of St. Mary's for the use of the bells, the Rev. E. de St. Croix for his excellent address and kind invitation to tea, to the ladies who assisted, and the organist and choir for their services.—The members then returned to the tower, where touches in various methods were brought round during the evening.

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