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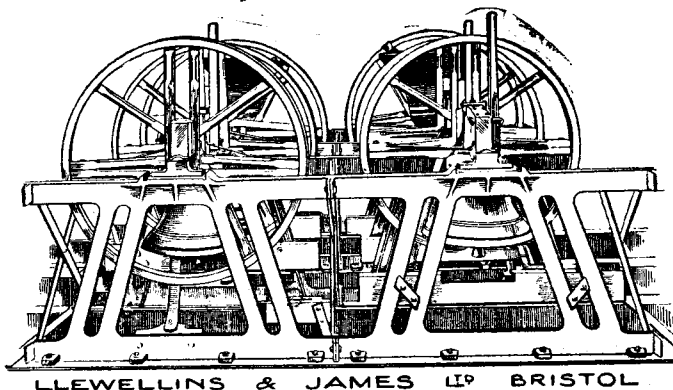
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NEW BELLS AT FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The village of Foxton, near Market Harborough, was *en fete* on Thursday, July 25th, the day set apart for the dedication of the new ring of six bells. For more than 250 years the old ring of five had done duty, and the worn-out frames were becoming a menace to the tower. Various estimates were asked for, and the work was finally entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have put in a six-bell frame of iron upright H pattern, mounted on steel girders. At the same time it was decided to recast the old bells into a ring of six, with a tenor of 14 cwt., and tuned on the Simpson harmonic principle. This has been faithfully carried out by the founders, who have also re-produced on the new bells all the original inscriptions on the old. Five bells have been recast, and a new one added.

Thus on the opening day a large congregation assembled in the parish church to witness the dedication of the newly-hung bells by the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Clayton).

The Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Edmonds, took the first part of the service, and the choir sang Smart's Te Deum in F. His lordship after the dedication, based an interesting address on the text, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My House may be filled," observing that in nearly every hamlet and village throughout England there was a church, and this diocese was particularly noted for its very beautiful specimens, which suggested to him two thoughts—a common home: a house the common property of everyone. He deprecated the fact that the morning services were not what they were when he was a young man. Then the morning service was always the best and most largely attended, and he believed that in the fore-part of the day, the mind was clearer, and the heart more ready to enter into communion with God, and he hoped that the message of the bells would be fulfilled in the text he had quoted.

The new bell just added is inscribed:—"In memory of Thomas Widdowson, B.A., Vicar, Foxton, 1897-1903. Cast by Gillett and Johnston, 1912."

Subsequently a tea was held on the lawn of the Vicarage, and in the evening a band of the Midland Counties Association ringers were successful in ringing the first peal upon the bells in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING AT WARWICK.

The ringers of the county were well represented in the county town on Saturday last, members attending from Allesley, Berkswell, Coventry, Lutterworth, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke Golding, Stratford-on-Avon, Sutton Coldfield, Tamworth, and Warwick, with Messrs. Parsons and Butler from Old Hill and Gainsborough respectively. The ten bells at St. Mary's, and the eight at All Saints were much in request during the afternoon and evening. Shortened evensong was said in St. Mary's church at 4.45 p.m., and Canon Baillie, of Rugby, had promised to

address the Guild. Unfortunately, however, he was prevented from attending, and sent as his substitute the Rev. P. M. Herbert, who delivered a very able address on the privileges and duties of ringers and Churchworkers, taking as his text Exodus xxxi, 1-6.

There was a large gathering at tea, which was partaken of at The Globe hotel, and subsequently

THE BUSINESS MEETING

was held. The Rev. Alan Williams (President of the Guild), occupied the chair, and was supported by the Misses Williams, Mr. James George (Master), Rev. C. Carew Cox (Hon. Secretary), Mr. W. G. Dickins (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. A. C. Coleman, of North Walsham (late Hon. Secretary), and about fifty members. Apologies were received from the Revs. Canon Blyth and H. C. Bell, Messrs. G. Martineau and J. Ambrose.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed,

The Hon. Secretary read the Committee's report for the year, which showed steady growth and improvement in the work of the Guild. The number of peals rung, viz., 25, constituted a record for the Guild.

NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCES

are a peal of London Surprise Major by the Rugby company: a peal of Double Norwich Major by the local band at Stoke-in-Coventry; and a peal of Minor in eight Treble Bob methods by the Stoke Golding men. The number of members, after deducting 17 who have been struck off the register by the Committee, now stands at 174, as against 155 last year.

The Hon. Treasurer read the statement of accounts, which showed a balance brought forward of £12 os. 8d., and a balance in hand of £9 12s. 10d. This was considered very satisfactory.

The President (Rev. Alan Williams, and the Vice-presidents of the Guild, were unanimously re-elected. Mr. James George was re-elected as Ringing-Master; the Rev. C. Carew Cox as Hon. Secretary; Mr. W. G. Dickins as Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. J. Ambrose as Hon. Auditor. The following members were elected to serve on the Committee: Messrs. E. H. Adams (Warwick); T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton); T. Bloore (Sutton Coldfield); A. James (Berkswell); G. A. Martineau (Solihull); A. Roberts (Stoke-in-Coventry).

The names of twenty-one new members were brought forward for ratification, and election, including Mr. F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough.

Monthly meetings were arranged for August and September at Monks Kirby and Allesley respectively.

Mr. T. Bloore, of Sutton Coldfield, introduced the subject of

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING,

and suggested that some scheme be put into operation for allotting marks according to attendance, and the amount of ringing done. He asked that the Guild should consider the desirability of awarding a framed certificate, to be

held by the tower gaining the greatest number of marks during a period of twelve months, and if won by the same tower three years in succession, to become the absolute property of such tower,

Mr. Coleman supported, and pointed out that a similar scheme was already in operation in the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox also supported, while, at the same time he did not think the ringers present needed reminding that Sunday service ringing was their first duty. Still even if the duty was recognised, the scheme would offer some encouragement to carry out the duty in the best possible way. He thought it would be better not to be too hurried in the matter, as the details would require to be well discussed in order to prove absolutely fair to all towers.

On the suggestion of Mr. Dickins, a vote was taken as to whether the principle should be accepted, and the details left to be worked out by the Committee. This was carried with one dissentient.

A hearty vote of thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of their bells, to the organist of St. Mary's, to the Rev. P. M. Herbert for his address, and to the Rev. Alan Williams for presiding at the meeting, concluded the business.

Members then adjourned to St. Mary's tower, and ringing was indulged in until 9.0 p.m., the Misses Williams taking part. It is hoped that before very long these ladies will be joining the ranks of the peal ringers, and thus bring further honour to the Guild.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the above took place at Llanbradach on Saturday, July 27th, and was attended by members from Bridgend, Caerleon, Cardiff, Newport, Merthyr, Caerphilly, Machen, and Rumney. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the curate of the parish (the Rev. James Bevan), heartily welcomed each member on arrival, and the bells being available were raised prior to the business meeting, and various methods rung. The parish rooms adjoining the Church, which are said to be the finest suite of rooms belonging to any parish church in Wales, were kindly lent for the business meeting, which commenced at 4.45, and was presided over by the Rev. James Bevan. After heartily welcoming the Association to Llanbradach, and adding a few jocular remarks, he asked the Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as correct and signed. Instructors' reports were next heard, good progress being reported at Machen. This was followed by application for further instruction at Llanbradach, Mr. Stedman, of Merthyr, kindly volunteering his services.

Mr. Jones next read his report of the Central Council meeting. As regards the question which was discussed at the Council Meeting re the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows, it may be here mentioned that Llanbradach tower is one in which a new ring of bells were put last year, and to stand outside close to the tower, when the bells were ringing, the noise was almost unbearable, but this has now been remedied by bricking up the louvres on the inside almost to the top. The result is that one can scarcely credit it is the same ring of bells, and yet it is stated the bells can be heard quite as great a distance as before. New members were elected from Llanbradach and Caerphilly towers.

A vote of congratulation was heartily carried to the

ladies who were successful in ringing the first ladies' peal at Cubitt Town, Miss Parker being specially mentioned for her successfully piloting the peal through,

Subscriptions were next taken, and this brought the meeting so a close.

Tea, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar of the parish, was then taken in the adjoining room, at the conclusion of which the best thanks was accorded him, and also to the ladies who so kindly helped.

The tower was then visited, and soon after a party made their way to Caerphilly tower, the bells there having been placed at the members disposal by the Rector. Those who had not heard these bells before, were delighted at the excellence of the "go" and tone. Various methods were rung, which brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

In glorious weather, about forty members, including Miss C. Playle, of the Dagenham band of the South-Western division of this Association, attended a meeting held at Woodford on Saturday, July 20th. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock, and several touches were successfully rung on the peal of six at St. Mary's, before a short service, which was held at 5 o'clock, at which the Rector the Rev. — Saunders, gave an excellent address, taking as his text—"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught," in which he urged the ringers not only to ring to call others to worship, but not to fail to attend the services themselves. The service over, tea, which the Rector had kindly invited the ringers to partake of on his lawn, was the next item on the programme. After doing justice to the kind hospitality of the Rector, the business side of the meeting was attended to. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read without comment, the following new members were elected: Messrs. G. T. Clayton, and Robt. Maynard, sen., of Walthamstow; H. Saffell (Leytonstone); Petty and Cornell (Wanstead); A. Newman (Woodford); Wm. Vale (Chigwell); Rev. E. Wigg (West Ham). West Ham was proposed and carried unanimously, as the place where the annual meeting should be held in October.

This concluded the business meeting, and after the Rector had given a most hearty welcome to the Association, and the Master (Mr. G. A. Black), had thanked him for his kindness in entertaining the ringers, for the use of his bells, and his short address at the service, the ringers again availed themselves of the opportunity to ring the bells, which were kept going in various Plain and Surprise methods. Some of the ringers, including Miss Playle, the lady ringer, made their way to Wanstead, and rang several touches of Plain and Treble Bob on the peal of six bells at Christ Church. Ringing was kept up until about 9 o'clock, when the ringers dispersed, and made their various ways home, with the feeling that a most enjoyable meeting had been held.

A collection in aid of the fund for the restoration of Shoreditch bells was made, and realised 12s. 6d.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

A meeting of this branch of the above Association was held at the parish church, Blackburn, last Saturday. A committee meeting was held in the vestry at 4 o'clock, representatives from Rossendale, Manchester, Rochdale, Liverpool, Blackburn, Preston, Fylde, Bolton, Furness and Lake District branches attending. A short service was conducted by the Rev. T. R. Sale, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean of Blackburn, followed by the branch meeting held in the churchyard, the President of the Association (Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.), presiding.

The Rev. T. R. Sale in welcoming the committee, made a few encouraging remarks to the ringers. Mr. W. Heaton, and Mr. J. Watson were re-elected as branch President and Secretary respectively. Mr. W. E. Wileon was elected representative to the Committee. It was proposed the next branch peal be Oxford Treble Bob Major, and the next branch meeting be held at Accrington on Saturday, August 24th.

A vote of thanks accorded to the Rev. H. J. Elsee for presiding, concluded the meeting. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in various methods till 9.30 p.m.

NOTES.

Some few weeks since, we published an appeal to the ringers of the country to provide a fund for placing a bell in the Mission Church of Lulwe, South Africa.

We now learn that a start has been made by some companies who have sent contributions to Mrs. Robinson.

The cost of the bell works out at about £30, and 1d. from each member of the Exercise would cover the cost, beside leaving something towards freight and other charges.

Mrs. E. Robinson, of "Mossdene," Blackboro' Road, Reigate, will be pleased to receive and acknowledge any sums sent towards the "Ringers' Bell Fund."

Readers will note with pleasure the records of touches from Auckland, New Zealand. Our correspondent this week gives the localities from which ringers hail.

Two ringers in the touch rung to celebrate the birthday of King George V., hail from Hersham, and one from Mitcham, in Surrey.

Last week we recorded Mr. A. W. Grimes' 50th peal this year. He seems bent on making a record, for this week he still goes on with them, his name appearing in no less than three peals.

A band of Winchester Guild members will, we are informed, make an attempt to beat the record of 14,031 Stedman Caters, recently rung by ringing 22,222 changes in the same method on Monday next. We wish them success in the gigantic task they have set themselves. They deserve it.

The Church of St. Mellons (near Cardiff), is, we understand, to be restored, and efforts are being made to obtain sufficient funds to put in a ring of bells.

BY ROYAL WARRANT

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THE LADIES' PEAL.

Last week two correspondents sent a report of this peal. In one case the name of the writer was given, in the other it was omitted. As is our usual custom we took the report which was authenticated, which, unfortunately, was incorrect, the ringers of the 5th and 6th being transposed. Below we give the peal amended, as well as Miss Parker's fifty peals and the corrected rendering of the verse in the ballad relating to the peal.

POPLAR, LONDON, E.

THE LADIES' NATIONAL GUILD OF RINGERS.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

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Miss EVA N. BELCHER* 2.	Miss NELLIE GILLINGHAM 6.
Miss LILIAN A. WILLSON 3.	Miss EDITH K. PARKER .. 7.
Miss MARY N. JUKES .. 4.	Miss CLARA BEASLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal. Miss Parker's fiftieth peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar and ringers of Cubitt Town for their kindness; Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for kindly entertaining some of the band; and Mr. J. Thomas for sitting in the tower during the peal in case of emergency.

MISS PARKER'S FIFTY PEALS.

	TOWER BELLS.	CON- DUCTED.	HANDBELLS.	
Grandsire Triples ...	1	1	...	5 conducted 1
Stedman Triples ...	10	7		
Double Norwich Major ...	2			
Superlative Surprise Maj.	13	9		
Cambridge Surprise Maj.	4	3		
London Surprise Major ...	12	7		
Cumberland Delight Maj.	1	1		
Bristol Surprise Major ...	1			
Forward Royal ...	1			
	45	28	5	1
Total 50; Conducted 29.				

From the place where once the donor of "Pilgrim's Progress" scorned a peal
Came to ring the 5th in honour, Bedford's delegate, EVA STEEL.
Next stood Portishead's fair daughter—NELLIE GILLINGHAM her name,
Sweet bell music sought and caught her, and it brought her into fame.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 30 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 6th and 20th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 6th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 13th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th and 29th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.
The funeral of the late Mr. W. Cooter will take place at Manor Park Cemetery on Saturday, August 3rd, at 3.45 p.m. Forest Gate or Manor Park Stations on Great Eastern Railway.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W., on Saturday, August 17th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7.35 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.

WM. H. HOTTNE, Hon. Sec.

42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

Peterborough and District Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 5th. Bells available—Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6). Service at St. Mary's church at 4.30. Tea at Fitzwilliam Temperance hotel. Meeting after.

F. T. COOKE, Hon. Sec.

195, Gladstone Road, Peterborough.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 4. 3 Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Middleton on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Nominations for branch president and committee-man to be sent in for this meeting.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at Frankfield after the service by the kindness of the Misses Wilkinson. Members intending to attend the meeting are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, August 21st.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to

T. HERVEY BEAMS, Asst. Hon. Sec.

Bradpole, Bridport.

N.B.—Will conductors of peals since January 1st, 1912, also oblige.

Notice.—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the above Association was held at Corbridge, and Hexham on Saturday, July 27th. During the afternoon touches were rung on the six-bell peal of St. Andrew's church, Corbridge. Tea was provided at The Tynedale hotel, a fair company being present. At the conclusion of the meal the President, Mr. C. L. Routledge, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also those responsible for the use of the bells at Hexham Abbey.

In replying the Rev. Canon Lonsdale expressed his pleasure at being amongst the ringers that day, his fondness for the bells, and his appreciation of the work the ringers did for the Church. He suggested that after tea they should accompany him to the church, and he would explain to them the architecture and the various interesting parts of it. The suggestion was readily accepted.

The President reported to the meeting that a serious illness had suddenly overtaken the Rev. —. Allwork, rector of Wheakham, an old friend and staunch supporter of the Association, and it was unanimously agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent from the meeting.

The members availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the church, and warmly thanked Canon Lonsdale for his interesting lecture. The remainder of the evening was spent at Hexham, where some good touches were rung on the Abbey eight.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Monday, July 22nd, 720 College Pleasure. W. Rose, E. Youngs, G. Bailey, G. Cattermole, A. Bailey, A. J. Berry, G. Cattermole (conductor). First 720 College Pleasure by the two Bailey's.

5184 or 5072 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By W. HYDE INGLESANT.—THREE PART PEAL.

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34526	-	S
45236	-	S
32546	S	S
25346	-	-
53246	-	-
52346	-	S
23546	-	-
35246	-	-

25643* - -

56243 -

26345	-	-
63245	-	-
32645	-	-
36245	S	-
62345	-	-
23645	-	-

SECOND PART.

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This peal contains all the 6 4s, 6 5s, 4 6s and the 5 6s: the 2nd never above 4th's place at course-ends except in first course of each part. This peal contains some of the best musical properties obtainable in this method with tenors together. * May be reduced to 5072 by adding a bob at 4 and omitting bob at 6 in following course.

5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By C. J. SEDGLEY, Ipswich.

23456 B M W H

42356	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
34256	x	-	-
23456	-	-	-

Has 4th and 6th extents in 6th place.

May 17th, 1912.

5248 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By GEO. CROSS.

23456 I 4 5 6

54326	-	-
43526	-	-

23645 - - -

36245 - - -

42635 - - -

26435 - - -

64235 - - -

32465 - - -

24365 - - -

25346 - - -

53246 - - -

32546 - - -

Repeat three times; single for bob at 1 in third course of second and fourth parts. Omit calls braced in one part reduces to 5024.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1912.

The Provinces.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 15, 1912, in Three Hours and sixteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	*ERNEST H. CLARKE 7.
FREDK. SMITH 3.	*E. MAURICE ATKINS 8.
GEORGE DAVIES 4.	BART MITCHELL 9.
CHARLES DRAPER 5.	FRANK JACOB Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

EDWIN WHITING Treble.	HENRY GARNHAM 5.
ALFRED SMITH 2.	JOHN SNELLING 6.
ERNEST WHITING 3.	FREDK. SRAGER 7.
GEORGE SNELLING 4.	FREDK. R. BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Norwich, Cambridge, and Netterseale.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble.	BERTIE TURNER 4.
JOHN SNELLING 2.	GEORGE SNELLING 5.
FREDK. MANSE 3.	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSE.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR BYGRAVE Treble.	REUBEN BALDWIN 5.
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 2.	*GEORGE HUXLEY 6.
ALFRED JAMES 3.	GEORGE DURLING 7.
SPENCER MARSHALL 4.	ISAAC EMERY Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by G. DURLING.

*First peal of Major. For calling see Kent County Report for 1912 page 75.

AUCKLAND (New Zealand).—To show their loyalty to His Most Gracious Majesty King George V. the local company rang on Monday, June 3rd, His Majesty's birthday, at St. Matthew's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Heather (Auckland, New Zealand), O. Throssell (Northleach, Gloucestershire), P. Guppy (Ballarat, Victoria, Australia), E. Hamblin (Hersham, Surrey), A. J. White (Mitcham, Surrey), S. C. Hamblin (conductor, Hersham, Surrey). Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. The first 720 on the bells, and also the first in the method in New Zealand.

BLACKBURN—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BLACKBURN AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES)

On Tuesday, July 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY WALKER Treble.	FREDERICK HINDLE 5.
EMMANUEL DUTSON 2.	JOHN WATSON 6.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3.	WILLIAM EDWARD WILSON 7.
W. H. IDLE 4.	JAMES ASHTON Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. The peal was arranged for W. H. Idle, who is on holiday in the district.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT BROWN Treble.	*ERNEST WHITING 5.
EDWIN WHITING 2.	*GEORGE SNELLING 6.
HENRY GARNHAM 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT 7.
JOHN SNELLING 4.	CHARLES BRICE Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Double Oxford, Double Court, Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble, Kent Treble and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON Treble.	E. MAURICE ATKINS 4.
J. JAMES JACKSON 2.	ALBAN JARMAN 5.
WALTER WHITE 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal in seven methods by ringers of treble and 5th. First peal on the bells, and was rung after the dedication service. These bells have just been recast into six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and rehung in iron and steel frame.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES SAMSON Treble.	GEORGE HARDY 5.
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2.	JAMES M. BAILEY 6.
FREDERICK W. BAILEY 3.	STANFORD J. WOLFE 7.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor.

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

*First peal of Oxford.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

LEONARD HARRIS Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
HENRY W. WILKES 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 6.
JOHN S. RUMMIN 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING 7.
CHARLES H. RUSSELL 4.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Treble Bob; also first peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALLEN R. HICKTON Treble.	JOSEPH BAILEY 5.
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2.	FRANK JOHNSON 6.
GEORGE WALKER 3.	RICHARD DRAGE 7.
ALBERT COPPOCK 4.	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Tenor.

Composed by E. C. GOBEY, and
Conducted by NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to John Hickman, of Nottingham; also to Dr. Bayliss, of Long Eaton. George Walker hails from Birmingham.

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

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

ALFRED LAWRENCE Treble.	LOUIS A. WILSON 5.
CHARLES J. GARDINER 2.	ERNEST BISHOP 6.
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND 3.	THOMAS ROBINSON 7.
ROBERT W. HYNTER 4.	JOHN M. BRINKWORTH .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

ERITH, KENT.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD* .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWITT 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADY 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*50th peal.

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

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES.
Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble.	ALBERT WRIGHT 6.
JOHN WIGMORE 2.	*THOMAS CHAPELLOW 7.
WILLIAM IRELAND 3.	FRED MILLARD 8.
WILLIAM HALE 4.	FRANK COLE 9.
WILLIAM HASTINGS 5.	HUBERT HANES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

*First peal. Arranged and rung as a farewell peal for Mr. J. Wigmore, on leaving for Australia, his brother ringers wishing him God speed.

PAINSWICK.—On Sunday evening, July 21st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), was rung at the parish church, in 52 mins. T. Wright, C. West, W. Ireland, W. Hale, W. Staite, A. Wright, T. Chapellow, F. Millard, F. Cole, H. Hauks. Composed and Conducted by Albert Wright.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, Killamarsh Treble Bob, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford.

FREDERICK PARR Treble.	T. A. HOWES SMITH 4.
HARRY GREAVES 2.	W. H. TURTON 5.
JAMES EMMEN 3.	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor.

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of the late Rev. Francis James Metcalfe, for 25 years Rector of the parish. R.I.P.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. BELL Treble.	JOHN ALLEN 5.
JOHN WILKINSON 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6.
THOMAS JENNION 3.	JOHN TURNER 7.
GEORGE WOODHALL 4.	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The ringers desire to thank Canon Blencowe for granting his permission, and the local men for having everything in readiness.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	ARTHUR BAILEY 5.
GEORGE BAILEY 3.	ALPHABUS BERRY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by the Messrs. Bailey, who hail from Rickingham.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

ARTHUR BAILEY Treble.	ALPHABUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	LEONARD LAST 5.
GEORGE BAILEY 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

This peal of Treble Bob in seven methods is believed to be the first on the bells. L. Last hails from Wickham Skeith; Youngs, Berry, and Rose from Thornham Magna; and the two Baileys from Rickingham.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 20th, 720 Victoria Treble Bob. W. Hollocks (conductor), H. Gladwell, A. Symonds, C. W. R. Grimwood, H. Crick, H. Poulson. Mr. Grimwood hails from Tooting, Surrey, and is a native of Hitcham, Suffolk, and it was his first attempt in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY S. REEVES Treble.	WALTER S. INWOOD 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS* 2.	*FRANK T. MARTIN 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	CHARLES CASTLE 7.
ALAN R. MACDONALD 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Dennis, the genial steeplekeeper.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH)

On Tuesday, July 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HUGH WATTS* Treble.	HERBERT ALLRED 5.
JOHN T. ALLRED 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6.
JOHN POTTEE 3.	HARRY ALLRED 7.
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW* 4.	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

*First peal of Bob Major.

Handbell Peals.

HAGGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. W. GRIMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2.	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	*ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7-8.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire—Mr. Frank Hairs. *First peal of Major on handbells.

HAGGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. W. Grimes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2.	FRANK BENNETT 7-8.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	FRANK I. HAIRS 9-10.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 5-6.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 11-12.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Umpire—Mr. H. J. Ranzetta. First peal of Bob Maximus by the Association, and by all the band. Miss Bennett is the first lady to score a peal in any method above ten bells.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At 7, The Broadway,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

In this peal 4, 5, 6 have their extent in 6ths place at course-ends.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours,

In the Belfry of St. Paul's Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s—i. Kent Treble Bob; ii. Oxford Treble Bob; iii. Double and Single Court; iv. Double and Single Oxford; v. Double Bob and St. Clements; vi. Canterbury Pleasure; vii. Plain Bob.

CHARLES SANDERS .. 1-2.	ALBERT P. WAXLEY .. 3-4.
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF 5-6.	

Conducted by A. P. WAXLEY.

Umpire—J. T. Dyke. This is the first peal in ten methods ever rung on handbells, and the first in ten methods and seven 720s by the Association.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

At 155, Waterloo Street.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHERCLIFF .. 1-2.	ALBERT P. WAXLEY .. 5-6.
CHARLES SANDERS* .. 3-4.	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. 7-8.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Umpire—Arthur K. Harrison. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor. *First peal with an inside pair.

FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, July 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

In the Belfry of All Saints' Church

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2.	*JAMES W. DRIVER .. 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	FRANK I. HAIRS .. 7-8.
*LOUIS ATTWATER 9-10.	

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpires—Messrs. F. G. Woodiss and S. J. Collins. *First handbell peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on handbells by the above society. This composition contains the extent of the 6th at home.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—For evening service at St. John's church, on Sunday, July 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from the Original, in 42 mins. G. R. Simmonds, T. G. Deal, E. B. Crowder, J. Law, A. G. Bennington, J. Crowder, F. W. Richardson, W. Daynes.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH

MALVERN LINK.—On Sunday evening, July 28th, for Divine Service at St. Matthias' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. W. Niblett, E. E. Barber, F. Stanton, J. Brown, H. Chance, C. Camm (longest length), R. G. Knowle (conductor), A. Richings.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

UTTOXETER.—At St. Mary's church on Tuesday, July 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Lunn, E. Roberts, A. P. Oope, J. Richardson, R. G. Lewis, H. Willisford, C. Smith (conductor), E. Green. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 5th and 6th, and first by a local band.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, July 25th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. B. Tubb, W. H. Tubb, W. Webb, A. Howel, F. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor). Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. G. Webb, W. Webb, F. Barker, A. Howel, F. Tubb, G. Saunders. Conducted by W. Webb.

In Memoriam.**WILLIAM COOTER.**

BORN 1825. DIED 1912. AGED 87 YEARS.

Death has claimed another of the veterans of the Ringing Exercise in the person of Mr. William Cooter, who for close on seventy years had been identified with change-ringing. One by one the older members pass away, giving place to the younger ones, and one cannot help feeling a sense of regret as one contemplates the thinning of the ranks of those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and to whom the younger generation owe so much in the way of training. So William Cooter has gone over to the great majority, leaving another gap in the ranks. We are indebted to one who knew him well for the following biographical sketch.

Mr. William Cooter was born in the parish of St. George-in-the-East on February 8th, 1825, and died July 28th, 1912. He commenced to learn change-ringing in the company of Messrs. Wood, Landsell, J. Mash, Bradley, S. Austin and others. In his 21st year he rang his first peal Grandsire Triples—with the St. James's Society, Messrs. Comb, Pye and Wood scoring their first peals on the same occasion. Mr. Cooter also took part in the first peals of Double Norwich, Superlative and Stedman Cinques rung by the St. James's Society, of which he was elected Master in 1852. To the credit of this Society also is due a silent peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, rung in March, 1854, by Messrs. Cooter, Haley, Cox and Wood.

In the year 1846 he was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in which he discharged the duties of Steward, Master, and for several years Secretary. He took part in many great performances, and was in the long peals of Treble Bob at Spitalfields and Bethnal Green. He conducted a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells on January 20th, 1854, the others of the band being Messrs. Ferris, Wood and Dwight.

Mr. Cooter was an exceptionally fine exponent of change-ringing, and up to Michaelmas, 1908, was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band. For some time previous he had been unable to see across the tower, and had to rely on his quick sense of hearing for the accurate striking of his bell. Through his eyesight failing him he was not able to go far from home, but was always glad for ringers to call and talk over old times.

Mr. Cooter's list of performances comprise 216 peals, of which twelve have been on handbells retained in hand, viz.: Grandsire Triples, 4; Stedman Triples, 2; Stedman Caters, 4; Stedman Cinques, 2.

The whole pull and stand was rung to his memory at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on July 30th, by E. Horrex, C. F. Winney, E. Gibbs, J. W. Rowbotham, H. Springall, C. Lee, S. E. Joyce, R. French, F. J. Hardy, T. H. Taffender, A. B. Peck, W. T. Cockerill. This was followed by two courses of Stedman Cinques (the last touch called by Mr. Cooter) in which Messrs. Burden and Barker took part.

As announced in another column the funeral takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at 3.45, at Manor Park Cemetery. Manor Park or Forest Gate Station on the G.E.R. are both convenient.

RICKINGHALL (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 28th, after Evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Chenery, E. Youngs, A. J. Berry, H. Morley, G. Bailey, A. Bailey (conductor).

CROYDON RINGERS' OUTING.

Thirty ringers, members of the parish church and St. Peter's companies, journeyed to Margate on Saturday week for their annual outing. The day was spent in proper ringers' fashion. Leaving Croydon at 6.45 the journey was enlivened by handbell ringing, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters being brought round; also some capital tune ringing. Arriving at Margate a bee-line was made for the church of St. John, expecting a pull, but found the church under repair. But Mr. Saxby came to the rescue and prevailed upon the contractor to allow them to ring, and the most was made of the permission by ringing some good touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Dinner was served at The Terrace hotel. After doing justice to the excellent spread provided by Host Munns, a move was made to the Waterlow Tower, Quex Park, where Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters were rung. The rest of the day was spent by the visitors in their own sweet way till train time, Croydon being reached at 11.50 p.m. The company, through "THE BELL NEWS," wish to thank Messrs. Saxby, Willshire and Dallas for their great assistance in helping to make such an enjoyable day.

ST. JAMES', WHITFIELD, GLOSSOP.**RINGERS' OUTING.**

With the kind permission of the Vicar and church officials, and through the generosity of these and members of the congregation, the ringers belonging to the above tower, together with their wives, had their annual outing on Sunday, July 14th. It took the form of a drive, the places visited being Tidewell, Ashford-in-the-Waters and Buxton. Assembling at 6 a.m. a start was made in two conveyances, through Hayfield and Chapel-en-le-Frith to Tideswell, where breakfast was in readiness at The Horse and Jockey hotel. Appetites having been whetted by the drive through the early morning air, this was thoroughly enjoyed. After a stroll round the quaint old village and a visit to the church the journey was recommenced, and an enjoyable drive through the lovely Monsal Dale, brought the company to Ashford, where a halt was called, and time allowed for a stroll round and an inspection of the church. Buxton was the next objective, so a start was made from Ashford, through Saddington and Ashwood Vale, where the foliage was at its best. At Buxton tea was partaken of at The White Lion hotel, and an hour or so spent in visiting such places as were open for inspection. Then the homeward journey was commenced via Hayfield and Chapel-en-le-Frith, Glossop being reached about ten o'clock. The drive through the lovely scenery of the Peak District was very much enjoyed by all, and their thanks are tendered to those who by subscribing the needful to defray the cost made such an enjoyable outing possible. Among the party was P.C. Richard Newton, a well-known ringer in the Manchester district, and a member of the City Police Force, who was also accompanied by his wife.

The re-hanging of the bells of St. Woolos Church (Newport, Mon.), which have not been rung since Easter, is likely to be put in hand in the course of a month or so.

ST. ANNE'S, SOUTH TOTTENHAM.

OUTING TO BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH.

The members of the St. Anne's Guild, South Tottenham, spent a very happy day on the occasion of their annual outing. At the invitation of Mr. T. Ringrose, some of the ringing members of the Spitalfields Foundry Staff accompanied the party, together with other friends. It was decided that a visit should be paid to that delightful little old world spot, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, famous as a yachting centre and for its oyster beds.

A jovial party therefore gathered at Liverpool Street Station on the fateful morning and ensconced themselves in reserved carriages in a train which was crowded with expectant folks anxious to escape the tropical heat of the Great Metropolis. Punctual to the minute the train steamed out of the station, and immediately a fine peal of twelve handbells was brought into use, whilst in another carriage it was discovered that one of the party had a set of eight handbells hidden in his pocket. Many touches were rung including courses of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques. At last the party disembarked at Burnham-on-Crouch where everything was in readiness at St. Mary's Church, thanks to the forethought of Mr. Cook, and the ring of six bells which have recently been recast and augmented by Messrs. Warner & Sons, of London, were soon set going. A start was made by members of the Spitalfields Foundry Staff, and a well struck 1260 of Plain Bob Minor, conducted by W. Nudds, was rung in forty-four minutes.

An adjournment was then made for luncheon which had been most generously provided by the Church Authorities, and full justice was done to all the good things. Mr. Robert Warner rose to express the thanks of the party to the Rev. H. W. Watson, M.A. and his warden, Mr. W. Croxon, for their welcome and for the use of their bells. In reply, the Rev. H. W. Watson, M.A., spoke in eloquent terms of his great appreciation of the visit of the St. Anne's Guild and their friends. Tune playing and touches upon the handbells were then indulged in, and whilst some visited the various objects of interest in the town, others set off again for the church to listen to 360 Kent Treble Bob which was cut short by having to make a start for St. Mary's Church, Shenfield, which contains a ring of six, also recently recast and augmented by Messrs. Warner & Sons. After a substantial tea in the garden of the "Eagle and Child" Hotel, 1260 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by W. Nudds, was rung in forty-six minutes by members of the Spitalfields Foundry Staff. Ringing was kept up until late in the evening, and 720 Grandsire Doubles conducted by C. Rose was rung by members of the St. Anne's Guild.

Thanks are due to the Rev. H. Gresley, M.A., and to Mr. Harcourt Landon, the latter for so kindly placing his magnificent grounds at the disposal of the party. Mr. Landon and a large party of his friends were in their turn entertained with tune playing and touches on the handbells. More touches on the handbells enlivened the journey home, and when Liverpool Street was reached at 11.45 p.m., the party separated, well pleased with their outing.

LAVENHAM CHURCH BELLS.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING.

After re-banging and substantial repairs to the bell frame which has cost over £100 to carry out, the Benediction of the fine peal of bells at the Lavenham parish church was performed on Wednesday week by the Right Rev. Bishop Harrison, D.D.

The service was preceded by a short organ recital by Mr. W. W. J. Roper at 7 p.m., and, needless to say, this was much appreciated by the large congregation which rapidly filled the grand old church. Among these visitors were Mr. G. Randall Johnson (a son of the Rev. Richard Johnson, Rector of Lavenham from 1825 to 1855), who had made the work of repair to the bells possible by his liberal contribution to the fund, and Mr. A. G. Fuller, of America, who is a descendant of Jacobus Fuller, whose name as churchwarden is inscribed on the fourth bell, dated 1603. This and the sixth bell are the oldest in the ring, and were cast by Richard Bowler, from whom Miles Graye, the famous Colchester bell-founder, learnt his business. It will be remembered that among the Lavenham bells is the magnificent tenor bell, which is considered by all experts to be the masterpiece of Miles Graye. John Carr, when he first heard her, said, "She came in with such a noble sound that she vibrated a perfect octave." Others have observed the absence of overtones; some consider she varies with the weather. Her peculiarity seems to be her thinness, especially at the crown. Her weight is 23 cwt., and she is 52 inches across the mouth, and her note is E flat. The bell is held in high honour at Lavenham and by all bell-ringers; her birthday is celebrated as a rule on the 21st of June, but this year it was kept on Wednesday last, as on the former date the bell-chamber was still occupied by Messrs. George Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk, who are to be congratulated on their recent work at Lavenham Church, having carried it out to the satisfaction of Mr. W. D. Caroe, M.A., F.S.A., who drew up the specification of what was required to be done. The parish is fortunate in the possession of two active churchwardens, Messrs. H. C. Stead and H. J. Landon, and the last-named gentleman has spent much time in the tower during the last few weeks, overlooking the work that has been done, and acting as honorary "clerk of the works." The rector (Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins), who has been most enthusiastic and unremitting in his efforts to carry the matter through, was responsible for the details and order of the special service used on Wednesday evening, and was assisted by the Rev. R. L. Gardner (assistant curate), Mr. C. Corbetta (organist) and the large voluntary choir, to whom much credit is due for the result achieved. The service commenced with a processional hymn, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," followed by a shortened choral Evensong up to the Apostles' creed. The special lessons were read by the Rev. E. Hill (Rural Dean of Lavenham and Rector of Cockfield), and the Rev. Henry Taylor (Rector of Great Barton). During the singing of the hymn "O happy band of pilgrims," the choir and clergy proceeded from the chancel to the tower, where Bishop Harrison performed the actual rite of Benediction, one prayer, having allusion to the bell-ringers, being taken in the ringing chamber by the Rev. R. L. Gardner (district secretary for the Archdeaconry of Sudbury of the Ely Diocesan Association of Ringers). After the Benediction, the ringers gave a short touch on the bells, and, while this was being done, the choir and clergy reformed into procession. At the conclusion of the touch, the whole congregation sang the "Te Deum." The sermon by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Sudbury (Archdeacon Hodges) dealt with the growth and use of bells and the way in which they are associated with our national life. The service ended in the usual way, the Bishop giving the final Blessing. The choir gave an excellent rendering of the Seven-Fold Amen, and sang the hymn "Now thank we all our God" as a recessional. Mr. C. Corbetta, who presided at the organ for the service, finely rendered the voluntary "Gloria in Excelsis" (Mozart) as the congregation left the church.

The offertory, which was for the church bells repair fund, amounted to £6 19s. 6d.

Merry peals were rung at frequent intervals on the bells during the day, and the flag of St. George floated from the church tower. In the early morning 1008 of Grandsire Triples were rung by the local ringers, and during the day touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Norwich and Stedman Triples. The ringers came from Cavendish, Saffron Walden, Cambridge, Tooting, Bury St. Edmunds, Fulham, Preston, Pentlow, and Long Melford. Mr. F. Day, of Eye, one of the bell-bangers, was among those who took part. The peals were conducted by Messrs. A. Hubbard, S. H. Symonds, and F. Pittsow.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY DISTRICT.

The annual district meeting of the above branch was held at Lavenham, on Saturday, July 27th. Twenty-seven members sat down to tea at 4 p.m., presided over by the Rector (Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins). Tea was followed by the usual business meeting, at which eleven new members were elected.

The Rector welcomed the ringers to Lavenham, and in his speech gave a short account of the work lately carried out on the bells. Regret at the loss of the Rev. E. J. Teesdale as Secretary of the district was expressed by the Secretary, and echoed by those present. The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

During the afternoon and evening there was some very good ringing, touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Oxford, Kent and Grandsire Triples being brought round. Ringers were present from Bocking, Bury St. Edmunds, Coggeshall, Horringer, Ingham, Lavenham, Long Melford, Mildenhall and Thetford.

HOLCOMBE ROGUS, DEVON.

What is hoped will be beneficial to the local band was a visit paid by four ringers who cycled from the Exeter district on Sunday, July 14th, to further the interest the locals had taken in the Stedman method, which they have been quietly studying of late. Both before and after service the bells were kept going, and in the afternoon the bells of Burlescombe were also visited and a most enjoyable ring obtained on the fine peal of six recently rehung by Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury. Here the natives have affiliated themselves to the Devonshire Guild, and with such material should make a good band of change-ringers. The visitors were the guests throughout the day of Mr. and Mrs. Vickery, whose kind hospitality will long remain a pleasant memory of the visit.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, July 23rd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 360 Bob Minor. W. De Vulder, W. F. Sykes, R. Moss, R. Pettybridge, A. Taylor, S. Frost (conductor). W. F. Sykes hails from Sawston, Cambs.

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CHURCH ITEMS.

Fifty-one years' service as a parish clerk is the record of Mr. Elias Taylor, of Felsted, Essex.

The Bishop of Southwark is making an appeal for £1000 to train nine candidates approved by him for ordination.

A new church is being built at Garragrawns, Dunmore, Co. Galway. The contractor is Mr. Finnigan, and the architect Mr. Kirwan, of Sligo.

The Rev. T. Lister, for thirty-six years vicar of Appleton-le-Moors, Sinnington, Yorks, is resigning the benefice for reasons of health.

From an anonymous donor a cheque for £1000 has been received by the Archbishop of Canterbury on behalf of the Archbishops' Western Canada Fund.

The Rev. E. F. W. Eliot, vicar of All Souls, Eastbourne, has, at the request of many members of the congregation, withdrawn his resignation of the benefice.

Christ Church, Endell-street, close to Covent Garden, has been reopened by the Bishop of London after restoration. The church was rebuilt after being struck by lightning in 1887.

The Rev. H. H. N. Howard, vicar of Weekley, Northamptonshire, has been appointed by the Bishop to the honorary canonry in Peterborough Cathedral, rendered vacant by the death of Canon Mason.

Mr. George E. Brown, of Wollaston, Northants, has completed fifty years as a choirman at the parish church of that place. Mr. Brown has been twenty-eight years choirmaster and twenty-four years parish warden.

St. Luke's Church, Bath, is to be enlarged. It is first contemplated to extend the nave of the church, at a cost of £2,300, and the foundation-stone of this first instalment of the new buildings will be laid on October 18th.

Acting on the recommendation of the Bishop of London, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have selected the mission district of St. Peter, Acton Green, to receive the proceeds of the sale of All Saints', Gordon-square, for a new church and parsonage.

After being vicar of Ilford for twenty years, the Rev. H. W. E. Molony was yesterday presented with a cheque for £130 and an illuminated recently from his parishioners upon his departure for Stevenage, Hertfordshire, to which place he has been appointed vicar.

The Dean of Norwich, speaking at the dedication of a new organ at St. John's Church, Yarmouth, said that those privileged to minister sacred music to a congregation could each play the part of a spiritual Dædalus, furnishing his brethren with wings for their heavenly flight.

A memorial window to the late Sir Edward Birkbeck, who for 25 years was chairman of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, has been placed in Horstead Church, Norfolk, by his widow, the Hon. Lady Birkbeck. The glass represents the Call of the First Disciples.

The Rev. R. E. Young, senior curate of St. Andrew's Church, West Kensington, who is leaving for the mission fields, was recently presented with a set of stoles, frontals for a portable altar, and a cheque for £45 by the

congregation and parishioners, and other gifts by the Boy Scouts and the men's club.

The foundation stone of the new church of St. Ambrose, Whitehall, Bristol was laid last week. The church will accommodate 700, exclusive of the choir. It will consist of a nave, two aisles, a wide chancel, and the first stage of the tower, together with a narthex at the west end, an organ chamber and vestries and a large room for classes and choir practices. The building has been designed in the style of the 15th century, with external walls of masonry and open timbered roof. The cost is estimated to be not less than £10,000.

An interesting instance of a long incumbency reaches us from St. Peter's, North Tawton, Devon, where the Rev. Robert Hole has just completed his sixty-second year as rector of the parish. On a recent Sunday Mr. Hole administered the Sacrament of Baptism to the infant son and heir of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tavener, thus giving the Church's blessing to the fourth generation, having married the infant's paternal great grandfather and mother, baptised and married his grandfather and mother, and baptised his father.

The parish church of Burbage, near Marlborough, Wilts, has been very much beautified with the loyal co-operation of the parishioners. A beautiful side chapel, built by a late vicar, Canon Kingsbury, in memory of his predecessor, Archdeacon Stanton, has been furnished with altar and pictures, and a beautiful sanctuary lamp hanging in front of the altar. The high altar has been enriched by three sanctuary lamps subscribed for by many of the parishioners. The Bishop of Salisbury has just paid his first visit to the parish.

It is announced that the work now in hand in connection with the new Liverpool Cathedral includes the completion of the choir end of the cathedral as far as the first cross transept adjoining the central space, so as to include this large transept in the portion which will then be available for public worship. The Cathedral Committee have funds sufficient to finish the choir; but to include the transept, which is necessary for the accommodation of the congregation, it is estimated that a further sum of £74,000 will be needed.

On Sunday week, the Eve of St. Mary Magdalene, the Bishop of Salisbury paid his first visit to Winterbourne Bassett, one of the 500 small country parishes in his diocese. Arriving at 3 o'clock, he was received by the rector, choir, and churchwardens, and in a short open-air service consecrated a strip of land adjacent to the churchyard, intended to supply a burial-place for the villagers for the next fifty years. Then going in procession into the beautiful little 14th century church, he dedicated a new organ, the fruit of eight years' hard work and steady giving; and in the course of a very reverent and hearty service, preached to the parishioners on "The Church their Home, the Churchyard their Garden." The organ was silent until after the dedicatory prayer, and the first hymn in church was led by a cornet; after the dedication, the new instrument sounded out in accompaniment of the 150th Psalm, and of the chorale, "Now thank we all our God," its earliest chords being those of the words, "The Lord's Name be praised." Crowded congregations came both to the special afternoon service and so Evensong, and again on Monday when, after a parish tea, Evensong was followed by a recital on the organ by Mr. Pallein, from St. Mary's, Calne.

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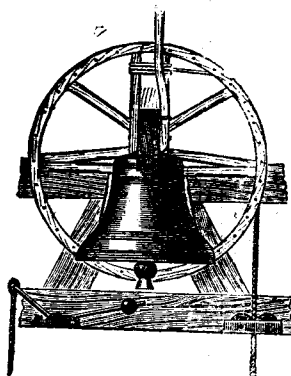
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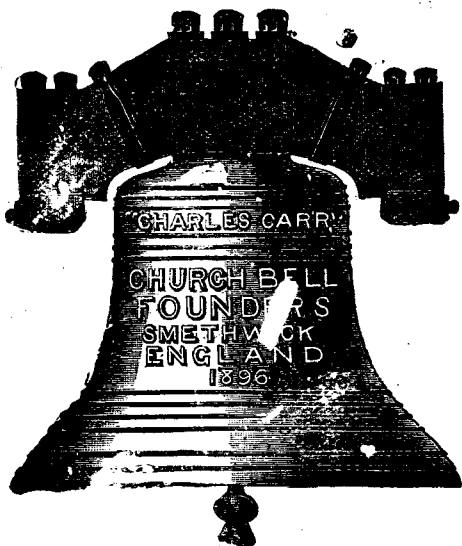
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