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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,  
Wolverhampton.  
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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.

### IN AMERICA.

The picturesque language in which the writer in the "Boston Transcript" recently painted the reception of the English ringers in America was, it seems, hardly justified by the real facts. From the extracts which we quoted from the article in our issue of March 6th, our readers will have seen how the American writer, with the subtle genius of his kind, drew a somewhat alluring picture of the position which the ringers hold in the eyes of the Boston public, and of the advantages which they enjoyed in that land of democracy as compared with the status of the ringers in England.

In this issue we have "the other side of the shield." A frank letter from Mr. E. E. Randall, formerly of the St. Albans' Cathedral Society, shows that a good many of the statements that appeared in the "Boston Transcript" were the product of the writer's fertile imagination working upon "the limited truths that were placed before him by those in authority." Despite the promising outlook when Dr. Nichols endeavoured to get a band together capable of planting our Art on the American continent, the men, according to Mr. Randall, do not all seem to have improved their prospects, while the facilities for ringing have been curtailed rather than extended. In both respects this information is sincerely to be regretted, and must be a source of much discouragement to Dr. Nichols as well as to those who sought to make a new home, and, perhaps, lay the foundations of fortune, across the Atlantic.

As to the condition of the labour market in America we, of course, know nothing. We can only lament that any of those who left these shores with the dual purpose in view, should have failed, up to the present, to "make good." All ringers in this country will hope that fortune may quickly smile upon them. Equally we trust that the difficulties which seem to have arisen in the way of ringing may soon be removed. The Boston Guild do not seem to have had opportunities of overdoing their practice, but the Art, which seems indigenuous to English soil alone, has not yet appealed, apparently, to the soul of the American—and Italian. That the efforts which Dr. Nichols is making may not be eventually wasted is our sincere wish. So far as bells are concerned, he is introducing a veritable revolution in Boston, and rebuffs at the outset were, perhaps, only to be expected, but the closing of belfries, as Mr. Randall tells us has already been done in one case, will effectually put the extinguisher upon all effort. We hope that what has happened in regard to the ringing is only a temporary and not a permanent set-back to a condition of things that at one time seemed to promise well for our Art in America.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, March 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;**

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. Treble	JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... 7
THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 2	ALF PADDON SMITH ... 8
THOMAS J. BRATTON ... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 9
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 10
HARRY WITHERS ... .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 11
BERNARD WITCHELL ... .. 6	JOHN NEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and  
Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

\* First peal on twelve bells. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Faux. Mr. Faux is a highly respected member of this Guild, and is in his 78th year.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANCES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.

FRANK COLE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR BOAR ... .. 7
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM HALE ... .. 8
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3	*JOSEPH DYKE ... .. 9
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 4	*EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS ... 10
JESSE GILLET ... .. 5	WILLIAM HASTINGS ... 11
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6	HUBERT HANKS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Cinques.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 7
*HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 8
GEORGE GARNETT ... .. 3	*JOHN T. BOTTRELL ... .. 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4	*CHARLES F. WHITE ... .. 10
*THOMAS MURRAY ... .. 5	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 11
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6	HARRY CHATMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and  
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal of Treble Twelve. First peal as conductor on twelve, and 50th peal as conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

JOHN N. ONBORROW ... .. Treble	HENRY S. ELLIS ... .. 5
ARTHUR G. ELLIS ... .. 2	HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 6
JAMES WILLSHIRE ... .. 3	JOHN W. GOLDING ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 4	HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and  
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Katherine,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Treble	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 5
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 6
HARRY PAGE ... .. 3	JAMES CROSS ... .. 7
BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 4	TOM PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by SAM WOOD, and  
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.

PONTEFRAC T.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(EASTERN DIVISION.)

On Tuesday, March 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FREDERICK MOODY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON, Junr. ... 5
*BERNARD MOODY ... .. 2	HARRY WALTERS ... .. 6
WILLIAM BROOK ... .. 3	WILLIAM PEARSON ... .. 7
SAMUEL BROOK ... .. 4	ARTHUR WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by W. PEARSON.

\* First peal in the method inside. † First peal in the method.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.	
JAMES R. GRIFFIN ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 5
JAMES W. BELL ... .. 2	HERBERT H. BARKER ... 6
JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 3	ERNEST J. OLIVER ... .. 7
HENRY FYLES ... .. 4	JAMES MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. MARTIN.

This is the first Surprise peal on the bells; first Surprise Major peal by all the band except E. J. Oliver, and first by the above Branch.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.	
*GEORGE RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	GEORGE PIPER ... .. 5
EDWIN JAS. PANNETT ... .. 2	JAMES A. HART ... .. 6
FRANK S. STURT ... .. 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 7
GEORGE H. STURT ... .. 4	*DAVID TURNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

\* First peal. This peal was rung as a farewell to E. J. Pannett (late secretary of the local band), who is leaving Lewes for Lewisham.

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

On Thursday, April 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the R.C. Abbey of SS. Thomas and Edmund,

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

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.	
J. HERBERT BENFIELD ... .. Treble	PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. 5
*GEORGE PARSONS ... .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
*GEORGE GARRISON ... .. 3	BERNARD WITCHELL ... 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 4	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and  
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\* First peal of Double Norwich on an inside bell.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(HEENE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Botolph,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
ARTHUR G. ARNELL ... .. Treble	EDMUND H. LINDEP ... 5
HARRY MRETEEN ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
HARRY EVANS ... .. 3	WILLIAM HILLMAN ... 7
JOHN H. PAICE ... .. 4	ALFRED W. GROVES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This composition, the author's No. 173, is now rung for the first time.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of the Saviour,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.	
FRED ABBOTT ... .. Treble	*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
HAROLD GORTON ... .. 2	RICHARD P. HEALD ... 6
*GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 3	ROBERT BENNETT ... 7
THOMAS WORSLEY ... .. 4	*JOSHUA N. HEWITT ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WORSLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

SHILDON, DURHAM.  
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.	
JAMES BAXTER ... .. Treble	JOHN G. HALL ... .. 5
*WM. LETTY ... .. 2	THOS. WICK ... .. 6
EDWIN J. TITT ... .. 3	WM. BROADLEY ... .. 7
R. B. ROBINSON ... .. 4	T. METCALFE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAS. PLATT, and  
Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

\* First peal in the method on an inside bell.

LONDON.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Ann, Highgate, N.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. Treble	ALBERT A. BRIGHTMAN ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES SCHOLES ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 7
RICHARD BEVAN ... .. 4	CHARLES J. PRYOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung as a 56th birthday compliment to Mr. James Scholes.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN ... .. 5
HERBERT DAY ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. HILL ... 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 3	ALEX. HUTCHISON ... 7
JAMES L. WRIGHT ... .. 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and  
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD  
AND THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James.

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 5
*FRANCIS A. SMITH ... .. 2	BERTRAM PREWETT ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Sir Hubert von Herkomer, R.A., who was interred in the churchyard that afternoon.

## EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES PARKER ... .. Treble	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5
ARTHUR HUGHES ... .. 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6
EDWARD F. COLE ... .. 3	GEORGE PAICE ... .. 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM ANDERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

First peal on the bells since their rehanging by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. The "go" of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

*WILLIAM A. COOPER ... Treble	GEORGE HUGHES ... .. 5
*ALBERT E. BLONDELL ... 2	*ALBERT LITTLE ... .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 7
JOHN BASS ... .. 4	JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and  
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells. It was William A. Cooper's 50th peal for the Society. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mrs. E. Jones, of Raglan Place, who was laid to rest in the churchyard on the above date and who has been a generous benefactress to the above church.

## SIX &amp; FIVE BELL PEALS.

## RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

*FRED WAKELIN ... .. Treble	*GEORGE J. YARDLEY ... 4
EDGAR T. SMITH ... .. 2	ALBERT H. HARBER ... 5
*JOHN OWIN ... .. 3	†CHARLES A. WAKELIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES A. WAKELIN.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. H. Harber and J. Yardley. E. T. Smith belongs to St. Matthew's, Walsall, the others to the local band.

## COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.

## THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Luke,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 26 Six-Scores of Grandsire, and 16 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

*ARCHIBALD BIRCH ... Treble	J. WILLIAM UNWIN ... .. 3
†HAROLD FOLWELL ... .. 2	J. WILFRED SHARP ... .. 4
CHARLES S. FAULKNER ... Tenor	

Conducted by J. W. UNWIN.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an inside bell.

## WONERSH, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. approx., in F sharp.

*CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 4
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 2	ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... 5
CLARENCE H. DONNIE ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

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

## BURSTOW, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BEESON, JUNR. ... Treble	CHARLES VARO ... .. 4
†WILLIAM BEESON, SENR. ... 2	WILLIAM OLIVER ... .. 5
REV. EDWARD J. TEESDALE 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal, and aged 16. † First peal with a bob bell.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

*HARRY BROWNJOHN ... 1—2	†RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 5—6
†JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 3—4	*GEORGE CONDICK ... .. 7—8
*WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 9—10	

Composed by FRED G. MAY, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Caters on handbells.

## ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW, IRELAND.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 23, 1914, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
In the Belfry of St. Saviour's Protestant Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

CHARLES BENNETT ... .. 1—2	RICHARD KEASON ... .. 3—4
ARTHUR HADLEY ... .. 5—6	

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY.

First peal of Bob Minor by all.



## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 17, in A.

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

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: L. HEAD. Witnesses: MRS. HAZELDEN and MRS. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Hazelden, Mr. Dobinson of Rammore Common, and W. Smith of Loughborough, and was rung on the nearest date possible.

## LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES;

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 1-2	HARRY R. PASMORE ... 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8
ALFRED B. PECK ... 9-10	

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and  
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

## ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE RECTORY,

## A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

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

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Wotton-under-Edge, on Saturday, members attending from Thornbury, Bristol, Dursley, Berkeley, Wickwar, Coaley, and Wotton. Only about a dozen members sat down to tea, but several others put in an appearance soon after the conclusion of the business meeting, when some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were brought round. One of the churchwardens took the chair at the business meeting, and formally welcomed the Guild to Wotton on behalf of the clergy. Yate was chosen for the next meeting on May 2nd.—A discussion took place regarding business to be brought before the annual general meeting of the Association at Berkeley on May 9th, and members from towers in union were requested to talk matters over between themselves, and bring forward any suggestions they may have at the Yate meeting. This would enable the branch to settle its policy beforehand and so save time at the general meeting by presenting a unanimous vote on the various matters on the agenda.

## LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

Three long peals are to be attempted this month.

On Easter Monday, as our readers are already aware, an attempt is to be made on the Treble Bob Royal record at Ashton-under-Lyne, where three years ago the Treble Twelve record was broken. A start is to be made at 7 a.m.

On the following day at St. Giles' Church, Killamarsh, Derbyshire, an attempt for the Surprise Minor record is to be made, viz., 10,800 changes. The start in this case is at 11 a.m.

On Saturday, April 25th, a long peal of Grandsire Cinques is to be attempted at St. Mary's Church, Painswick; twelve members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths (who were established in 1886), and the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association having determined to start for a length of 12,475 changes. "Go" will be called at 10 o'clock. It is interesting to note that it was the Painswick Treble Twelve record of 10,224, made in 1833, that was surpassed by Ashton-under-Lyne peal of 12,240 three years ago.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.—On March 28th, after an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob Minor, 720 each of Kent and Oxford: S. Denton 1, A. Smith, senr., 2, C. Doo (conductor) 3, W. Mead 4, A. Smith, junr., 5, F. Smith 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to W. Mead, who was leaving the district for Woolpit.

## INTER-AFFILIATION.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD SECRETARY'S VIEWS.

Dear Sir,—I think it must be borne in mind that any scheme of inter-affiliation which may be put into operation will necessarily be, at first, experimental. It ought, therefore, to be as simple as possible. The terms of the resolution published by Mr. Atwell in your issue of December 12th, 1913, present too many complications, in my opinion to be looked upon with much favour yet awhile by those responsible for the working of an Association. Much the same applies to Mr. Pigott's suggestions in your last issue.

In this I believe we shall do better to walk before we attempt to run. The whole subject, worked out cautiously through different stages of experience, will have more chance of developing into something likely to gain general acceptance, and to be of permanent benefit to ringers. I, for one, feel that there are great possibilities in front.

At present, however, I think we must confine our attention to the visiting ringer, who desires to ring a peal or attend a meeting under an Association of which he is not a member. For the large majority now the premium upon the enjoyment of such an occasional peal is too high; the ringer may never visit the area controlled by that Association again. What we want to gain, then, is that he should not feel barred from all opportunity in the new locality he is visiting of obtaining that enjoyment out of the art which is really his due—if the members of the Exercise are one great unity. The question of the Association's finance, of course, will seem to stand in the way of any scheme. But here I am going to suggest that members of Associations shall prepare themselves to face, if need be, a little diminution in the income derived from chance life-members. It has yet to be proved that under some such scheme of inter-affiliation as I submit below, this will not be more than counter-balanced by the attraction of a larger number of affiliated members. At all events, the possibility might be put to the test of experience for one, or two years at least.

I believe that inter-affiliation is practical without at first being necessarily universal. Some Associations might adopt it without in any way interfering with those who do not. My point is that, if it was found to be advantageous, or rather let us say, not detrimental, to the few it would soon come to be recognised by the many. Only let us get something simple approved and tried first, and be content to allow the more complicated systems to come along when we are more certain of our ground.

I would like the following to be considered:—

1.—That for a fee of 6d. a voucher (which might be the ordinary form of receipt specially headed) be issued by the Association to which the visiting ringer desires to become affiliated. Such voucher to be available for six months.

2.—That the Association in question have the right to the whole of the fee.

3.—That in the event of a peal being rung, a distinctive sign be placed against the affiliated member's name in the record. (This is Mr. Pigott's suggestion.)

4.—That members so affiliated shall not have the privileges of full members, and shall not be entitled to voting powers.

5.—That to be eligible for affiliation a ringer must be a full practising member of a duly recognised Association.

It, no doubt, goes without saying that those Associations which adopt a scheme must all adopt the same scheme. But I would urge that something simple be adopted, even if only by a few Associations to begin with, and that whatever scheme be approved it be given at least a two years' test.

It is to be hoped that something profitable will result from the discussion of the matter by the Central Council, and that the opportunity will be given to someone to lead the way.—Yours faithfully,

O. CAREW COX.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Mar. 29th, for evening service, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. Allred 1, Jas. Allred 2, B. Allred 3, Harry Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, P. Crook (conductor) 6, Herbert Allred 7, John T. Allred 8. This quarter contains the extent of 6, 7.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, recently, 1120 of London Surprise Major: W. Sadler 1, W. Howell 2, A. Shuffelbotham 3, F. Claydon 4, W. Keeble 5, E. Newman 6, E. Beckwith 7, D. Elliott 8.

STOCKPORT.—To commemorate the 76th birthday of W. Gordon, senr., a date touch of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service at St. Mary's Church: W. Gordon (composer and conductor) 1, D. Pendlebury 2, J. H. Mason 3, J. Allan Gordon 4, Alfred Gordon 5, P. Bricknell 6, Allan S. Gordon 7, A. G. Clarke (longest length) 8.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.—At St. Mary's Church, recently, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately, after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins., two bells changed course, and "stand" had to be called: W. A. Fletcher 1, W. Short 2, G. Giblin 3, R. Kinsey 4, C. Beech 5, C. Powell 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, A. Matthews 8. The same ringers afterwards rung 336 Kent Treble Bob Major.

## ENGLISH RINGERS IN AMERICA. POSITION NOT WHAT WAS PAINTED BY "BOSTON TRANSCRIPT."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The article in your issue of March 6th, headed "American Impressions," created so much discord among the members of the Guild when published in the "Boston Transcript," and contains so many inexactitudes that a reply is necessary in fairness to our brother ringers in England. The paragraph headed "The Welcome to Yankeeedom," is particularly obnoxious, and received in the columns of the "Transcript" a stinging reply from our ringing master. The statement that "As expert workmen their wages are generally double what they would have received in England" is correct as far as one of our members is concerned. He is a compositor. With regard to the others there is a far different tale to tell. One, a master bricklayer and mason, after an enforced idleness of six weeks, is a night watchman at a private hotel, earning enough to keep himself, the family not included. Another, who left a berth in England at 50s. per week, has earned 20s. per week for the last six weeks, and has to pay 8s. for a room and 18s. for board. Another, a carpenter, was out of work for four weeks, and had to take a berth on a farm 36 miles away. This he has left and is now located in Detroit, Michigan, over 1,000 miles away. These are only a few instances of the prosperous times the ringers are enjoying. Others could be mentioned, but I have no wish to unduly take up your space.

Another statement that "their position as the only musicians of their kind on this continent is unique" is certainly worthy of publication. We get so much practice, that if we score a 504 of Grandsire Triples it is equal to ringing a peal of Steadman at home, when the difficulties under which we work are considered. So far, we have met four times this year—three times at Watertown, five miles away, and once at Hingham, 18 miles away. At Watertown they allow us to ring once a month, on a Sunday morning or public holiday, for a period of 30 to 45 minutes.

### USE OF BELLS REFUSED.

The bells at Hingham are not pealable. The longest length we have been able to ring on them is 1,000 changes, and this, after a hard physical struggle. In Boston our position certainly is "unique" as we have no bells to ring on. Christ Church with its fine ring of eight by Rudhall, has been denied us. This church is in the North end, in the midst of the Italian quarter. In an earlier publication of your paper a statement was made that we could ring here all day if we wanted to, as the Italians liked the bells. This statement, however, has not been confirmed by subsequent events, as two petitions have been presented to the Bishop praying that the bells be stopped, because they were a nuisance, although we had only rung there for periods of half-an-hour. The last one was successful, and no more do those bells swing round to Grandsire and Treble Bob. This is not the only peal in Boston that is silent. There is another peal at the Church of the Advent, which has been silent for ten years. These we hoped to get going, but all advances on our part were met by refusal.

The references to social caste and our entertainment at Groton are most obnoxious to any broad-minded Englishman. Boston itself is the most Conservative city in the States, and is dubbed the "Aristocrat" by men from all over the continent. During our entertainment at Groton School the social caste was clearly shown when the "upper ten" with the headmaster were seated at one side of the hall on a raised dais, while the ringers were scattered among the boys. True we appreciated the hospitality shown us, but we wish to point out that we are not placed on a pedestal and worshipped from afar as the article would have one believe. That Lucien Price is a brilliant writer none will deny. His power of imagination is splendidly shown throughout the article in the manner in which he has used the limited truths placed before him by those in authority.

The fact remains that ringing here is, as our Yankee friends would term it, "on the bum," and will always be as long as it is Englishmen who are trying to push forward the art in America.—Yours very truly,

ERNEST E. RANDALL,

Late member of the St. Albans Cathedral Society.  
March 22nd, 1914.

**HULL.**—On March 12th, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1914, in 1 hr. 17 mins., at Holy Trinity Church, in honour of the visit of the 1st East Yorks Regiment to the City of Hull: F. Dale 1, T. Stockdale 2, C. Jackson (composer and conductor) 3, G. Dowling 4, G. F. Williams 5, J. Highfield 6, J. Hodds 7, G. T. Miller 8, D. W. Brown 9, F. Morrison 10.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At St. Chad's Cathedral (R.C.), after morning service, on March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. H. Fitter 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, J. Porter 3, T. Miller 4, W. F. Webb 5, J. Carrigan 6, J. B. Collett (conductor) 7, W. Gossage 8. — At Bishop Ryder's, for evening service, on March 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Knight 1, W. Stratford 2, J. B. Collett 3, A. T. Scrivens (composer and conductor) 4, J. Porter 5, W. H. Carrod 6, G. A. Taylor 7, S. Price 8.

## LIVERPOOL RINGER'S DEATH.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild has lost another prominent member by the death of Mr. Richard Calland, of Hindley, who passed away at his residence, Liverpool Road, on Tuesday, March 24th, and was laid to rest at the Hindley Cemetery on Saturday week.

Deceased was a member of St. Peter's Parish Church, where he was formerly the parishioner's warden, and at the time of his death was a sidesman. He was also the conductor of the bell ringers, which position he had held for the last 23 years, having been a ringer there since the opening of the bells, 47 years ago. He filled the office with tact and dignity, and with great credit to himself.

His capabilities as a ringer and conductor were of very high order, and change ringing will be the poorer at his demise. His mode of life was a valuable example to all who knew him, and his end was peace.

Between the time of his death and interment the bells of St. Peter's were muffled, and several short touches were rung, as well as a few of the hymn tunes the deceased loved so well. After his remains had been laid to rest a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last tribute of respect by: Fred Banks (Leigh), conductor, 1, Hy. Smith (Leigh) 2, Wm. Blackledge 3, Hy. Hayes (Leigh) 4, John Yates 5, Thos. Marsh 6, John Halsall 7, John Akred 8. Among the wreaths: was one sent by the ringers of St. Peter's.

## "BEDFORD SURPRISE MINOR."

A 720 in the following method of Minor has been rung at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, and the band are desirous of knowing if it has been rung before. If not, they propose to call it Bedford Surprise Minor.

123456

214365

124356

213465

231456

324165

321456

234165

324615

236451

263415

624351

263451

624315

642351

463215

643125

461352

643125

641352

614325

163452

613425

164352

146532

An examination of the method shows that it is but one row removed from Annable's, London, but that one departure turns it from a legitimate to an illegitimate method.

What is believed to have been the first 720 was rung by: A. Robinson 1, J. Cooke 2, C. W. Clarke 3, C. Stapleton 4, H. Sharpe 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.

## 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By J. MARTIN.

23456 B M W H

53624 — — —

36524 — — —

65324 — — —

43526 — — —

52436 — — —

24536 — — —

45236 — — —

23564 — — —

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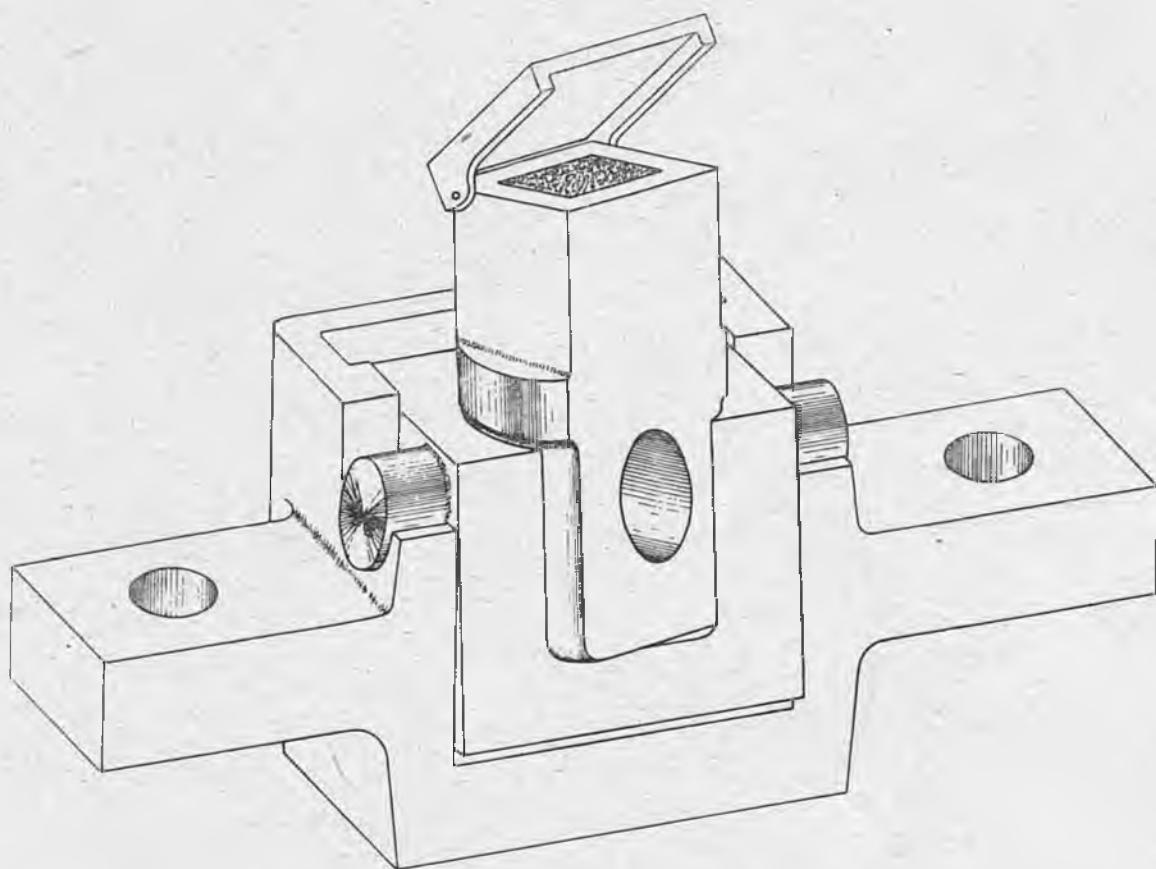
62534 — — —

62345 — — —

36245 — — —

23645 — — —

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## BELLS OF FAMOUS CHURCHES.

### CHELTENHAM.

The other day we recorded the first peal on the twelve bells of Cheltenham Parish Church—a peal of Grandsire Cinques. Such a performance is of more than passing interest, and serves to recall some noteworthy achievements in this tower. Originally the peal of four or five bells there were recast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, into a peal of eight, the tenor being 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. in E flat. In 1826 and onwards various peals of Grandsire (including



CHELTENHAM PARISH CHURCH.

Holt's Original on November 5th, 1828) and Treble Bob were rung by the local company, at whose sole expense the bells were augmented to ten in the year 1833, and rehung by James Futy, of Cheltenham. On September 23rd of that year 6000 of Treble Ten was rung, the peal being conducted by Elijah Roberts, of Birmingham, of peal-tapping fame, one other Birmingham man, named Hopkins, being in the peal, the rest, apparently, being local men.

Progress in the Art fluctuated in the succeeding years; but about 1873 Stedman was practised and a peal of Triples in this method was rung about 1874 by the local

band, conducted by J. Belcher. In 1876, they rang a 5079 Stedman Caters, but the composition turned out to be false. In 1883 two of the bells were recast and the ring rehung, and on the opening day the Rev. F. E. Robinson conducted a true peal of 5079 Stedman Caters upon them. A few years later two famous peals were rung on the bells, viz., 13,054 Stedman Caters in 8 hrs. 16 mins., on May 21st, 1888; and 15,227 Grandsire Caters in 9 hrs. 43 mins., on April 22nd, 1889. Both peals were composed by Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, and conducted by W. T. Pates, who, at that time, had had practically no practice in calling Stedman Caters, and none whatever in Grandsire Caters. Both these were excellent peals.

It was in 1912 that the bells were augmented to twelve, by the gift of Alderman and Mrs. Winterbotham, of Cheltenham, the two trebles being added and the rest tuned, rehung in an iron frame, and quarter turned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. It is most gratifying to see that the band at this tower is maintaining the traditions of the past, and we hope that before long further performances of Cinques and Maximus may be recorded on these bells—the lightest twelve hung in a church tower.

### SELF-ALIGNING BEARINGS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Under the above heading, Mr. Hughes writes to you that this class of bearing is quite unnecessary and unlikely to prove permanently satisfactory.

As regards the first contention, he may be right if metal frames are used—though even so I am disposed to think that the gimbal principle will be found to give the best results—but with timber frames, which continually if slightly vary their alignment with every change of humidity, the self-adjusting bearing is a most definite advantage, for with it, so far as my experience goes, bells run equally well from year's end to year's end, with only oil as a lubricant.

As to the second contention, I can only say that nearly thirty years ago I hung our two tenors here in bearings, the exact counter-part of the one which I was surprised to see illustrated in your journal; the 8th and 9th in a modification of the same, with cast-iron in place of gun metal steps—few people know that the coefficient friction is less between steel and cast-iron than between steel and gun metal—and the remainder in a simple cast-iron cup and ball arrangement in two pieces only. All are lubricated by oil-soaked bunches of cotton wick, which cover the whole length of the gudgeons and last for months unattended.

We have never had the slightest trouble with any of the bells, nor has there ever been any tendency to the sloppiness which Mr. Hughes prophesies, and when I last examined them some two years ago, I could detect no appreciable deterioration.

I may add that these bells are rung for an hour and a half every Sunday, in addition to the two hundred or so of peals that have been achieved or attempted.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Duffield, April 5th.

### MATHEMATICAL PROOF ASKED FOR.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the account of the opening of York Minster bells in your issue of April 3rd, I read "self-aligning bearings which eliminate all shock to the framework and consequently to the tower." A mere ringing engineer would like to see a proof of this statement. In the first place, in a rigid frame there is no shock to eliminate, except that due to the blow of the clapper. The resulting impulsive reaction is very small. In the case of a bell of 12 cwt., which I recently have worked out, this blow on the frame due to the action of the clapper acted almost vertically downwards, and was equivalent to that due to a weight of one pound falling three inches. Secondly, if there is shock it is due to faulty workmanship either in the frame or bearings, or to faulty steeple-keeping, which has allowed frame or bearings to work loose. In either case, how is it to be eliminated by a self-aligning bearing?

I can quite see the point of a self-aligning bearing in a timber frame, which is liable to twist under various atmospheric conditions. At the present time I am trying to collect all possible useful information as to frames in relation to towers. That is my reason for troubling you with this question. A statement of opinion is of no use to me, unless backed by strict mathematical proof.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Simonsdelf, Fredsham.

## HERE AND THERE.

### NEW LADY HANDBELL RINGER.

We may shortly expect to see a fresh name among those of lady handbell peal ringers, for Mrs. Hazelden, of Guildford, whose husband is an esteemed member of the Holy Trinity band, is showing excellent promise, and has recently rung two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples. Her first was on March 23rd, and those taking part were: W. E. Maulden 1-2, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3-4, M. Smither 5-6, Mrs. C. Hazelden 7-8. The second quarter was rung on Monday week, as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Hazelden, by: C. Hazelden 1-2, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3-4, M. Smither 5-6, Mrs. Hazelden 7-8.

### BISHOP VISITS BELFRY.

The Bishop of London, after holding a confirmation service at St. Nicholas' Church, Chiswick, visited the belfry and addressed a few words of encouragement to the ringers, who, he said, he looked upon as being very important church workers. Before leaving the belfry, the Bishop shook hands with all the ringers. The ringing done for the service included Grandsire Doubles, in which G. Haig, senr., R. H. Boddington, W. Field, G. Haig, junr., R. Holloway, S. Legley, A. Roker and J. Dalton took part.

### A SOLE SURVIVOR.

The 57th anniversary of the first peal rung by Mr. W. Gordon, senr., of Stockport, was celebrated by a date touch of Grandsire Caters, which he composed and conducted, rung at St. Mary's Church on Sunday week in 1 hr. 12 mins., the ringers being: W. Gordon, senr., 1, H. Reynolds 2, J. H. Mason 3, D. Pendlebury 4, P. Brickell 5, J. Allan Gordon 6, Alfred Gordon 7, W. Gordon, junr., 8, Allan S. Gordon 9, Allan Gordon Clarke 10. Mr. Gordon senr., is the sole survivor of the band which rang in his first peal, which was Holt's ten-part, and was rung on Sunday, March 29th, 1857.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Northern district met for practice at All Saints', Gosforth, on Wednesday week, and had the pleasure of welcoming Messrs. Billinghurst and W. Smith, of Loughborough, who are engaged in erecting the two new trebles at Newcastle Cathedral which are to be dedicated on Easter Sunday morning by the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon Gough, D.D.). The members enjoyed an excellent practice of Kent Minor and Major, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, though they missed the genial presence of the esteemed vice-president, Mr. E. E. Ferry, who was unable to attend.—Arrangements are already in hand for holding meetings during the summer months at Rothbury, Morpeth, Alnwick, Bambrough, Whitley Bay and Embleton.

### FOUR PEALS IN A DAY.

We understand it is likely that, if arrangements for the towers can be made, a band of Middlesex members will attempt four Surprise peals in the day on Easter Monday. Egham, Staines and Old Windsor will probably be three of the towers, and we may, we think, fully expect the methods to be London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative. The only time that four peals have been rung in one day was last year, when a Kent Association band "bagged" four peals of Minor.

### THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION REPORT.

The thirty-fifth annual report of the Norwich Diocesan Association has been placed in the hands of the members this week, and, as in former years, contains a mass of most interesting information in the 150 pages which it covers. There is one point of special interest in the peal records, and that is that the total reached by the Association on December 31st, 1913, was exactly 3,000. Last year, as on two previous occasions, the Association carried off the distinction of a "double first," being first in number of peals rung and in point value. This record of 3,000 peals is another unique distinction, for no other Association has yet reached this total, although two or three are well on the way. The towers which have contributed most largely to the aggregate are: Debenham, 147; St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, 135; Leiston, 123; Henley, 117; Diss, 96; Framlingham, 92; Pulham St. Mary Magdalene, 92; Pulham St. Mary-the-Virgin, 87; Redenhall, 83; Thornham Magna, 82; Helmingham, 81; Framlingham and Kelsale, 74 each; St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and St. Margaret's, Ipswich, 64 each; and Eye and Saxlingham, 52 each.

### A CENTURY PEAL RECORDED.

Mr. A. J. Turner, the captain of the Southover, Lewes, Guild, Sussex, has presented a handsome peal board to the belfry, recording the 100th peal which he had rung in the tower. At a meeting of the members last week, Mr. Turner was heartily thanked by the Rector, on behalf of the Guild, for his gift, and the hope was expressed that others might follow Mr. Turner's example.—Mr. E. J. Pannett, who has held the secretaryship for some time, has resigned on leaving the town to take up residence at Lewisham, and is succeeded by Mr. Charles Errey.

### DOUBLE COURT.

A correspondent is informed that 720 of Double Court Minor can be got by calling the observation bell "In" and "Out" in one course, and "In" in the next, repeating this five times with a single at one or other of the calls in one half and at the corresponding call in the second half. A 720 in any plain method of Minor where the bobs are made by the three back bells, can be got in this way, and the calling can also be utilised for Treble Bob Methods, the singles, of course, not being required.

### INVERNESS BELLS IN LONDON.

After a very stormy passage in the North Sea, on board the s.s. "Royal Scot," the fine peal of eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) of Inverness Cathedral, together with three semitone bells, have arrived safely at the London Docks. These bells have been sent to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, E., to be returned, and are to be rehung on modern principles.

### WYE BELLS DEDICATED.

The bells of the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin, Wye, near Ashford, Kent, were dedicated on Sunday, and everybody, we hear, was delighted with the new system of fixing the special frames without the aid of main girders, adopted in the hanging of the bells by Messrs. Warner and Sons, who have carried out the work.

### QUAINT REQUESTS.

St. Martin's, Birmingham, is apparently not the only belfry where the ropes are provided by a bequest, for at Halstead, Essex, also, there is an ancient benefaction of three acres of land left by an unknown donor for the purpose of keeping the bell ropes in repair at the old parish church of St. Andrew, and the plot of ground is known as Bell Rope Field to this day.

### BOMB AT ST. MARTIN'S.

The famous Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, well-known to ringers on account of its peal of twelve bells, was seriously damaged on Sunday night by the explosion of a bomb, attributed to the militant suffragettes.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### GIFT TO SONNING TOWER.

A successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery branch for combined practice was held at Sonning on Saturday, members being present from Wokingham All Saints, Binfield, Easthampstead and White Waltham, with several members from the Reading branch, bringing the total up to 25. The following methods were practised: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Major, and the ringing was of a much better quality than usual. It is hoped that those members will make an effort to show up at the practices, who, hitherto, have not taken quite so much interest in the art of change ringing as they might have done. Surely a point can be strained to the extent of one evening a month for this purpose.

A very interesting event took place at the commencement of this practice, in the form of a presentation of a peal tablet, by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn) to the belfry of St. Andrew's Church (Sonning). The work was very neatly executed by Mr. A. W. Pike, of Reading, the board being entirely hand-painted in very artistic colours, no pains having been spared to produce the very best example of the craftsman's art.—The Master, in presenting the tablet, which records the first peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, said the peal, Thurstans' four-part of Stedman Triples, was well worth recording, as it was the first on the bells which were now restored, and was an excellent peal. It was, of course, impossible to record every peal they rang, but everything in connection with this one was of the highest order, and quite deserving of a permanent record.—The Master then unveiled the board, and asked the Vicar to accept it as a present to the belfry.—The Vicar, in accepting it, said he was very pleased, on behalf of the parish and the church to receive such a handsome decoration to the walls of the belfry, and he hoped it would serve as an incentive to ringers in years to come to excel and to discharge their duties as church officers in as thorough a manner as the performers in this peal must have done to produce such splendid ringing.—The Vicar then very kindly invited ringers to a half-day's ringing one Saturday during the coming summer and to tea on the lawn, plainly showing that he takes great interest in ringers. The arrangements for this gathering were put into the hands of the master, and it can safely be said that it is looked forward to with the keenest anticipation.

SCUNTHORPE.—Lincoln Guild.—On Mar. 22nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with 6 and 8 covering: H. Chapman (first 720) 1, W. A. Miller 2, T. J. Hocknell 3, T. H. Parkin 4, F. Rudd 5, G. Vamplew (conductor) 6, J. Cuthbert 7, H. Parkin 8.

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## NOTICES.

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**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 14th, Southwark Cathedral and St. John's Hackney, on the 21st, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Hornchurch, Essex, on May 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.**—Dedication and opening of two trebles to complete the octave on Easter Eve, April 11th. Service at 3.30. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Colchester. Ringers welcomed.—Bernard Pettit, Sible Hedingham.

**NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.**—The new trebles to complete the peal of twelve at Newcastle Cathedral will be dedicated on Easter Sunday, at 10 a.m. The members of our and other associations are cordially invited for Easter Monday. Ringing at the Cathedral from 2 p.m. The other belfries in the city will be at the disposal of the visitors. — Secretary, E. Ferry, 33, Ivy Road, Gosforth.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House, at 2 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, Dean. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Swithin's (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, expenses received, and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 and 1. Peal book on view. The presentation will be made to Mr. J. R. Newman, on the occasion of his marriage, immediately after tea, to which all members are cordially invited. The children of Mr. Johnson, of Hinton, Evesham, will give an exhibition of handbell ringing.—A. E. Parsons, Master, 148, Station Road, Old Hill.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The thirty-second annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells at St. Paul's (8), S. Modwen's (8), Horninglow (6), and Winskill (6) will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. A short service will be held in St. Paul's at 3 p.m. Committee at 3.30 and tea (1s. 3d. each) at 4.15, both in St. Paul's Institute.

The following notices of motion have been received:—Rule 4a, erase the words "after a month's notice in writing has been given by the Honorary Secretary." Rule 13, erase the whole and substitute "Delegates to the Central Council to be nominated by two members of the association, and names sent to the secretary one month before the meeting at which they are elected."

## BASS' BREWERY.

Messrs. Bass and Co., Ltd., have kindly arranged to grant facilities to members attending the meeting to view their premises. Messrs. Bass and Co.'s official guides will be in attendance at the High Street offices of the company at 11 a.m., when they will proceed to conduct the party round one of the three breweries, the beer stores, hop stores, fire brigade station, etc.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

**THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of this society will be held at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th, Parish Church of All Saints, 10 bells, tenor 32 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting during the afternoon to decide upon the fixtures for the ensuing year.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914, when the various towers in the city will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Choral service at the Cathedral (in the choir) at 5 p.m., with an address by the president, the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans. Tea in the Abbey Institute, 6 p.m. sharp, followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Gresford on Easter Monday. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Meeting in Church House at 3 p.m. Kindly inform Mr. Geo. Williams, Sexton, Gresford, if requiring lunch, supplied at 1/6 each. Time of tea by post.—Harry Moore, Jun., Hon. Secretary.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting of the above Association will take place at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary the Great (12), St. Andrew's (8), and St. Andrew's, Chesterton (6). A short service will be held in Great St. Mary's Church at 12.15 p.m., with address by the Ven. Archdeacon Cunningham. The annual dinner and business meeting will be held at the Lion Hotel at 12.45 p.m. (members 1/3, non-members 2/6).—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

**THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Bedford. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 9 a.m. to 11, 11.30 to 1 p.m., 3 to 6 p.m., 6.30 to 9 p.m. St. Peter's (6) during the same hours, except for service, 5 p.m. Elstow (6) 3.30 to 6.30 p.m. Hot dinner at St. Mary's Schoolroom, 1 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting to follow.—A. Rust, Hon. Secretary, Ridgmont.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Alfreton (8 bells) on Monday, April 13th, 1914. Annual service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting held afterwards. A scheme for recording Sunday ringing will be introduced with other business.—T. Alliboree, Secretary, North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**CLEVELAND & YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Malton, Yorkshire, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914. Dinner will be provided at the Green Man Hotel at 12.30 p.m. Members 1s. 3d., non-members 2s. 6d.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.



**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Eye, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. at the White Lion. For full particulars see notice cards. — C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell, on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells of Ewell and Cheam Parish Churches will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Ewell Church at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Handbells, kindly lent by Mr. T. Miles, for use of the members will be available at the Church Room during the day.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Peter's, Brighton Branch.—The new peal of ten bells, tenor 25½ cwt., by Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Chichester on Thursday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Tower open for ringing 4 till 5 and 7 till 9. All ringers are heartily invited. — A. D. Stone, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting for practice will be held at Brighthouse Church, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Salmons, Secretary.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society, established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Willesden, on Saturday, April 18th, 1914. Bells available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and business meeting to follow at 8.30 p.m. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—Lawrence B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The first meeting will be held at Northallerton, on Saturday, April 18th. The ring of eight at the Parish Church will be available. Tea at Tweddle's Commercial Hotel, Market Place, 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, will be provided for those who notify the caterer, Mr. A. Parker, at the above address, not later than Tuesday, April 14th. Business meeting afterwards in the Parish Room for the election of district officers, vice-president, ringing master, secretary, and committee. All ringers welcome.—Clement Glenn, Honorary General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 18th, 1914, to celebrate the centenary of the bells. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Preacher: Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A. Tea will be provided to all members of the association sending their names to Wm. Mallinson, 8, York Street, Colne, not later than Tuesday, April 14th. —J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The 16th annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, April 18th. A service will be held at 5.30, with an address by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, President of Trinity College, Cambridge. A meat tea will be served at 6.15, 9d. each to those who inform either of the undersigned not later than April 15th, of their intention of being present. At the meeting following important financial business will be discussed, and it is hoped that members will make every

effort to attend. The following towers will be open for ringing: All Saints', Fulham, from 2.30 to 5.30, and St. Mary's, Putney, from 3 to 5.15, and both after the meeting.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—(Southern District).—The next meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5.15. Tea at the Six Bells Inn 5.45 p.m.; business meeting after.—Henry F. Ewins, Hon. District Secretary, Duncton, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION** (Bridgwater Deanery Branch).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Enmore on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Tynte Arms.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

**ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.**—The next meeting of this Society will be held at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on Saturday, April 18th, 1914. Bells available 5 till 7.30 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Maidstone District will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at West Malling. Tower open at 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea provided 5.30 p.m.—Kenneth Mumford, 22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Southgate, on Saturday, April 25th. Tea at the Cherry Tree. Tower open 4 p.m. — H. J. Bradley, Honorary Secretary, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 6.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on April 25th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 5.30. Tea will be provided for all who let me know by April 21st of their intention to be present.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hayes, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be at tea please let me know by Tuesday, April 21st, the latest.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Christchurch, Wanstead, on Saturday, April 25th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 5; Preacher: Rev. Canon Papillon. Tea at the National Schools, at 5.30, followed by the business meeting. Members are requested to notify me of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday, April 22nd.—H. Rumiens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Members requiring tea please let me know by the 19th.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shottery.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, Hon. Secretary.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3. Service in church, with address by the vicar (Rev. L. A. Pritchard) at 5.30. Tea, 9d., in the Girls' Schoolroom at 6. Please notify intention of being present not later than Tuesday, 21st.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch on Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 7. The special practices for higher methods will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, the first Saturday in each month at 4 p.m., until further notice.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**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 Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Wm. Lawrence (Hawwell) has removed to 24, Wimborne Gardens, West Ealing, W.

**PEAL BOOKS.**—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**SOUTHGATE.**—Middlesex Association. — On March 8th, for the morning service, and to celebrate the induction of the Rev. —, Rothwell, as Vicar of St. Paul's, New Southgate, by the Bishop of Willesden, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: A. R. Glascock 1, N. A. Tomlinson 2, J. W. Cornford 3, F. G. Tegg 4, J. Armstrong 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, S. Wade (conductor) 8. — For the evening service, and to celebrate a visit by the Bishop of Islington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: G. W. Fletcher (first quarter away from tenor) 1, A. R. Glascock 2, F. Sharp 3, F. G. Tegg 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, A. G. Crane 8.

**HACKNEY.**—At St. John of Jerusalem's Church, South Hackney, on March 8th, for morning service, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: T. Groombridge, junr. (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 1, E. Wigg 2, H. Franks 3, J. Barry 4, R. Green 5, W. Powell 6, T. Groombridge, senr., 7, A. Riley 8.

**WELLS.**—On Sunday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Cuthbert's Church, in 51 mins.: E. E. Stiles 1, T. T. Hayward 2, F. S. Loxton 3, W. J. Mills 4, E. G. Lush 5, A. E. Mills 6, W. Farley (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Leakey 8. First quarter-peal ever rung by a local band at Wells.

**ECCLESTON.**—Chester Diocesan Guild. — On March 3rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: G. Jones 1, W. Bibby (first in the method) 2, R. Jones 3, W. Sconce 4, J. Morgan 5, E. H. Lewis 6, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 7, W. Morgan 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells.

**HULL.**—Yorkshire Association.—On March 3rd, for Confirmation service, by the Lord Bishop of Hull, at Holy Trinity Church, 737 Grandsire Caters: F. W. Dale 1, G. Dowling 2, C. Jackson (conductor) 3, T. Morton 4, H. Rodmell 5, E. Cutsforth 6, A. B. Cook 7, J. Hodds 8, A. E. West 9, J. Chamberlain 10. — At St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: Chas. O. Olson (qualification for Yorks Association) 1, H. Rodmell 2, G. Dowling 3, E. Cutsforth 4, C. Jackson (conductor) 5, A. E. West 6.

**RICKLING, ESSEX.**—On March 5th, 720 Bob Doubles: D. Jolly 1, F. Bonfield 2, W. Patmore 3, A. B. Wiffen (conductor) 4, G. Law 5. Rang as a farewell to the conductor on his leaving the district.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—On March 8th, for the morning service, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. White; for the evening service, Stedman Triples, and a 504 Grandsire: H. E. White 1, Miss Alice White 2, F. Wilson 3, F. Hansford 4, J. Ballard 5, A. Burgess 6, Wm. Lawrence (West Ealing), conductor, 7, H. White 8.

**OLD HILL, STAFFS.**—At the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 284 mins.: J. Price 1, J. P. Mason 2, H. Johnson 3, O. Pearson (first 720 Kent) 4, L. Johnson 5, W. Preen (conductor) 6.

**WEST EALING.**—For the evening service, at St. Stephen's, on March 1st, on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Kensington, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1248 changes), in 47 mins.: Wm. Lawrence 1, G. E. Harbour 2, A. W. Grimes 3, Wm. Hewett 4, P. I. Hairs 5, E. W. Piko 6, J. R. Mackman 7, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.

**CHELSEA.**—For evening service, at St. Luke's Church, on March 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, from Rev. H. Law James' peal: J. W. Barber 1, W. G. Matthews 2, G. Watkin 3, W. Dean 4, A. Newman 5, F. A. Smith 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, F. Gibbard 10.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, 580 Bob Major: W. Mead 1, J. Mead 2, W. Sear 3, F. Stanlon 4, L. Meager 5, T. Best 6, P. Hedges 7, H. Sear (conductor) 8. Also 252 Stedman.

**SOUTH WEALD.**—On March 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: C. Sheldon 1, W. Sheldon 2, E. Furbank 3, F. Otley 4, A. Rainbird 5, W. Leggett (conductor) 6.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, March 1st, after the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering: W. J. Coakham, R. Maynard, junr., (conductor), J. O. Adams, J. H. Wilkins, H. Rumens, F. C. Maynard, R. Maynard.

**LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.**—On March 1st, for evening service, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: R. Drage 1, J. Bailey 2, J. R. Ward 3, A. R. Hickton 4, T. Hutchinson 5, H. Green 6, N. H. Widdowson (conductor) 7, \*A. Chamberlain 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKS.**—On March 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: \*A. Gough 1, \*H. Hale 2, E. O. Lambert 3, \*J. Turvey 4, H. Bungay 5, J. Rance (conductor) 6. \* First in the method.

**BARKING.**—St. Margaret's Society.—On March 15th, for morning service, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1914 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins.: G. Cottis 1, R. Fenn 2, T. Faulkner 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, A. C. Hardy 5, J. Norris 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, E. A. Davies 8. Composed by J. P. Bradley.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On March 15th, for evening service, 720 of College Single: G. Saunders 1, W. Tubb 2, W. Webb 3, F. Barker (conductor) 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Tubb 6.

**KENNINGTON.**—Ancient Society of College Youths.—On March 15th, for Divine service, 504 Grandsire Triples, non-conducted: E. S. Garnett 1, G. W. Wild 2, H. J. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, A. Walton 5, Arch. Miller 6, Alec. Miller 7, T. W. Welbourne 8.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On March 16th, at the Parish Church, for a Confirmation service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. J. Hoing 1, G. Twitchen 2, F. K. Biggs 3, J. Gransbury 4, S. T. Goodchild 5, B. Page 6, G. White (first as conductor) 7, M. E. Mealing (longest touch) 8.

**TONBRIDGE.**—On March 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: C. Cooke 1, G. H. Stonestreet 2, A. Lawrence 3, W. Steed 4, W. J. Wolfe 5, J. Milner 6, A. E. Headey (conductor) 7, A. Osborne 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. It was the first quarter-peal of Stedman by a local resident band.

**WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.**—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: F. J. Bailey 1, W. B. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, T. Woods 4, F. J. Bailey, senr., 5, G. Mortimer 6. Also three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, on Monday, March 16th, 360 Bob Minor by the above, and 120 Canterbury Pleasure by F. J. Bailey 1, W. B. Biss (conductor) 2, F. J. Bailey, senr., 3, T. Woods 4, G. Mortimer 5, T. Middleton 6, this being the first 120 of Canterbury Pleasure rung in South Wales.

**LONDON.**—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on March 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Nelder 1, F. Andrews 2, Rev. J. A. S. Bullock 3, A. Coles 4, W. Alps (composer and conductor) 5, H. Hill 6, T. Walker 7, W. Arnold 8.

**MIDDLETON.**—Lancashire Association (Rochdale Branch).—On March 16th, in 1 hr. 8 mins., at the Parish Church, a date touch of Bob Major (1914 changes): J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, F. Berry 3, T. K. Driver 4, E. B. Shaw 5, T. A. Ogden 6, J. Arrowsmith, senr., 7, D. Renshaw 8. Rung to celebrate the Bi-centenary of the back six bells, which were cast by A. Rudhall in 1714.

**HOLCOMBE ROGUS.**—The Devonshire Guild.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 43 mins., for Confirmation service: L. Pidgeon 1, T. Vickery 2, E. Woodberry 3, W. Vickery (conductor) 4, E. Edwards 5, C. Webber 6.

**CREWE.**—On Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, at Christ Church, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: W. T. Holding 1, R. Langford 2, J. H. Ridding 3, H. F. Holding 4, W. F. Hartshorne 5, A. Crawley 6, G. H. Crawley 7, C. J. B. Cooke 8, R. T. Holding, junr. (first quarter of Grandsire Caters as conductor) 9, G. Dentith 10.

**WENESBURY, STAFFS.**—On March 16th, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: T. Hill 1, W. E. Walhen (first attempt for a quarter-peal) 2, E. Marlow 3, W. Hill 4, A. Plant 5, E. J. Tyler 6, C. Tyler (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 7, J. Tyler 8.

**CLIFTON.**—On March 22nd, for evening service, at Emmanuel Church, 360 Bob Minor, with 6—3 covering: S. Popham 1, E. Guise (conductor) 2, G. Tudball 3, Y. Bramble 4, C. Rawlings 5, H. Parkin 6, W. Lewis 7, W. Payne 8. First 360 by the local band.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on March 29th, for morning service, 544 Double Norwich: A. Lawrence 1, J. H. Odey 2, R. W. Hyner 3, D. W. Jackson 4, T. Robinson 5, J. H. Shepherd 6, S. Palmer 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.—For Men's Service, 756 Stedman Triples: J. Tazewell 1, R. W. Hyner 2, J. H. Odey 3, D. W. Jackson 4, T. Robinson 5, J. H. Shepherd 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, J. M. Brinkworth 8.—On March 31st, for Confirmation, 1008 Double Norwich: T. Lawrence 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, D. W. Jackson 4, T. Robinson 5, G. W. Townsend 6, S. Palmer 7, C. J. Gardiner 8.—For practice, 576 Superlative Surprise Major: L. A. Wilson 1, J. H. Odey 2, C. T. H. Boxwell 3, D. W. Jackson 4, R. W. Hyner 5, E. Bishop 6, G. W. Townsend 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by A. Lawrence.

**FRAMPTON.**—At the Parish Church, on March 24th, in honour of the 72nd birthday of Mr. A. O. Barber, of Freiston, 804 of Minor in the following methods: Single Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: W. Leggott 1, F. Leggott 2, H. Taylor 3, G. Coleman 4, F. Taylor 5, W. Barker (conductor) 6.

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