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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.

MODERN WORK.

BELL RESTORATION.

A letter from Mr. E. P. O'Meara in another column opens up an interesting and important question in regard to bell restoration, and is the outcome of incidents, which have come to his knowledge, whereby church authorities have been put to unnecessary expense through lack of expert advice in dealing with the renovation of bells. His suggestion is that something should be done to enable church authorities to call in ringers of engineering experience to advise what is best to be done and to pass the work when it has been completed. Those responsible for restorations would thus have the advantage of a trustworthy opinion before embarking upon any expensive outlay, and would be saved the annoyance, to say nothing of the waste of money, of finding, after they had discharged the bill, that the condition of their bells was little, if any, better than before the overhauling.

There can be no question, we think, that cases do occur where the ringers' point of view is hardly considered, and it is also quite true that ringers, except in isolated cases, are unable to give anything in the nature of that "engineering" advice which Mr. O'Meara holds to be essential. Undoubtedly great advantages might be derived, if the suggestion which he puts forward could be carried into effect, but one of the difficulties even if a service such as this could be organised, would be that of getting into touch with those responsible for the various restorations all over the country. Are there in all districts sufficient men with the adequate knowledge of practical ringing and with engineering experience to give the advice and carry out the supervision necessary to make the scheme effective?

Some associations, we believe, have their "Committees of Advice," but even these are not always men who combine the two qualities above mentioned.

The subject, however, is another of those points which Associations would do well to consider, with a view to rendering even more efficient help than they do at present. The question of getting early information as to proposed restoration is an essential in these matters, and the delicate point of getting the Association brought into consultation might be overcome with the exercise of tact. That this already happens in numerous cases is well known, but we do not think that Associations take their part in this work to the extent that they might. Bell restoration is, of course, a special subject. It is peculiarly one of those matters where a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. The advice that can be relied upon is doubtless that of the kind which Mr. O'Meara refers to, and those Associations who possess men thus qualified in their ranks might render excellent service to the churches and to ringing by going out of their way to bring the authorities and the independent experts into touch.

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

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

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	FREDERICK PITSTOW 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*MATRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 8
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	HARRY FLANDERS 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE 10
REUBEN SANDERS 5	ALFRED W. GRIMES 11
WILLIAM J. NODDS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	*FRANK STUBBS 6
FREDERICK E. SMITH 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7
GEORGE DAVIES 3	†JAMES L. WRIGHT 8
SAMUEL WESLEY 4	THOMAS W. GORE 9
FRED DAVIES 5	WILLIAM J. THYNG Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. This was the conductor's
tenth peal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5004 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... Treble	ALBERT V. SELBY 6
JAMES R. MACKMAN 2	WILLIAM A. GARRARD 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 8
HENRY G. MILES 4	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 9
ERNEST G. STIBBONS 5	FREDERICK J. REDKNAP ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by WM. E. GARRARD.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven-and-a-Half
Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ROBERT FISHER, SENR. ... Treble	SAMUEL HALL 6
ROBERT FISHER, JUNR. ... 2	JOHN BARKER 7
JOHN E. GUNMERSON 3	J. HILTON 8
ALEXANDER SHAW 4	HENRY MEADOW 9
JOHNATHAN F. HALL 5	WILLIAM MAJOR Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT FISHER, SENR.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. H. Roberts, one
of the local ringers, to Miss M. Harrison.

NORTHOWRAN.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK Treble	*HARRY STOTT 5
JOSEPH HUTCHINSON 2	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 6
WILLIAM B. SMITH 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 7
JOHN B. JACKSON 4	ALBERT JAGGER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. H. ASH.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 12, 1914, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

CHARLES CHURCH Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	GEORGE FLEMING 6
*GEORGE PRYKE 3	ALBERT FLEMING 7
FREDERICK SHIPP 4	GEORGE FARNISH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FLEMING.

First peal of Major. This composition was a variation of B. Annable's.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD Treble	HARRY BUCKLEY 5
ROBERT BUCKLEY 2	*CLIFTON FIELDING 6
GEORGE STAFF 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 7
JOSEPH GREENWOOD 4	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. C. MASSEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

STONEHOUSE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(CHARLES' SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CAPT. C. F. JERRAM, R.M.L.I. Treble	WILLIAM D. JAMES 5
WARREN S. HORN BROOK 2	FRANK HOCKADAY 6
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON 3	ERNEST W. MARSH 7
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 4	FRANCIS PURSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ROBERT W. GREEN 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK J. HOLDEN and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. A. N. Hardy, who was sailing the following day for Buenos Ayres. Unfortunately at the last minute he could not stand in the peal owing to pressure of time.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ARTHUR E. CAMPLING ... Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 5
†FREDK. W. BENNETT ... 2	GEORGE LADD 6
†JOHN B. HALLIFAX 3	†R. HUGH RICHARDSON ... 7
ARTHUR J. FARR 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major. This is the first peal on the bells.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lbs., in E flat

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
GEORGE DENT 4	HENRY F. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	THOMAS JAKEMAN 5
CHARLES BOWER 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
JONATHAN BROADBENT 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
BENJAMIN GILL 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed by DANIEL WOODS, and

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church, Blackfriars,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS KING Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES 5
WILLIAM HEWITT 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
*ARTHUR H. PALMER 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. This peal was arranged for A. H. Palmer, who hails from Boston.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 16, 1914, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH SYKES Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
BENJAMIN THORPE 2	ALBAN SLATTER 6
WILLIAM STEDMAN 3	WILLIAM KATHRO 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	TOM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by B. THORPE.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR HAGUE Treble	THOMAS COLIN RYDER... 5
MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 6
JOHN W. J. COTTAM 3	CLEMENT GLENN 7
*LEONARD BRIGHTMAN... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES

B. ANNABLE'S BOB MAJOR COMPOSITION.

STEPHEN J. PERKINS... .. Treble	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 5
JIM BEACH 2	EDWIN LAMBERT 6
*GEORGE FULLER... .. 3	ALBERT RELFE 7
ANDREW MARSHALL 4	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

*First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band, and first for the Kent County Association. Messrs. Lambert, Beach and Butchers hail from Horsmonden, and Fuller, Marshall and Relfe from Lamberhurst; S. J. Perkins belongs to the local band.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

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

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BULWER'S No. 7.

Tenor 14 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON... 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
*WALTER HORTON 3	WILLIAM T. COX 7
WILLIAM J. SMITH 4	DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON.

* First peal of Stedman; also the first in the method on the bells since the dedication of five new bells by the Bishop of Coventry in January, 1892.

ILKLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM DIXON Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
ROBERT W. JENNISON 2	WILLIAM D. HILLARY ... 6
THOMAS BANCROFT 3	JOHN M. KELL 7
*JAMES STOTT 4	SMITH MURCATROYD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by J. M. KELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY... .. 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band, and the first for the Association by an entirely local company.

ASHSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID ANSCOMB Treble	ARTHUR C. OTWAY 5
WILLIAM COOK 2	ERNEST HOLLAWAY... .. 6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 3	ARTHUR DEAN 7
GEORGE A. COOK... .. 4	RICHARD KENDALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

The ringer of the 6th was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*DANIEL REDHEAD Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
ARTHUR E. PAYNE 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 3	JAMES NICKERSON 7
ROBERT F. TURNER 4	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to Mrs. and Miss L. Kingsford who are shortly leaving the parish.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ERNEST STONE Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 5
REV. E. V. COX 2	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS... .. 6
*E. HARRY STONELEY 3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS... .. 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

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

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD CAUNCE... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
THOMAS JENNISON... .. 2	JOHN ALLEN 6
GEORGE WOODHALL 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
HENRY FYLES 4	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This peal, which has the and never in 5-6 at a course end, is the longest length in the method by the band and on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VARIAION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	5
EDWARD EVANS	2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	6
DANIEL PRENTICE	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
WILLIAM MOTTS	4	CHARLES A. WARD	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Charles A. Ward, who attained his majority on the 13th inst.

WHITBY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

T. STEEL	Treble	W. A. BRECKON	5
A. COATES	2	G. P. HILL	6
J. T. WATERS	3	F. S. HODGSON	7
W. R. KNAGGS	4	M. STAPLEY	Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

ACCRINGTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5340 CHANCES;

Comprising 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Coventry, College Exercise, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 120 each of Duke of York and Woodbine, and 60 of Plain Bob.

A. SCHOLES	Treble	*W. ASHWORTH	4
*W. SCHOLES	2	*J. HEAP	5
*J. T. GREEN	3	*J. BRACKNELL	Tenor

Conducted by A. SCHOLES.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the tenor, who sails for India in February. Longest length on the bells.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE	Treble	*HOWARD TOMKINS	4
†HERBERT C. EDWARDS	2	REUBEN UNDERWOOD	5
HERBERT TOMKINS	3	JAMES TOMPKINS, JUNR.	Tenor

Conducted by H. C. EDWARDS.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal as conductor. First peal by all except the ringers of 2nd and 4th. All are members of the local band.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE	Treble	ALFRED DAW	4
*CYRIL WENHAM	2	FREDERICK G. BURT	5
HAROLD SMITH	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

* First peal away from treble. Rung to celebrate the birth, on the 72th inst., of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Saxby, of Margate.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM HANNAH	Treble	*THOMAS HANNAH	4
*JOHN T. M. FLETCHER	2	*ERNEST WELLS	5
HARRY V. FLETCHER	3	JOHN B. HALLIFAX	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

* First peal of Minor and were proposed members of the Guild previous to starting.

STAMFORD.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs., in F.

*WILLIAM ALLEN	Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE	4
*WILLIAM H. WORRAKER	2	†ALBERT C. DARNELL	5
THOMAS BLACKBOURNE	3	SIDNEY PROCTOR	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT C. DARNELL.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. The ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are members of the local band. T. Blackbourne, who rehung Wells Cathedral bells, had not, previous to the above, rung a peal for over ten years.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER MAXTED	Treble	JABEZ WALTER	4
HARRISON SMITH	2	WILLIAM NORRIS	5
SIDNEY WALTER	3	STANLEY WHITE	Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Edwin Kelsey, Rector's warden for over 20 years, who was buried at the above church the day previous. This is the first muffled peal on the bells and by all the ringers, who belong to the local band.

BENGEO, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS	Treble	ALBERT CARTER	4
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	2	HENRY WALLACE	5
ERNEST A. OVERALL	3	BARNARD PATMORE	Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES JOHNSON	Treble	RICHARD T. SHARP	4
GEORGE CHESTER	2	JAMES S. BETTS	5
JOHN H. BELLAMY	3	WILLIAM CLARKE	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. BETTS.

First peal by the ringer of the treble, who is in his 68th year, and who has been parish clerk at St. Botolph's for 34 years. First peal upon the bells, which have been recently recast and augmented from five to six by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The "tone" and "go" of the bells are perfect. The four towers in Lincoln, possessing a peal, were represented by the band.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor to cwt.

HERBERT G. PRATT Treble	WALTER KERRISON ... 4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBORGH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

RICKS PAINE Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4
FREDERICK HAYES 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
JOHN BURLES 3	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

First peal on the bells on record.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

*HARRY WRIGHT... .. Treble	DENISON HAYWARD... .. 4
WILLIAM A. ARNOTT ... 2	GEORGE ORFORD 5
†ARTHUR WEBBER 3	*WILLIAM LEE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE ORFORD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. Robert Christian.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT... .. 1—2	GEORGE R. PYE 7—8
ERNEST PYE 3—4	JAMES HUNT... .. 9—10
WILLIAM PYE 5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires: M. F. R. HIBBERT and J. BARRY.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
IN THE PARISH ROOM, DINSDALE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3—4	JAMES M. BAILEY 7—8

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: F. W. BAILEY.

* First peal away from 7—8. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. S. Bailey.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Two Hours and One Minute,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF S. H. SYMONDS, 5, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob, called differently.

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 1—2	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 3—4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5—6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in three methods by all on handbells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. 1—2	HUBERT EDEN 7—8
HENRY HODGETTS 3—4	GEORGE N. PRICE ... 9—10
WILLIAM HODGETTS... .. 5—6	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW 11—12

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpires: THOMAS L. SIMMONS and WILLIE ROUGHTON.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT 20, GERARD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 1—2	ARTHUR HAGUE 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN 3—4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

We publish the following peal, rung last May, in order that it may be duly credited to the Association:

BRIXWORTH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

JAMES WARWICK... .. Treble	EDWARD INNS 3
JAMES MALLARD 2	GEORGE INNS 4
GEORGE GOLSWORTHY Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES WARWICK.

First peal by all.

LANCASHIRE MEETING AT MANCHESTER.

The annual meeting of the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the Cathedral on Saturday last. About fifty members attended, and Mr. Jas. Barratt presided over the business proceedings. He wished all present a happy and prosperous year, and expressed regret at the inability of Mr. John Eachus to be present, owing to the serious illness of his wife, who, he trusted, would have a speedy recovery.—Seven members of the Whitefield and three of the Stretford companies were elected members of the Association, and Prestwich was the place appointed for the next monthly meeting.

After a long discussion as to the advisability of holding regular monthly practices for higher methods, it was decided to hold the first at St. John's, Miles Platting, a fortnight hence.

General agreement was expressed in favour of admitting ladies on the Central Council.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the authorities and local ringers for the use of the bells, and to this, Mr. Churchwarden Higginbottom responded on behalf of the Cathedral authorities, expressing pleasure in granting the privilege.

MR. ERNEST C. LAMBERT'S 100 PEALS.

Minor, 25 (conducted 13); Bob Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 24 (13); Canterbury Major, 1; Bob Major, 9 (7); Kent Treble Bob Major, 7 (3); Double Norwich Major, 8; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Stedman Triples, 18; Stedman Cutters, 3; total, 100 (conducted 36). Rung in eight counties and 54 towers.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**THE FINANCIAL POSITION.**

For the first time for nearly twelve years the Midland Counties Association held its meeting at Long Eaton on Saturday last, when about thirty members put in an appearance from Beeston, Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Hineley, Leicester, Long Eaton, Lockington and Loughborough. The Parish Church of St. Lawrence has a peal of eight bells in good going order, with a tenor of about half-a-ton, and these, as well as the six bells at Sawley, were placed at the disposal of the visitors.

In the afternoon the members attended a short service at St. Lawrence's Church, at which the Vicar, the Rev. G. T. McLean, gave a helpful address on the subject of church work.

The committee meeting, followed by the tea and general meeting, was held in the Co-operative Hall.—Unfortunately, owing to a funeral which he had to attend, the President (Sir Arthur Heywood) was prevented from being present at the last minute, while Mr. J. W. Taylor, vice-president, was called away on urgent business. In their absence Mr. E. Demison Taylor was voted to the chair, and was supported by the Rev. G. T. McLean (Vicar of Long Eaton), Messrs. T. Jackson and A. W. Thornley (churchwardens), the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston, Notts), the hon. secretary (Mr. W. E. White), hon. treasurer (Mr. W. C. Wakley), and others.

The Chairman voiced the thanks of the Association to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and for the service arranged for them. To this the Rev. G. T. McLean and Mr. T. Jackson briefly replied.

The Hon. Secretary then made a statement with regard to the finances of the Association, which, he said, were in an unstable condition, as the expenses exceeded the income each year by something like £5. The cost of printing had gone up, making a large increase in the price of the report, which was the largest item in the balance sheet, and it was difficult to see how the expenses could be reduced.

Two suggestions were made as to ways in which the income might be improved on; first, that there should be a booking fee charged to ringers of peals; and, second, that each band of ringers should endeavour to induce their incumbents, and, if possible, the wardens to become honorary members. It is hoped this latter course will be followed by many of the branches of the Association.

On the proposition of Mr. J. H. Swinfield, seconded by Mr. C. E. Hart, the auditors were unanimously re-elected.

The Secretary read the list of peals rung by the Association during the last quarter of 1913. These amounted to 51, including a peal of Double Norwich Caters at Chesterfield, and the first peal by the Association of Little Bob Major at Darley Dale. The total for 1913 came to 136.

One honorary member, three life, and 18 ringing members were elected, on the proposition of Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Swinfield.—Notice was given of propositions to alter rules 4A and 13 at the Easter meeting at Burton-on-Trent.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor for presiding, proposed by Mr. W. C. Wakley, closed the meeting.

Ringing was kept up till a late hour, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Major on the tower bells, besides Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal in hand.

DERBY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Derby District of the Midland Counties Association was held in St. Andrew's belfry, Derby, on Monday of last week, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. W. Wallace; representatives on the committee, Messrs. Draper and E. Clarke; hon. district secretary, Mr. J. Lord (36, Howard Street, Derby).—The Chairman suggested that an attempt should be made to arrange a social evening among the ringers of the town, so that they might see more of each other. He thought a good programme could be arranged both with music and handbells. After discussion it was left to the committee to go into the matter.

THE CUMBERLAND HANDBELL PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As the conductor of the handbell peals of Stedman Caters, recently rung in London by the Royal Cumberland Youths, I should like to say that I do not know who was responsible for the footnote which Mr. Fussell corrects in your last issue. When the peals were rung, all the company knew that peals of Stedman Caters had previously been rung "in hand" by the society. In fact, I believe there is a board, recording this early performance, in Shoreditch tower. As, however, we were uncertain of the date, I left the report in other hands to be forwarded, and it is strange that such a curious error should have crept in.—Yours truly,

A. H. PULLING.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Southern district was held on Saturday last at All Saints', Fulham. There was an attendance of about 40, and touches in various methods were rung on the fine ring of ten during the afternoon and evening.—At the business meeting, held in the tower, all the officers were unanimously re-elected, as follows: Mr. H. S. Ellis, Master; Mr. H. Mance, treasurer; Mr. P. A. Smith, secretary; and Mr. C. H. Hughes, steward.—It was decided to hold the next meeting on the third Saturday in March.—Short touches on tower and handbells concluded the evening.

THE OXFORD GUILD.**SONNING DEANERY BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers was held on Saturday week at Wokingham. At evensong, said at All Saints' Church, the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, gave an appropriate address.

Tea followed in the Church House, Miss Grace Simmons and Mrs. T. W. Heelas kindly attending to the arrangements.

Some 80 members were present, and at the business which followed, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, chairman of the branch, presided, there being also present the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, E. E. Broome (hon. secretary), G. F. Coleridge (Rural Dean), P. H. Ditchfield (Rector of Barkham), B. Long (Rector of Wokingham), Mr. A. E. Reeves (Guild secretary), and others.

The Hon. Secretary reported a credit balance in hand of £5 5s. 7d. Two hon. members had died—the Rev. E. A. Gray, late Rector of Woodley, and Mr. T. R. Harman, while Major Harris had left the district. Their members showed an increase of one on the year, and now stood at: Life members, 5; honorary members, 32; change ringers, 118; probationers, 10; and life subscribers, 10; total, 175. Seven peals had been rung during the year, and twelve combined practices held, at which the attendance varied from 4 to 27. Mr. Jos. White was heartily thanked for his valuable work in this connection, for these combined practices had proved most helpful.

The officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis; hon. secretary, Rev. E. E. Broome (for the 23rd year in succession). Representatives to Guild Committee: Messrs. Gough, J. White, Wright, J. Moth and J. Rance. Combined Practices Committee: Messrs. F. K. Lush, J. White, E. Lambert, H. Bungay and J. Rance.

THE GUILD PROGRESSING.

The Chairman said the Guild, generally, was progressing. Assuming no falling back upon last year in the accounts of some branches not yet to hand they would have some £41 in hand, but they had decreased their reserve fund. He referred with appreciation to the Poet Laureate's poem on "The Christmas Bells," and quoted it with effect, remarking that the Editor of "The Ringing World" had very wisely and appropriately published the poem.

Mr. A. E. Reeves remarked that the Guild was "alive," as shown by new branches joining, but the peals rung had fallen to 81, as compared with 121 in 1912.

The Rural Dean thanked the Rector and workers of All Saints' for their kindly hospitality.

The Master of the Guild referred to the next festival to be held at Slough, when the important question as to whether the festival should in future be held always at Oxford, would come up. He knew Sonning Deanery, East Berks and South Bucks were strongly opposed, but let them consider it fairly in the light as to which was best for the Guild—for all its members to be able to meet at the greatest convenience to all—not from the sectional point of view. The Poet-Laureate was one of the great men who had caught the spirit of the bells, and doubtless his observations at Yattendon, where he was an earnest church worker, had contributed to his inspiration.

WOKINGHAM BELL FOUNDERS.

The Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, the well-known antiquarian, in thanking the ladies, went on to deal in the most interesting manner with the historical old bell foundry at Wokingham, which went away back to the 14th century. Bells were made in Wokingham, he said, from 1375 to 1400, "Bell Lane" surviving still. That maker's name was unknown, but his bells were to be found all round, at Arbourfield, Didcot, etc. They were known by their stamp—the lion's head, afterwards changed to the lion and the fleur-de-lis. Another stamp in the 15th century of the Wokingham bell maker was a horse. Bells of this mark were found at Winchester, Dorchester, and elsewhere.

An inscription in Latin was on the bells, to the effect that "I always protect those whom I call." There still existed 16 bells of Roger Landon, another Wokingham bell maker. His mark was a bell between his initials R and L. In 1480, a new lion's head and the name John Mitchell appeared, and records showed that the Corporation of Henley paid for six of these bells. In 1495 Mitchell died, and the foundry was removed to Reading. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the noted bell founders, were descendants of the old 14th century, Wokingham bell makers. Mr. Ditchfield, in conclusion, referred to the rhyming rules of the old belfries, and quoted the following:—

This is a belfry that is free
For all those that skilful be,
And if you please to chime or ring,
It is a very pleasant thing.
There is no music played or sung
Like unto bells when they're well rung.
So ring your bells well if you can,
But silence is best for every man.
But, if you ring in spur or hat,
Sixpence you may; be sure of that,
And if a bell you overthrow,
Pray pay a great before you go.

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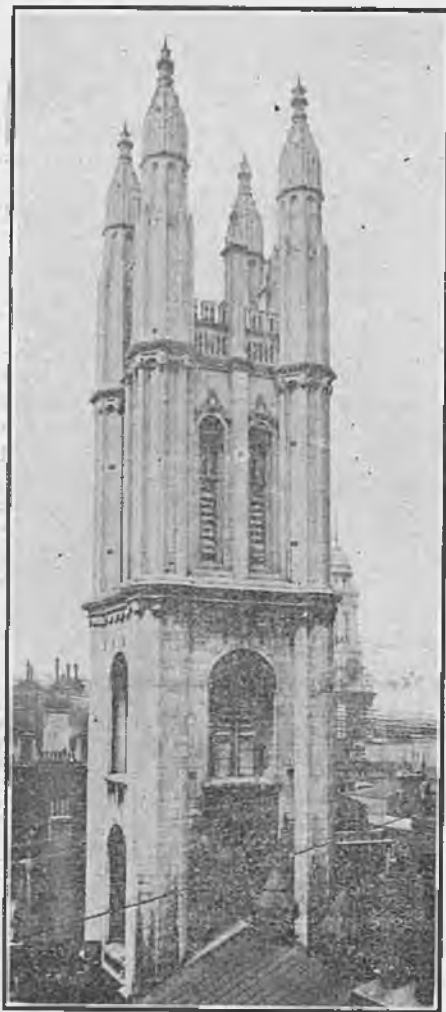
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BELLS OF FAMOUS CHURCHES.

ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.

By J. R. JERRAM.

In view of the interesting event which is to take place to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at the famous church of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill, where a board recording the silent peal of Stedman Cinques rung by the College Youths last February, is to be unveiled, it is not inappropriate that the bells and the majestic tower should form the subject of our illustration this week.



ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.

The earliest mention of bells in connection with this church is recorded thus by *Stow*, in his *Survey of London*, 1603: "The fair steeple or bell-tower was begun to be built in the year 1421, which, being finished, and a fair ring of five bells therein place, a sixth bell was added and given by John Whitmell, Isabel, his wife, and William Rus, alderman and goldsmith, about the year 1430, which bell named Rus, nightly at eight of the clock, and otherwise for knells, and in peals, rung by one man, for the space of one hundred and sixty years, of late overhauled by four or five at once, hath thrice been broken and new cast within

the space of ten years, to the charges of the parish more than one hundred marks." He further remarks that "this was accounted the best ring of six belles to bee rung by six men that was in England, for harmonye, sweetness of sound, and tune."

It appears that the tenor was recast the first time by Lawrence Wright in 1587, and again by Robert Mott in the following year; and again by him in 1599. Again, after the Great Fire, by Richard Phelps in 1738. At the present time she forms the tenor of the peal of six at Westminster Abbey and is inscribed as follows:—REMEMBER IOHN WHITMELL, ISABELL HIS WIFE, AND WILLIAM RUS, WHO FIRST GAVE THIS BELL 1430. NEW CAST IN JULY 1599 AND IN APRIL 1738, RICHARD PHELPS, T. LESTER FECIT. The bell is 56½ inches diameter. How, when, and why she was transferred from St. Michael's to Westminster Abbey is a mystery.

In the inventory of the sixth year of Edward VI we find entered against St. Michael's "vj great bells and ij sawnse bells." In the churchwardens' accounts we find that in 1553 the ringing at the proclamation of Queen Mary cost xijd, and that at her coronation ijs iiijd.

There is a tradition (similar to the Whittington story at St. Mary-le-Bow) that, as Queen Elizabeth was passing St. Michael's in one of her royal progresses, the bells were ringing in thirds, 135246; and that from this coincidence "thirds" on any number of bells has ever afterwards been called the "Queen's" row.

Stow relates in 1603 "Upon a certaine tempestuous St. James' night, as certaine men in the loft under the bells were ringing a peal, an uglie shapen sight appeared to them coming in at the south window, and lighted on the north, for feare whereof they all fell downe and lay as dead for the time, letting the bels ring and cease of their own accord; and when they had mustered courage to get up they found certain stones of the north window to be rayased and scrat, as if they had been so much butter printed with a lyon's clawe," and he adds "I have seen them oft, and put a feather or small stick into the holes where the clawes had entered, three or foure inches deepe!" The above legend is perpetuated by a carving on the end of the churchwardens' pew representing the print of a lion's foot. Above this is carved a bell with the name "RVS." upon it, to commemorate the original tenor.

The church and bells perished in the Great Fire of 1666. Some of the metal was recovered from the ruins, but it was so mixed with other substances as to be unfit for use again. The steeple was not wholly destroyed, but was nevertheless taken down and the present tower built from Wren's designs, being finished in 1721. A peal of ten bells, cast by R. Phelps, of the Whitechapel foundry in 1728, was placed therein, and two trebles were added to make twelve in 1746, cast by Thomas Lester. Several of these bells have since been recast at the Whitechapel foundry, some by Thomas Mears, senr., and the eleventh by Mears and Stainbank, as late as 1910, who rehung the whole peal at the same time, and they are now in excellent order. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

THOMAS LESTER MADE ME, 1746.

Second.

THO: LESTER MADE ME, 1746.

Third.

MAGNIFICAT ANIMA. R: PHELPS FECIT 1728.

Fourth.

IUBILATE DEO. R: PHELPS FECIT 1728.

Fifth.

CAST 1795. THE REV^d. THOS. ROBT. WRENCH, M.A., RECTOR.
MESS^{rs}. LUCAS BIRCH, PHILIP GRUBB, JOS^h. NORVILLE,
CH: WARDENS. THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT.

Sixth.

EXULTATE IUSTI. R: PHELPS FECIT 1728.

Seventh.

CANTATE DOMINO. R: PHELPS FECIT 1728.

Eighth.

T: LESTER LONDINI FECIT 1740. [engraved] IOHN SMITH,
EDWD. WAYTE, IOHN HUNT, CH: W:

Ninth.

SI DEUS NOBISCUM QUIS CONTRA NOS R:
PHELPS FECIT 1728†*††

Tenth.

WE HONOUR TO THE KING.:.AND IOY TO
BRIDES DO SING.:.TO PRAYERS WE DO CALL
.:.ST:MICHAELS PEOPLE ALL.:.TRIUMPHS WE
LOUDLY TELL.:.AND RING THE DEAD MANS
KNELL.:.R:PHELPS FECIT 1728†*†*

Eleventh.

[On the waist-on side] TRUSTEES FOR BUYING THESE
TWELVE BELLS. ALEXANDER CLEEVE—JOHN WOOD—THOMAS
RILEY—JOHN SHIPTON—WILLIAM HIDE—RICHARD ROYCROFT
—WILLIAM MARSLAND. R. PHELPS FECIT 1728. [On the other
side]. THIS BELL WAS RECAST. AND THE WHOLE PEAL RE-
HUNG BY MEARS AND STAINBANK, A.D. 1810—RECTOR. G. C
BELL, M.A.—CHURCHWARDENS.—H. A. SUMMERS—E. SIMMONS
—C. E. ATKINS—A. W. KERLY—R. DAVIES—E. C. BEEDELL—F.
F. MATHIESON

Tenor.

THIS BELL RECAST ANNO DOMINI 1795. THE REV^d. THOS.
ROBT. WRENCH, M.A. RECTOR OF ST. MICHAEL'S CORNHILL.
MESS^{rs}. LUCAS BIRCH, PHILIP GRUBB, JOSEPH NORVILLE,
CHURCH WARDENS. THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT. S.S.

(The excellent photograph of the tower of St Michael's
is published through the courtesy of Mr. F. E. Dawe, who
took the picture from among the city chimney pots).

ODD CHANGES.

Members of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch of the Bath
and Wells Association should note that the meeting which
was to have been held at Queen Camel to-morrow has been
cancelled, and will be held instead, at Barton St. David, on
Saturday, January 31st.

It is reported that the whole of the band at Newport
Pagnell, Bucks, has been dismissed by the Vicar and
churchwardens, on account of disagreement in the ranks.
The decision of the authorities was come to after a meet-
ing at which both sides had the opportunity of ventilating
their views. We hope, however, that peace and amity
may soon hold sway again, and that the bells of Newport
Pagnell will no longer be silent.

In these days when so much attention is being paid to
the restoration of bells, it is not often that one hears of
two men being required to get one bell through a peal; still
more rare is it, happily, that two bells each require two
men. Such, however, was the case at Wigan, in a peal
which we record this week. There were two men for the
7th and two for the tenor, which is 28 cwt. We hope, if,
as one may suppose, it was the "go" of the bells which
caused so much effort to be required, that the church
authorities will speedily have this condition of affairs
remedied.

At Waldron, in Sussex, two daughters of the Rector
take their place regularly in the belfry for service ringing,
and prior to evensong on Sunday week, one of them, Miss
Maud Humble-Crofts, conducted a quarter-peal of Grand-
sire Triples for the first time. The ringers were: B.

Barrell 1, Miss Una Humble-Crofts 2, Miss Maud Humble-
Crofts 3, H. Ades 4, E. Jennings 5, C. Humphrey 6, A.
Hobden 7, E. Unstead 8.

Ringling in the London district has sustained a loss by
the removal from the metropolis of Mr. Frank Bennett, one
of the ablest conductors that ever entered a belfry. Mr.
Bennett has returned to Brighton, where he was before go-
ing to reside at New Cross, and his reappearance in Sussex
will doubtless give the Art a fillip in that county.

During his residence in London Mr. Bennett has done
much to promote the ringing of higher methods, and has
rendered a great deal of service as honorary secretary of
the Royal Cumberland Youths, which office he discharged
for several years, and which he resigned on Saturday at the
annual meeting, Mr. H. J. Bradley, to whose energies
largely the bells of Shoreditch have been restored, having
been elected to succeed him.

Mr. Arthur N. Hardy, also well known in London ring-
ing circles, and a member of the Cumberland Youths, sailed
on Friday for Buenos Aires, and will be away from Eng-
land for several months.

The Leiston, Suffolk, company have added to their
laurels by scoring the first peal of Bristol Surprise by a
local band of the Norwich Association. This peal was
rung at the second attempt, the first failing after 2 hrs. 40
mins. Five of the brothers Bailey figured in it, and great
credit is due to Allen, who is only 17 years of age. Inci-
dentally it may be mentioned that he rang 1-2 to a hand-
bell peal of Bob Major in the same week.

The two new treble bells given by the Vicar of Ditch-
ling, Sussex (the Rev. F. C. Norton), to complete the
octave, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Chichester on
Sunday, February 1st, at 3 p.m. The work has been
entrusted to Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, Croydon.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**RECORD BRANCH MEETING AT WRAXALL.**

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery branch was held at
Wraxall on Saturday last, and proved to be a record gathering, mem-
bers attending from Backwell, Barrow Gurney, Congresbury, Clapton,
Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portbury, Portishead,
Wraxall, Wrington, Yatton, and Bristol. During the afternoon ring-
ing took place on the fine peal of bells, and divine service was held
in the Parish Church, conducted by Preb. Vaughan, who gave an ex-
cellent address from the words of St. Paul: "Whatsoever ye do, do it
heartily, for ye serve the Lord Christ." The lesson was read by the
Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Vicar of Pill.

Afterwards the members adjourned to the "Battle Axes" tea rooms,
where a most excellent meat tea had been very generously provided by
Preb. Vaughan, and to which about 70 sat down. The business meet-
ing followed, presided over by Preb. Vaughan. The officers for the
ensuing year were unanimously re-elected as follows: Chairman, Mr.
T. Wyatt; vice-chairmen, Mr. G. G. Court and Mr. G. H. Gale; hon.
secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Yeo.—Two hon. and 16 perform-
ing members were elected, and Long Ashton was chosen for the next
quarterly meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Preb.
Vaughan for his kindness, and carried with hearty cheers.—The tower
was then again visited, and the bells kept going in a variety of
methods.

**THE "THOMAS" PEAL OF STEDMAN
TRIPLES.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—I heartily congratulate the band of "Thomas's" who rang
the peal of Stedman Triples at Birmingham, but beg to inform them
that the first was rung at the Church of St. Thomas', Brentwood,
Essex, on St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, 1301, and a peal of Sted-
man Caters, by ten of the same name was rung at the Church of St.
Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, on May 14th, 1305, both con-
ducted by Thomas H. Taffender.—Yours faithfully,

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Senn.

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.)

BELL RESTORATION.**THE NEED OF PRACTICAL ADVISERS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The present wave of bell restoration throughout the kingdom suggests to me something that might be worked into tangible form. At present incumbents are augmenting and restoring their rings of bells, with sometimes only a committee of church officials, who, knowing nothing of the practical or ringers' side of the question, often err through want of proper advice. I have had the pleasure of being at several re-openings lately, and it has struck me, upon more than one occasion, in what a haphazard manner the whole affair has been carried out. No competent ringer engineer has been asked to assist with his advice, no architect with a knowledge of ringers' requirements (these gentlemen are few and far between) has been consulted, and the consequence is, in many cases, money wasted. I could give many instances, but one or two will suffice. A ring of bells in the City of London were "rebung" at an expense of some £200, but after the operation they went worse than before—and eventually another firm had to be called in, and a further sum of over £200 was again spent, happily with better results. Here was a case where advice would have been useful, and much more might have been done with the money. Another instance I will name, where most of the bells were recast in a prominent country church and augmented to a ring of twelve. Here the authorities passed the work, when the tenor bell, to say nothing of the others, was such that no engineer ringer, with any ear at all, would have passed it, or permitted it to go into the steeple. There are many men throughout the country who would be pleased to give sound advice and assistance of this nature if they were asked—I mean capable men who are in no way connected with any firm of bell foundries or bell hangers, who are ringers as well as engineers, and who know a good bell when they hear one. These are the men who would be useful. I have had the privilege myself of helping Rectors upon more than one occasion, and I know of many much more capable than I am, who would willingly give their services if asked in what is a matter of vital importance to ringers generally. Perhaps if some member of the Central Council would bring the matter forward, some good might be done, which would help incumbents, who have no knowledge of the matter themselves. There is much good work being done in various centres, by committees who have the advice of practical men of the right sort, but I know of instances where ringers did not like to speak about indifferent work, because they were not asked for an opinion, and the work has consequently been passed and paid for. Of course there is any amount of work, excellently done, where all has been as it should be, and often without the practical advice I am advocating, but of course it would be invidious to mention names or places in a letter which will, I hope, bring out the views of others, who are more capable to speak than myself. On the other hand, I have seen frames put in much too light for the weight of metal to be carried, and freak bearings about which, the least said the better. I think this matter is of very great importance at the present time, or I would not have so far encroached upon your valuable space.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD P. O'NEARA.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A combined meeting for practice was carried out at Battle on Wednesday week, when the Salehurst men turned up in good numbers, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Perry, of Alton, Hants. It was hoped that other bands would have been represented, but probably the weather had something to do with their absence. Several well-struck touches of Stedman and Grandsire were brought round, the members taking part being Messrs. T. Booth, H. Edwards, G. Goodsell, W. Robinson, W. H. Perry, W. Hoad, and W. Creasey (Salehurst), and W. Franks, W. Thomas, C. Dennis, P. Carter, J. Linden, and W. Beney (Battle). It was decided to continue these combined practices, and Brightling was fixed upon as the next venue.

Much enjoyment has been derived already from these meetings, and no doubt more towers will be represented when they become better known, as they enable bands who are short of members for any particular method to get good practice. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by these gatherings.

HONOURING A NEW BISHOP.

It was through the efforts of the new Bishop Suffragan of Buckingham, when Vicar of High Wycombe, that the fine ring of twelve bells, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were placed in that tower, and in honour of his elevation the High Wycombe ringers and other members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild made an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques. Unfortunately this came to grief, but subsequently a quarter-peal (1306 changes) was rung by F. Hayes (conductor) 1, R. Coles 2, F. Boreham 3, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 4, A. L. Ashman 5, S. T. Goodchild 6, E. Markham 7, J. Evans 8, J. Gransbury 9, J. J. Pratt 10, J. C. Truss 11, B. Page 12.

DAGENHAM.—Essex Association.—On Christmas Day, for early morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Miss Cissie Playle (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, A. Chaplin 2, A. Playle 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**VICAR OF SMETHWICK AND LADY RINGERS.**

What proved to be one of the most successful meetings since the division of the Association into branches was held on Saturday last by the Northern Branch at Smethwick. It was the first time the Association had held a meeting at this tower, and the wish was expressed that it would not be the last. It was very noticeable how many young ringers tried their hands at methods in which they had previously only had but little practice, and there is no doubt that it is at such meetings that change ringing benefits greatly.

Upwards of 50 attended the service, which was held in the old church, where a splendid address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Astbury). In the course of his address, he impressed upon his hearers the necessity of being churchmen first and ringers afterwards, and he trusted that they rang for the good of the church as well as for themselves.

After the service, on the kind invitation of the Vicar, the members partook of a splendid tea, which was served in the Parish Room. After tea, the Vicar was voted to the chair for the business meeting, and said how pleased he was to have the Worcestershire Association there for their quarterly meeting. He heartily wished them a very happy and prosperous year, and remarked how delighted he was to see so many young members amongst them, which was a very healthy sign for the Association. It showed that the ringers were going ahead, and progress was very necessary for the well-being of any society. He supposed that "women's rights" asserted themselves even in bell ringing, but he was very proud of the fact that he numbered two lady ringers among his band. He thought, perhaps, that some Vicars might object to having lady ringers, but if they were in any doubt about it, he would be pleased if they would refer to him for his experience (applause).

Clerk was selected for the next quarterly meeting in June.—The Vicar and churchwardens were elected honorary members, and 13 performing members, including the Feckenham band, and one life member were also elected.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind hospitality was proposed by the Master (Mr. A. E. Parsons), seconded by Mr. W. Painter, and unanimously carried.—The Vicar, in responding, said that the thanks for arranging the tea were due to his daughter and his servants, who gladly undertook the extra work, and he would convey the thanks of the meeting to them.

Members had the opportunity of having a practice on handbells in the Parish Room of Grandsire Triples and Caters, while in the tower touches in the Standard methods were attempted by the young members. Later the more advanced members were successful in ringing Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major, and this brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close. The following towers were represented: Tipton, Halesowen, Oldswinford, Old Hill, Wolverley, Kidderminster, Bellbroughton, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Clent, Birmingham, Edgbaston, Woolaston, Stourbridge, Redditch, Feckenham, Selly Oak, Erdington, and the local company.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Dec. 29th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Lumley, who was interred on the above date: J. Harley 1, E. Woodvine 2, J. Garbett 3, A. Garbett 4, A. Woodvine (conductor) 5, A. Chilton 6.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 47 mins.: C. Brewster 1, W. Hawes 2, G. Register 3, T. White 4, G. T. Cox 5, G. Hassock 6, H. Overton 7, B. S. Thompson (conductor) 8. Longest touch by all except the ringers of 2nd, 5th and tenor, and longest touch on the bells by a local band.

LONDON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington. — On December 13th, at St. Mary Abbot's, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Caters: E. J. Ridler 1, W. E. Garrard 2, E. G. Stibbons 3, A. B. Bennett 4, W. G. Matthews 5, P. L. Miles 6, A. V. Selby 7, H. G. Miles 8, C. Charge (conductor) 9, W. A. Garrard 10.

DEVIZES.—On St. Stephen's Day, at the Church of St. James', Southbroom, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: H. Brownlee West 1, F. Green 2, S. Hillier (conductor) 3, G. England 4, A. Little 5, T. Weeks 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Sunday, Dec. 14th, 384 Bob Major: G. Williams 1, C. H. Giles 2, W. T. Tucker 3, W. G. Edwards 4, W. Rowe 5, C. J. Fray 6, W. H. George 7, J. George, Rugby (conductor) 8.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1278 changes), in 50 mins.: W. J. Thyng (conductor) 1, G. Hollis 2, Percy Sault (first quarter-peal) 3, G. Davies 4, F. Davies 5, F. Stubbs 6, P. E. Smith 7, A. Knights (composer) 8, Geo. Thompson 9, Tom Gore 10.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 15th, at St. Michael's Church, as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. A. Wakelin, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 900 Plain Bob and 360 Canterbury, in 41 mins., by members of the local band: F. Wakelin 1, C. A. Wakelin 2, J. Owen (first quarter-peal) 3, J. Walker 4, A. H. Harber 5, G. J. Yardley (first as conductor) 6.

LONG STANTON.—The local band rang their first six-scores on December 31st, when two 120's of Bob Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering, were brought round by: W. Seymour 1, G. Crisp 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, A. Cook 4, C. Cook (first as conductor) 5, C. Crisp 6, P. Wilson 7, E. Wilson 8.—On January 4th, for evening service, a six-score of Doubles on the back six: W. Seymour 1, G. Crisp 2, E. Wilson 3, A. Cook 4, C. Cook 5, M. Crisp 6. Also a six-score with 7, 6, 8 covering: W. Seymour 1, G. Crisp 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, A. Cook 4, C. Cook 5, M. Crisp 6, E. Wilson 7, L. Burgess 8.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—St. Peter's Guild.—On Dec. 31st, at 11.30 p.m., with bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: H. T. Churchill 1, J. Grocock 2, F. Bindley 3, C. Reeve 4, J. J. Jackson (conductor) 5, A. Jarman 6.—On Jan. 2nd, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. R. Christian, of Great Yarmouth, an esteemed hon. member of the above Guild, a quarter-peal of Minor in 45 mins., being 540 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Bob: H. Kendall 1, H. J. Churchill 2, J. Grocock 3, A. Jarman 4, F. Bindley 5, J. J. Jackson (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal on the bells, and by the ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

WEST EALING.—On Jan. 4th, for evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from the "Clavis": Miss Edith Jones 1, J. R. Mackman 2, J. Hunnisett 3, Geo. Harbour 4, W. Lawrence 5, Victor Holloway 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, H. H. Noakes (first quarter-peal) 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1280 changes): A. Cutmore 1, J. A. Lambert 2, B. Morris 3, A. W. Darlington 4, A. Calver 5, R. Grimwood 6, C. Bance 7, W. S. Smith (conductor) 8. Arranged for A. Cutmore and A. W. Darlington, of Fulham.

ENFIELD.—Recently, at St. Andrew's Church, 224 Double Norwich, 504 Stedman Triples, and a course each of London Surprise and Bristol Surprise. The following took part: Miss E. K. Parker, J. Parker, G. Paice, G. A. Card, J. H. Benstead, W. Bowden, W. Anderson, J. Thomas, W. J. Hazell and W. Dickenson (Hickington, Lincs.).

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—720 Bob Minor: C. Remnant 1, T. W. Burdock 2, G. Luff 3, T. Attwell 4, W. G. Brockhurst 5, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 6.

SHOREDITCH.—On Nov. 16th, on the occasion of the Mayor and Council attending Divine service, 1047 Stedman Cinques, in 52 mins.: A. N. Hardy 1, J. A. Trollope 2, J. D. Matthews 3, F. Hairs 4, H. Burton 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, F. Smith 7, J. Parker 8, T. Card 9, J. Hunt 10, A. W. Grimes 11, H. Flanders 12.

WILTLESFORD.—On Nov. 8th, after an attempt for a peal in seven methods: 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, and Woodbine Treble Bob: F. E. Kempton 1, P. Webb 2, T. R. Dennis 3, L. G. Mallion 4, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 5, F. Dench 6.

ABBOTTS LEIGH.—On Nov. 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 20 mins.: L. H. Moore, junr., 1, G. Bennet 2, W. Frampton 3, G. H. Gale 4, E. Frampton 5, L. H. Moore (conductor) 6.

WISBECH.—On Nov. 10th, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: F. Lightning 1, A. W. Wenlock 2, H. Piggins 3, G. Piggins 4, T. Haines (conductor) 5, R. Narborough 6, T. Banham 7, H. Cheesewright 8. 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: F. Lightning 1, S. Andrews (conductor) 2, A. Wenlock 3, G. Piggins 4, T. Haines 5, R. Narborough 6, T. Banham 7, H. Cheesewright 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, after evensong, 1260 Stedman Caters, in 47 mins.: W. D. Smith 1, *W. J. Cooper 2, W. J. Kemp 3, H. Rumens 4, R. Maynard, senr., 5, J. C. Adams 6, J. H. Wilkins 7, W. D. Manning 8, C. T. Coles (conductor) 9, *L. G. Hicks 10. *First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

SOUTHGATE.—On Nov. 2nd, for evening service, in 45 mins., 1260 Stedman Triples: N. A. Tomlinson 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, J. E. Miller 3, W. Pickworth 4, F. G. Tegg 5, H. Miller 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, W. Tegg 8. Rang as a wedding compliment to Miss Lucy Tegg, sister of the ringers of 5th and tenor, who was married at this church previous to the morning service.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 3rd, the local band met to attempt a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after two hours and 20 mins. good ringing, the bells had to be stopped owing to illness in the town: W. Pierce 1, J. Spalding 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, C. Moss 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, J. Larter 7, F. W. Watling 8.

WEST EALING.—On the festival of All Saints', Nov. 1st, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by A. Miles, of Kensington: A. Harding 1, G. Harbour 2, A. R. Walker (St. John's Wood) 3, J. Crocker 4, W. Lawrence 5, V. Holloway (Acton) 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor), Southall, 7, C. Edwards 8.—On Nov. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 49 mins.: W. Henley 1, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 2, J. J. Pratt 3, G. Fardon 4, C. Mayne 5, W. Lawrence 6, H. H. Chandler 7, A. H. Harding 8.

RAYNE.—For children's service, on All Souls' Day, 720 Bob Minor: B. Ridswell 1, W. H. Dyson 2, F. Ely 3, F. Webb 4, F. Slade 5, G. Lindridge (conductor) 6.

NEWTON.—On handbells, a 720 of Bob Minor: G. Howse 1, F. Lightning 2, Stanley Andrews 3-4, Ralph Narborough (conductor) 5-6. First 720 by G. Howse, who is a local ringer.

WALSOKEN.—For morning service at All Saints' Church, on Oct. 26th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Carter 1, J. Albion 2, T. Blunt 3, A. Sargant 4, R. Narborough 5, J. W. Storey (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 29th; 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.—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. 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.—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. Meet at St. Andrew's first. Tea at Coffee Tavern at 5.30 p.m., 6d. per head.—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 Ranmoor 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.

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.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Raunds on January 31st, at Kettering on February 7th, at Dallington on February 14th, at Wilby on February 21st. Bells ready about 3 p.m. Teas at 5 p.m.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

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. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting in Parish Room at 4. Service in church at 5, tea in Parish Room at 5.45, followed by general meeting. Sixpence each will be charged for the tea. All members intending to be present must notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 28th. Members who have a copy of the Association's form of service are requested to bring it.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Carey Deanery Branch.—The meeting which was arranged to take place at Queen Camel on January 24th, 1914, will now take place at Barton St. David on January 31st, 1914, owing to the bells of Queen Camel being unavailable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, Jan. 31st.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on February 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service, with address, by the Very Rev. Canon Brownrigg, M.A., Dean of Bocking, at the Parish Church at 5 p.m. The Dean has very kindly promised to provide tea free to members at the Deanery at 5.45 p.m. to all giving notice not later than Wednesday, February 4th. Braintree (8 bells), Rayne (6 bells) also open for ringing. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.—B. Redgwell, Honorary District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

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 MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peploe, on Saturday, February 7th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each to members who inform me, not later than February 4th, of their intention of being present.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel at 5.30 at 10d. each, to members notifying me by Wednesday, February 4th. — William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wooburn, Bucks, on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. Service in Parish Church at 4.15, preacher Rev. R. Unsworth. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all members who send in their names before February 4th to R. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Snaefell, Priory Road, High Wycombe.

HOLBECK.—St. Francis Church (R.C.), Manor Road, Holbeck, Leeds.—By kind permission of the Rev. Canon McAuliffe the peal of 8 bells (tenor 11½ cwt.) will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, February 7th, 1914. All members of the Yorkshire Association, or any society of change ringers, will be welcome. The tower is five minutes' walk from all Leeds Railway Stations. Meeting house, the Belmont Inn, handbells provided. Dacres' dining and refreshment rooms close by the church.—R. Binns, Secretary.

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.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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WROXHAM.

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Green, the annual supper and social evening of the Wroxham, Norfolk, bell ringers was held on Wednesday week. In addition to the ringers there were also present Mr. and Mrs. Tooley, Mr. J. Ives, Mr. J. Holman and Mr. J. Long (Worstead). After partaking of a splendid repast, the remainder of the evening was spent in a very happy way. Several touches of Bob Minor were rung upon handbells, conducted by Mr. C. R. Chamberlin, and the tune ringing, again the best item of the programme, was especially appreciated by the hostess. Songs were contributed by Mr. J. Long and Mr. C. R. Chamberlin, whilst a humorous recitation from Mr. J. Holman caused much amusement. After passing compliments and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Green, the company dispersed, having greatly enjoyed an evening, which has now for many years been an annual event.

DITCHHEAT.

The annual dinner of the Ditchheat, Somerset, bell ringers is one of the important events in the social life of the village, and the gathering, numbering close upon 60, assembled at the Manor Inn for the festive proceedings last week. Mr. A. G. Barber presided, and among those present were: The Rector (the Rev. C. E. Leir), Messrs. G. Longman (parish warden), T. G. Vincent, senr. (captain of the ringers), E. Welsh, R. J. Hoskin, E. Creed, J. Board, T. White (Castle Cary), Fulford (Batcombe), Willis, T. G. Vincent, junr., G. Look, R. N. Look, H. Norman, S. Dyke, G. W. Read, etc. After enjoying a substantial repast, a full toast list was gone through. The loyal toast and that of "The Bishop and Clergy" having been honoured, the Chairman briefly gave the toast of the bell ringers. They had an excellent peal of bells and excellent ringers. He thought they had hardly sufficient ringing; at any rate what they did have was very good.

Mr. T. G. Vincent replied, and expressed his pleasure at once again having the privilege and honour to respond on behalf of the ringers. He thanked them for the appreciation of their ringing, and was glad to see representatives of Batcombe and Castle Cary ringers present. In the ringers they had almost a brotherhood. Since the inauguration of the Diocesan Guild, much had been done to raise bell ringing to a higher standard, and to make the belfry a sacred part of the church. He thought that the time would come when each ringer would be a good ringer and a good Churchman too, and the class of bell ringers generally raised. Mr. Vincent explained that the reason why so little ringing was indulged in was that they had to consider and try to please everybody.

Mr. T. G. Vincent, junr., whose name was also coupled with the toast, said he was glad to hear the chairman complain of so little ringing being done in the village. Referring to the young band he was training, he asked the Rector's permission to let them practice during the summer months, and this consent was readily given.

Afterwards the toasts of 'The Churchwardens,' 'The Organist and Choir,' 'The Visitors,' 'The Chairman,' 'The Press' and 'The Host and Hostess,' were honoured.—The speeches were interspersed with some capital musical items.

The annual dinner of the Croydon Parish Church ringers took place on Thursday of last week, and the function was a highly successful one.

CROYDON.—On Nov. 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, 503 of Grandsire Caters (conductor, E. Dean) for evening service; quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. Gammon 1, C. Dean 2, G. B. Selby 3, F. Larby 4, W. Rowe 5, D. Wright (conductor) 6, W. Ives 7, G. Burt 8, C. Kitching 9, J. Calcott 10. Arranged for Mr. Selby, of Westerham, Kent.

BASINGSTOKE.—At St. Michael's Church, on November 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Leavey 1, Miss A. White 2, Miss E. N. Belcher 3, W. Hunt 4, G. Paice 5, A. Burgess 6, H. White 7, H. E. White 8.

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