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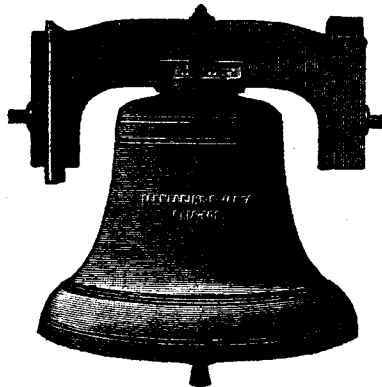
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The chapel at Buckingham Palace, where Princess Mary was confirmed on Sunday, is so small that it was impossible for any but members of the Royal Family and the principal officers of the Household to be present. It is furnished rather barely but has a good altar cloth, presented by Queen Victoria. The windows, which are of stained glass, are memorials to members of the Royal Family.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Thirty-First Annual Meeting was held at Leicester on Easter Monday, and the elements seemed to suddenly reconsider their decision to spoil it, with the result that well over a hundred members were present. These members represented, one would think, every town and village in the four counties covered by the Association, as well as some outside their limits. Birmingham, London, Northamptonshire, Oakham, all sent a few ringers to swell the meeting. Excellent arrangements for ringing, and for the meeting and tea, had been made by Mr. T. H. Hardy, the local Hon.-Secretary, and two peals of ten (St. Margaret's and St. Martin's), and three of eight (St. John's, St. Mark's and St. Saviour's) were kept going more or less continuously from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The first course of Bristol Surprise in the town, and possibly in the county, was rung on St. John's bells in the morning, and the other ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Major ranging from Plain and Treble Bob to London and Cambridge Surprise. A peal of Double Norwich attempted at Belgrave in the morning was lost after 2½ hours ringing.

The committee meeting, tea, and general meeting were all held at the High Cross Café, with the President, Sir Arthur Heywood, in the chair. He was supported by the Rev. F. R. C. Payne, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Bardon Hill, Messrs. W. C. Wakley, Hon.-Treasurer, W. E. White, Hon.-Secretary, W. W. Worthington, E. D. Taylor and others, 109 members and friends sitting down. Mr. J. W. Taylor, Vice-President, was unable to be present.

After the minutes of the last quarterly meeting had been signed, the Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet. Mr. Draper, in moving its adoption, regretted the fact that so few members had bought a report, the payment for which is the largest item in the expenditure, and also that so many subscriptions were still outstanding. The report was passed.

Sir Arthur Heywood, in his Presidential Address, referred briefly to the peals rung during 1912, especially congratulating Miss Sanders, of Burton-on-Trent, on being the first lady to ring a handbell peal for the Association. While he was glad of the fact that a record number of peals (172) had been rung last year, he yet was of opinion that the time had come when ringers, as a body, would have to seriously consider the question of peal-ringing. As Mr. Dawe had said, at the Johnson Memorial Dinner at Birmingham, it was quite likely that there would be a rise on the part of the public, especially brain-workers, against peal-ringing. Years ago, said the President, peals had been immensely popular with outsiders as well as with performers. To-day, however, there was a much larger proportion of head-workers than in former times, and although peals were greatly appreciated in the country, it was very different in the towns. It must be borne in mind that strong animadversions had been cast upon peal-ringing

as disturbing to the public peace, and that the hostile feeling was growing. Judges had strongly objected to bell-ringing because of the disturbance of their courts. Although this opposition might not be very much in evidence at the present time, yet it was making headway.

In these days, when any sort of Bill could get through Parliament, it was quite possible that an end might be put to peal-ringing. Hitherto ringers had prided themselves upon the large number of peals rung. Now, the question seemed to be rather, whether they should not go in for quality rather than quantity. It was tolerably certain that if peal-ringing continued at the present abnormal rate, some drastic steps would be taken against it. It was extremely important that they should not be selfish in the matter. Peals were rung for the ringers own pleasure. It was a delusion that they were rung for the benefit of the public, in fact, not enough ringing was done in some places for the public. Then there was a limit to peal-ringing. A really good peal rung well by a good band was very much better than several indifferent peals. Also, they should not ring peals for the sake of ringing, and with no particular object. Let them not put peal ringing on one side, but make the peals they did ring worthy, and be sure they were not acting unkindly to residents in the neighbourhood.

Another matter the Chairman touched upon was what the Rector of Birmingham had announced at the Henry Johnson Dinner, and that was that the whole of the band at St. Martin's had applied for admission to the C.E.M.S., and that he had received them all at a special service.

Now, ringers were a very respectable set of fellows, and a great deal of the credit for that fact was due to themselves. But as a body they were shocking bad Church-goers. Let them realize their position as Church officers, and make themselves really members of a Church which needed all their support. (Applause).

A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed in a felicitous speech by Mr. W. Shercliffe, who also moved that they be re-elected. This was seconded by Mr. A. P. Wakley, and carried unanimously. The officers present briefly replied.

Thanks to the auditors and a request for continued services, was ably moved by Mr. W. Fox, and seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Leicester clergy for the use of the several peals of bells, the Rev. R. P. Farrow endorsed the President's remarks about Church-going, but said it had to be admitted that in many places the ringers were badly neglected by the incumbents. Mr. W. W. Worthington seconded, and the proposition was carried with applause, the Rev. F. R. C. Payne responding.

The Hon.-Secretary thanked the Leicester ringers for the arrangements they had made for the meeting, etc. This was seconded by Mr. Bartram, and carried.

One honorary member, and 26 ringing members were admitted.

The Committee recommended that the three quarterly meetings should be held at Oakham, Southwell and Long Eaton, and the recommendation was adopted, on the proposition of Mr. Worthington, seconded by Mr. Bartram,

A vote of thanks to the President proposed by Mr. J. S. Needham, closed the meeting.

In the evening a smoking concert was held at the "Earl Grey" Inn, and was graced by the presence of several ladies, including the Misses Wilson and Sanders, the latter of whom took part in some Bob Major on the handbells, while Miss Wilson acted as accompanist. Songs were given by Messrs. T. H. Hardy, C. Sanders, and others, and Mr. A. P. Wakley tapped a touch of Double Norwich, conducted by Mr. A. R. Oldham, on the piano.

Altogether it was one of the pleasantest and most successful meetings the M.C.A. has ever held.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, when a good muster of members and friends attended from Cambridge, Horringer, Lavenham, Rougham, Great Barton, Ely, Mildenhall, Long Stanton, Thetford, Newmarket, Henley (Suffolk), Fulbourn, Stowmarket, London, Royston, Ickleton, and the local ringers. Ringing started soon after 9 o'clock at Fornham St. Martin, where 720 of Kent was brought round. The fine peal of eight at St. Mary, Bury St. Edmunds, were set going soon after 11 a.m. to Grandsire, Bob Major, and other methods. Owing to services, ringing was stopped at St. Mary's at 12 p.m., and the fine peal of ten at the Norman Tower was then utilised till time for service, which was held at St. James' Church at 12.30 p.m. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. Morton, curate of St. James', and a short and interesting address was given by the Rev. H. B. Woolley, who took for his text Psalm c., v. 5: "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; Praise Him upon the loud cymbals."

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual dinner and meeting was held at the Suffolk Hotel at 1.30 p.m., where the company numbering 67 sat down to an excellent repast. Those present included Rev. A. H. F. Boughy, in the chair, Rev. H. B. Woolley, Rev. W. C. Pearson, and Messrs. T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, P. Webb, District Secretary, J. Taylor, E. Webb, F. C. Turner, A. Symonds, S. H. Symonds, H. A. Turner, W. B. Kempton, W. Doran, T. Fitzjohn, and others.

Letters regretting inability to be present were read from the President The Lord Bishop of Ely, Ven Archdeacon Hodges, Rev. R. F. Wilson, vicar of St. James, and Rev. T. Brocas Waters, St. Mary's. The minutes of the last annual meeting at Huntingdon were read and confirmed, and it was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were then read and adopted, as follows:—

During the past year District Meetings were held at Ely, Barrington, Chatteris, Stapleford, Lavenham and Cottenham, all of which were well attended, with the exception of Barrington and Cottenham.

The Isle of Ely Archdeaconry has made steady progress, and it is pleasing to note that Sutton and Wilburton have rejoined, and we have promises of Haddenham this year. Messrs. A. E. Pilgrim and J. Vail have retired after many years of useful service, the latter owing to an unfortunate accident. Messrs. F. Rowlinson and A. J. Abrams have been elected to fill the vacancies as District Secretary and Committee-man respectively. There are still many towers unaffiliated, such as March, Wisbech

Soham, and others, and we hope they may be induced to join this year.

The Archdeaconry of Ely remains in much the same condition, and does not visibly expand. We regret that Over and Whittlesford have dropped out; let us hope this is only temporary. We welcome our old secretary, Rev. H. B. Woolley, back to Association life, and trust his stay will be long and successful. We cannot speak too highly of his excellent work at Longstanton.

As the result of his energies his church now possesses a splendid peal of eight. Two of the original peal of three have been recast, and five new bells added, at a cost of £300, the work being entrusted to the able firm of Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The bells were dedicated on Nov. 21st, and the first peal was rung on Dec. 12th, the vicar taking part, and ringing his first peal on his own bells. Unfortunately ringing for the present is at a standstill, owing to the cracking of the tenor. We condole with the vicar in his misfortune, and earnestly hope he will soon be provided with a new tenor. Bonn was visited during the summer, where there are abundant signs that the presence of a bellhanger is needed. The Fulbourn company has made great strides, and should, on present form, turn out a good Surprise band.

In the Sudbury Archdeaconry progress has been very marked. The consummate skill which has been shown by the St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmunds, and the Lavenham company, in ringing both handbell and tower peals, has greatly improved the position of the Association. Lavenham and Rougham bells have been rehung by Messrs. Day, of Eye, and are now in a most satisfactory condition. Horringer bells have also received attention. Two new trebles by Messrs. Mears have been added, and the peal rehung by Messrs. Day, thus widening the scope of eight-bell towers. We regret that our late District Secretary, the Rev. E. J. Teasdale, has removed from the diocese, and we tender our heartiest thanks to him for his past services. The Rev. R. L. Gardiner has succeeded him, and there is every reason to expect the District to thrive in his capable hands.

The Hunts. Archdeaconry have suffered a severe loss by the death of the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, District Secretary, and Representative to the Central Council. We desire to record our keen appreciation of his long and faithful service to the Association. The Archdeaconry, though small, contains some energetic members. We commend Mr. C. D. Coleman, and his band on their plucky efforts to keep ringing alive in Hunts. The scarcity of tower bell practice is a great handicap to their progress, and if the fine peal of eight at St. Neots were rehung, they would render a still better account of themselves.

A form of service for use at our meetings has been drawn up in accordance with the Central Council's recommendation, and our President, the Lord Bishop of Ely, gave his sanction for its use on January 16th, 1913. We wish to express our thanks to the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson for kindly drawing up the service, and our regret at his departure from the diocese. Our thanks are also due to the Vicar of Cottenham for kindly entertaining the Association at tea, when it met at his tower last October.

The financial position of the Association is in a very satisfactory state. The balance in hand this year is £16 9s. 6d. as compared with £12 4s. 9d. last year. All outstanding debts have been paid, and we start the year with a clean sheet. The honorary members of the Association contribute generously to its support: but there is a great lack of ringing members, the number of whom might well be doubled in the diocese.

Fifty-eight peals were rung during 1912, of these 26 were on handbells, and 32 on tower bells. The peals were in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob Royal 3; Kent Treble Bob Major 8; Oxford Treble Bob Major 4; Bob Major 14; Grandsire Triples 7; Stedman Triples 1; Minor 18; Doubles 3. Of the Minor peals 6 were in one method; 2 in two methods; 3 in three methods; 3 in four methods; 1 in five methods; and 3 in seven methods. The conductors have been—S. H. Symonds 15 peals; A. E. Moore 11; F. J. Levitt, G. D. Coleman, H. W. Foulger, 5 each; H. A. Turner 4; T. Fitzjohn, 3; F. Smith, B. D. Buttress 2 each; Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. H. Law James, W. D. James, H. Rawlings, F. G. Dewell, A. J. Abrams, and P. Webb 1 each. Congratulations to the Rev. A. H. F. Bonghey and Mr. A. Symonds on having rung their 100 peals, and also to the Rev. W. C. Pearson who rang his 200th peal at Long Stanton. This splendid record of 58 peals is indeed a

welcome change after the small number that were contributed in 1911, and is only three short of the record for rung in 1903.

In conclusion we ask for the generous support and unselfish effort of every ringer in the diocese to do something to help the Association to maintain and increase its influence.

The following officers were elected to serve for this year: General Secretary, T. R. Dennis; Treasurer, F. C. Turner; District Secretaries: Sudbury Archdeaconry, Rev. R. L. Gardner; Archdeaconry of Ely, P. Webb; Isle of Ely, F. Rowlinson; Hunts Archdeaconry, Rev. H. B. Woolley; Delegate to the Central Council for two years, T. R. Dennis; Auditor, W. B. Kempton. Before the election of the treasurer took place the chairman read a letter from Rev. K. H. Smith, announcing his intention of resigning the Treasurership owing to illhealth. Regret was universally expressed at his retirement after so many years of activity in Association work. The Chairman moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded him for past services, which was carried with enthusiasm. An alteration of Rule 9 was proposed by P. Webb that three district meetings be held annually in each archdeaconry instead of one as at present. An amendment was proposed by H. A. Turner that the number be two, and on the amendment being voted upon it was carried by a large majority. New members from Cavendish, Southwold, Halesworth, Slough, Lavenham, Monks Eleigh, Rougham, Little and Great Waldingfield, Hadleigh, Bury St. Edmunds, and Fulbourn, numbering 17, were elected. Votes thanks to the vicars of St. James, St. Mary's, Rougham, Fornham St. Martin, and Great Barton then concluded one of the most successful meetings held in Bury St. Edmunds. Mr. W. B. Kempton collected on behalf of the

Longstanton tenor the sum of 13/1 at the doors, which was gratefully acknowledged by Rev. H. B. Woolley.

Ringling was carried on during the afternoon at the Norman Tower, and St. Mary's touches of Grandsire Caters, and Kent Royal being rung at the former, and Grandsire, Kent, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman at the latter tower.

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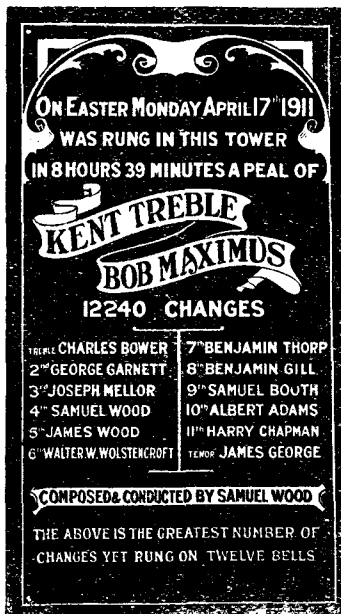
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1913.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The report presented by the Secretary, Mr. T. R. Dennis, at the annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association on Easter Monday contains much to encourage, leavened by a little which, though not discouraging, is, at any rate, not just what it might be if every ringer in the Diocese joined the Association, kept his subscription paid up, and used all his efforts to promote the welfare of the Association. Like all other Associations that for the Ely Diocese was inaugurated for the purpose of promoting belfry reform; to obtain full recognition of the bellringers' office; to cultivate the Art of Change-ringing; and to provide instructors for those that require them. In order that it may accomplish all these things in the very best possible manner it is necessary that every member of every tower should become an active member of the Association. Those who are not with the Association are against it, in the sense that they are setting an example of holding back which others are too apt to follow; thus preventing the officials from doing many things they might otherwise do. Every member of a band who abstains from supporting his Association, and every band that holds aloof from affiliation with it is a weak link in the chain that should bind the whole body together, and helps to hinder the work. So long as there are unaffiliated towers within the area covered by an Association there is work to be done by the officers in getting them to affiliate which might be turned to account in other ways. As an instance here in the Ely Diocese there are many towers not affiliated. Naturally the officers and the members of the affiliated towers desire to see them affiliated, and some of them make efforts in this direction which would be unnecessary if all were in union. Then there is a loss to the Association in the shape of money coming in from subscriptions, and this again helps to curtail the work the Association might do. Then there is the loss of influence entailed by the gaps in the ranks. No army is able to do the work for which it is organised unless every unit is properly in touch with every other unit. In like manner no Association can do its best work in the most efficient manner unless all the towers in

its area are united together in one common bond of fellowship. May we impress on those towers still holding aloof from membership, not only in the Ely Association, but in others, the thought that by so doing they are hindering the senior body in its work. If this could only be thoroughly realised there would, we think, be fewer abstentions, and things would go all the more smoothly in consequence.

The Metropolis.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

On Saturday March 15, 1913, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT ST SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL
(ST. MARY OVERY).

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES. Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lb. in B flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	CHARLES S. BURDEN 7
HENRY SPRINGALL 2	ROBERT W. GREEN 8
WILLIAM TRUSS 3	FRANCIS E. DAWE 9
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 4	THOS. GROOMERIDGE, SR., 10
LOUIS ATTWATER 5	ALFRED B. PERK 11
ARTHUR D. BARKER 6	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

Rung on the eve of the Conductor's 51st birthday, and the peal also commemorates the birthday of Mr. S. J. Jessop, who hails from Birmingham, and of Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Truss. The band wish to thank the Ven. Archdeacon Taylor for granting permission and Mr. T. Marsh for having everything in readiness.

The Provinces.

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

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstons'.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs. in F.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON .. 3
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS 6
JOHN SANDERS 3	GEORGE GARRISON 7
JONATHAN PRESTON 4	THOMAS WELLS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Miss Margery F. Sampson was elected a member before starting, and it is the first peal on the bells in which a lady ringer has taken part. The ringers expressed their delight in ringing the peal.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS. PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES. Being seven 720s, called differently.

HARRY PIGGINS Treble	RALPH NARBOROUGH 4
HORACE BANHAM 2	*TOM SMART 5
STANLEY ANDREWS 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by G. JUTSON.

*Proposed a member before starting. Rung with the bells fully muffled, it being Good Friday. This was the treble ringers first peal.

WANTED.—Peal of Eight Handbells, second-hand, tenor G.—Address REV. F. MOLINEUX, Colyton Vicarage, Devon.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT P. WAKLEY Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN 5
HARRY KENDRICE 2	FRANK SHEPHERD 6
WALTER HAIR 3	W. W. WORTHINGTON 7
JOHN HOUGE 4	ALBERT W. WAGG* Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

*First attempt for a peal. Rung, at the request of the Rector, with the bells half muffled for evening service.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

SAMUEL GROVE Treble	REV. E. V. COX 6
FREDERICK DICHENS 2	REUBEN HALL 7
HORACE BELCHER 3	JESSE SCREEN 8
JAMES E. GROVES 4	THOMAS H. REEVES 9
JOSEPH WALKER 5	*THOMAS FIELDHOUSE Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES, and Conducted by THOS. H. REEVES

*First peal on ten bells. Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Augustus Legge, Lord Bishop of Lichfield, and Patron of the above Society.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Halesworth District.)

On Sunday, March 23 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. Treble	ARTHUR H. TOOK 4
JAMES SPALDING 2	*WALTER KERRISON 5
JOHN O'NEILL 3	CHARLES MOSS Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate the Easter Festival, and also as a birthday compliment to Miss Jane Lambert, mother of the conductor, who completed her 78th year on this day. *First peal of Kent.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Sunday, March 16th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (20 bobs and 10 singles), in 27 mins. J. Watton, R. Leonard, W. Johnson, H. Shipp, D. Shipp (conductor), J. W. Shipp. Tenor 13 cwt. This is the first 720 for H. Shipp.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST PYE 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	JOHN E. MILLER 7
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. PYE.

The above is the 700th peal which I. G. Shade and W. Pye have rung together.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS JENNION 2	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
THOMAS MURRAY 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
HENRY FYLES 4	EDWIN BREEZE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Jennion and Fyles were elected members previous to starting.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE C. COLLINS Treble	JACK BUELES 4
GEORGE A. JONES 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
GUY R. AMERSON 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal in seven methods by G. Collins and G. Jones, and on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. G. W. Mennis, M.A., Rector of the parish.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Halesworth Society).

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. Treble	*JOHN O'NEILL 5
ARTHUR H. TOOK* 2	*JAMES HOWARD 6
JOHN LARTER* 3	HARRY BARTON 7
WALTER LAST 4	*E. AUSTIN HEAD Tenor

Conducted by H. BARTON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

UTTORETER.—On Easter Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. J. Richardson, E. Roberts, A. B. Cope (first quarter-peal), A. P. Cope, R. G. Lewis, H. Willisford, C. Smith (conductor), E. Green. Arranged for A. B. Cope, who was on a visit from London.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS Treble	SAMUEL WESLEY 5
JOHN W. J. COTTAM 2	GEORGE HALESWORTH 6
JOSEPH ATKIN 3	*JOHN BROTHWELL 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 4	CLEMENT GLENN Tenor

Conducted by **GEORGE LEWIS.**

*First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and J. Atkin.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Ancient Society of Painswick Yonths).

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Five Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 7325 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	WILLIAM STAITHE 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	ALFRED WAITE 9
WILLIAM HALE 4	FRANK COLE 10
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 5	WILLIAM HASTINGS 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	HUBERT HANKS Tenor

Conducted by **ALBERT WRIGHT.**

Taken from Shipway. Longest peal on the bells since 1858.

FLIXTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOSEPH MELLOR* Treble	*HARRY WASHBROOK 5
WM. HENRY IDLE 2	ROBERT DAVIES 6
WM. EDWARD RYDER 3	†RALPH WILLIAMS 7
DICK NEWTON 4	JAMES DREYSHIRE Tenor

Conducted by **W. H. IDLE.**

*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

HAROLD A. SMITH* Treble	DICK ILIFFE 5
ERNEST S. COTTON* 2	THOMAS B. SMITH 6
ALFRED BALLARD† 3	FRED. STANFORTH 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	JOHN T. W. KILSBY Tenor

Conducted by **ERNEST MORRIS.**

*First peal †First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the Method on the bells. The Conductor has now called a peal in the Method from every bell Treble to 7th.

GOOLE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILBURN* Treble	*DAVID ENGLAND 5
ARTHUR W. JACKSON† 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
EDWARD PURDY 3	MARK TATE 7
CHARLES W. KING 4	JOSEPH DRAKE Tenor

Conducted by **H. LUDKIN.**

*First peal. †Elected a member of the Association before starting. This peal is the first as the outcome of the monthly district practices started ten months ago.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 8
HARRY BROWNJOHN 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	WILLIAM STOWELL 10
ALBERT STQWELL 5	JOHN THOMAS 11
GEORGE CONDICE, JUN. .. 6	WALTER FARLEY Tenor

Composed by **JOHN CARTER,** and Conducted by **JOHN THOMAS.**

A. E. Reeves's 150th peal.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

and the DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

CHARLES BEECH* Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 7
EDGAR T. SMITH 4	RICHARD DUNN Tenor

Composed by **GEORGE HUGHES,** and

Conducted by **CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.**

Rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Lichfield (Right Rev. the Hon. Augustus Legge, D.D.) *First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor,

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Miss K. HOLIFIELD* .. Treble	G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. 5
H. HOLIFIELD 2	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. 6
W. H. J. HOLIFIELD 3	J. W. WILKINS 7
A. E. LOCK 4	G. CAUDWELL Tenor

Conducted by **J. W. WILKINS.**

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s, viz.: one of Oxford Treble Bob, two each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. Treble	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY 4
FREDK. KILBORN 2	SAMUEL BORDITT 5
WALTER WILSON 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by **E. M. ATKINS.**

First peal in more than one method by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th, who belong to the local company.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT WALLWORK* .. Treble	JOHN WELSBY 5
GEORGE PINCOTT 2	ALFRED POTTER 6
HARRY CHAPMAN 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD, JUN. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by **JOHN POTTER.**

*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peal.

HAGGERSTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At The George IV., Brunswick Street,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6063 CHANGES.**

BRETEAM PREWETT.. .. 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 7-8.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4	WILLIAM PYE 9-10
ERNEST PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.Umpires—R. Sanders and E. E. Pike. The above is the longest
length of Stedman Cinques yet rung upon handbells.

CREWE.—On Sunday evening, March 23rd, for service at Christ Church, 1272 Stedman Caters, in 54 mins. W. T. Holding, R. T. Holding, jun., J. H. Riding, H. G. Holding, W. F. Hartsborne, A. Crawley, G. H. Crawley, J. Dentith, R. T. Holding, sen. (conductor), R. D. Langford. Longest touch of Stedman Caters on the bells, and all the performers are local men.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, for morning service at the parish church, 1092 Stedman Triples. H. Barton (conductor), F. C. Lambert, C. Moss, A. H. Took, J. O'Neill, J. Howard, J. Larter, J. Jolly.

CHEDISTON (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, for afternoon service, several 1208 of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. F. Peck, A. Riches, T. Crane (conductor), H. Pratt, L. Hammond, A. Head.

PUTNEY.—At the Parish Church on Sunday evening, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 46 mins. H. Whanslow (first quarter-peal in the method), J. Herbert, W. Honeybell, C. Collis, jun., G. W. Honeybell, T. Bolton, J. Kent, A. Jones (conductor). Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Whanslow.

HULL.—On Good Friday, March 21st, for morning service at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (with the bells half muffled) in 52 mins. F. Dale, G. Dowling, C. Jackson (conductor), W. Brown, J. Highfield, T. Morton, G. T. Miller, J. Chamberlain, F. Merrison. On Easter Day a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. F. Dale, H. Jenkins, C. Jackson (conductor), G. M. Kilby (Willesden), D. Meadler, E. Cutsforth, G. T. Miller, J. Chamberlain. For evening service 521 Grandsire Caters. F. Dale, C. Jackson, G. Dowling, M. Hedges, F. Merrison, J. Highfield, T. Morton, G. T. Miller, W. Brown, J. Chamberlain.

GRASSENDALE.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 720 London Surprise. T. J. Morris, T. Jennion (first 720 in the method), G. R. Newton, E. Counce (first 720 in the method), J. Turner, J. Allen (conductor).

THE REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ON BELLS AND RINGING.

At the annual service of the Ely Diocesan Association, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, preaching from Psa. cl, 5, said the Psalm was a fit ending to the Book of Psalms. It was a call to praise God with song and jubilant rejoicing, with not only the human voice, but with musical instruments—wind instruments, stringed instruments, and instruments of percussion—drums and cymbals. To the latter, especially the cymbals, he likened our bells. The words of the text formed an appropriate invitation to an association of ringers, particularly at Easter time. Bells were the product of a very high form of art, and were a very complicated form of musical instrument. It was a very progressive art. The rediscovery of the principles of the old Belgian founders had led lately to great advances in the art of bell-founding, so much so that bells which satisfied the ear 20 years ago no longer did so. Ringing was a

progressive art, as might be seen by a comparison of the ringing papers of to-day with those of years ago, and noting the great increase in the number of peals rung. It was only right and natural that ringers should wish to perfect themselves in their art, and that to this end they should practice it to its utmost extent.

It appears that change-ringing is to the ringers what anthems and the higher kinds of music are to a good choir. This beautiful church reminds me of many happy hours which I have spent in it with the choir which was indeed worthy of the building. I can remember, I shall never forget, the beautiful rendering of the music of the Holy Eucharist, and also the anthems. People used sometimes to ask why we had so many anthems and such elaborate music. Well I always maintained that there were two reasons for it.

(1) That if you have a good choir who feel capable of learning and performing good music, you must keep them interested in their art by allowing them to exercise it.

(2) That music is an offering of praise to Almighty God, and as such should be the best that we can offer.

Now this brings me to my second point. My first is that we have met here to exercise an Art. My next is that it is an Art of the Church. It is inseparably connected with the Church, and could not exist apart from it. Ringers as well as choir singers are churchmen and church workers, and they have with them the privileges and the responsibilities of their position.

I remember hearing our dear Bishop Harrison preach at a village not far from here three or four years ago on the occasion of a choir festival. He told us that the choir of a church in Edinburgh were accustomed to practice an anthem once a year more carefully than any other. And when they had learned it they went into the church alone and sang it with closed doors, and never sang it again. It was an offering to Almighty God, to remind them in whose service all their music was rendered.

Now it seems to me that is the spirit in which we ringers should practise our art. In one way we are better placed for realising this than a Church choir. For this reason, that our Art appeals to a smaller circle. Does it not appear to us sometimes that the public at large are rather lacking in sympathy with what I may call the higher phases of our Art? and that they are no more pleased when we ring changes than they would be at rounds and call-changes or, anyhow that they are no more appreciative of a touch or peal of London or Bristol than one of Plain Bob or Grandsire. Well now, my brothers, will not this help us. We have a critic whom it is more worth our while to please than any other. One who has made bells and bell ringing a possibility, and who must have had these things in His mind when He created all things, and One too who is always present, present in every tower, at every practice, at the Sunday ringing. Whenever a peal is started or brought round, who notes all the care and patience and skill that is employed? Who knows every method that has been discovered, and probably a great many that have yet to be invented? An expert and a critic indeed! And surely it is an incentive to us to persevere with our Art, when we consider what satisfaction our efforts may give to Him, what honour our work, if done in the right spirit, may bring to God. "Laus Deo"; "Praise to God." This surely ought to be writ large over all the work we do in the belfry. What does our text say? "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; Praise Him upon the loud cymbals." And then let us never forget what is the first object of the Church bell; to summon

to the worship of God. And those bells that we ring are calling us as well as others to that worship. The Master of the Oxford Guild in his report for the year 1912, has enumerated "some of our imperfections," which though primarily intended for the members of that Guild, will apply to ringers in general. He says: "There is in some quarters still too much justification for the reproach that we neglect the duty of worship." If this be so, let us see to it my brothers, that as far as we ourselves are concerned, this reproach is entirely taken away. Believe me that there is nothing so likely to alienate the sympathy of our fellow-churchmen than for this to be said; and on the other hand there is nothing which will commend our cause and our Art to those who do not understand or practice it, than the fact that we have a real love for our Church, and are consistent in our duties as Churchmen. Then indeed will come the "Golden Age" for which we hope and strive, that we may take our part worthily and acceptably in that great concert of praise to which the Psalmist has for centuries invited the worshippers of the true God. "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; Praise Him upon the loud cymbals." "Let everything that hath breath; praise the Lord."

"Laus Deo."

Correspondence

While gladly throwing our columns open for the discussion of subjects of interest, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

SIR,—I sincerely trust "Plain Bob" has not classified me with the incurables—the fathers, husbands, and lovers of lady ringers—who, he informs us, "are beyond the pale of reason." Both he and "Treble Bob" evidently regard my former letter as meaningless.

A slight printer's error may partly account for it. I wrote: "From a secular point of view, I see no valid objection to the presence of ladies in the belfry." The compositor incautiously substituted the word "similar" for "secular." Surely my meaning is quite clear.

Of course, O valiant "Plain Bob," I am no expert in anything, much less in the Hebrew and Greek languages. I have yet to learn my native tongue. Were I an expert in languages or Campanology, there would, perhaps, be no room in my head for studies more useful. Why I mentioned St. Paul was to provoke a reply from those who know better than I whether such procedure as the introduction of women into the belfry had their sanction or not.

As I happen to be an elementary instructor of change-ringing, and find boys and girls eager to be at the bell-rope's end, I have hitherto endeavoured to ascertain the opinion of others as to its expediency. I found little encouragement official or otherwise, and therefore I tell my female clients to apply to the "Ladies' Guild." At this the girls fix inquiring eyes upon me as though they wondered if "lady ringers" attended Court or not.

As to pseudonymous correspondence, I think it is only fair that when we use the egotistical pronoun "I," others should not be suspected of either our stupidity or cleverness. I notice no anonymous names by those who compose, conduct, or ring peals.

We are getting on, "Plain Bob," and we shall yet have

fun, for then you will write seriously. Here is a little fun or humour of my own. Should I gain permission to teach the fairies change-ringing, and there should be amongst them a young and pretty woman, who can say that Caliban would not fall in love with Miranda! Let Venus but pass the belfry's threshold, Science and Art are soon vanquished, though Campanology would be the least of her rivals.

At Lightcliff, where perhaps the bells are light as well as the cliffs, and the ascent easy, the fairies might progress well enough until Cupid discharged some of his arrows. But I am convinced the average Vulcan loves the womentoo well to encourage them in hurling his thunderbolts. Let us by all means welcome them where modesty and innocence adorn their charms and the environment protect their honour. If the belfry does this, then all may be well.

Yours, etc.,

Chigwell, Essex.

G. F. MARGETSON.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Mr. Trollope's second letter is only more amusing than his first; he has proceeded to "smite me friendly"; it is friendly, I know that, for I know him, and it does not hurt a little bit, because poor man he is only buffeting the air. He says that there is one thing of which, on my own confession, I know little or nothing.

Now, Sir, Mr. Trollope sent me several hundred pages of MS. which proved to be his theory of the extension of methods; the logic was good, and very simple, quite easy to follow, but the premisses were false. I wrote criticisms on the side of the paper to show this, and now Mr. Trollope thinks that I did not understand his argument. I understood it perfectly well; he assumed that 2 and 2 makes 3, and proceeded to prove that 20 and 20 makes 30. The proof is quite correct, but unfortunately I happen to believe that 2 and 2 make 4.

I wrote to him and said, "you and I are engaged in exploring a method; the method is like a lake, and you are explaining the surface in your little boat. You have just about finished the surface, and so you have begun to build a theory; meantime I have explored the surface all over just as you are doing, and now I am down at the bottom in my diving-bell; when I have finished the bottom I shall examine every layer in between, and when I have got all the facts, I may be able to build a theory, but at present I cannot do so, and I cannot see the possibility of doing so, but I do know some facts which you have not found out, and for want of which your theory will not work."

Since I wrote to Mr. Trollope, several years ago, I have been deeper into the matter still, and I am prepared to prepare to prove that Shipway's Royal is Superlative, and that Superlative has nothing at all to do with Cambridge.

Yours, etc.,

H. LAW JAMES.

TO OUR READERS.

In explanation of the blank page in this issue it was reserved for an advertisement the copy for which had not arrived when we went to Press.

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LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15th, a meeting of the Guild was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, when upwards of 50 members attended from various parts of the diocese. In the afternoon many of the members, through the kind intervention of Mr. J. Martin, were given permission to visit and inspect the SS. Mauretania, prior to her sailing for New York. Afterwards a cold collation was partaken of, at the conclusion of which the business meeting was held. The Ven. Archdeacon presided, and gave the Guild a cordial invitation to Walton Rectory for the annual meeting, on June 7th. The Rev. Canon Howson also invited the Guild to meet at Woolton while its fine trees were in foliage. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Master of the Guild, moved that both invitations be gratefully accepted, and at the same time proposed the election of the Rector of Liverpool as a life member of the Guild. Mr. W. Bentham seconded and the members adopted the whole

proposition. Several new members were also elected. Mr. W. Short proposed that a congratulatory letter be sent to Dr. Cherry, a ringing member of the Guild, on his appointment as Lord Chancellor of Ireland. This was unanimously adopted, as was also a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells. A vote of thanks to Mr. W. Davies for having everything in readiness, and the excellent "go" of the bells, terminated a most successful meeting.

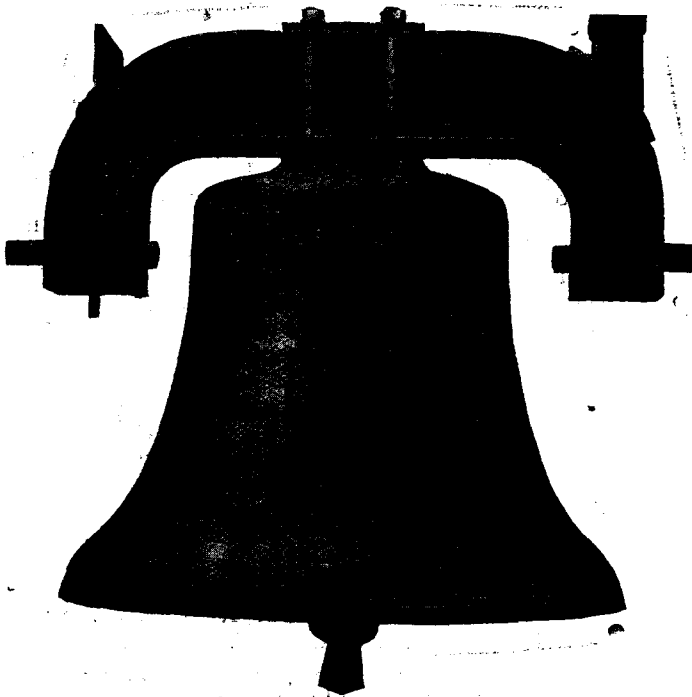
COALBROOKDALE (Shropshire).— On Good Friday, at Holy Trinity Church, for evening service, with the bells half muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, also 420, in 1 hr. H. Aston, W. Jones, H. Bailey, C. Watts, F. S. Downing, W. Lago, W. Saunders, J. Garbett. Composed by John Carter and conducted by W. Saunders. Mr. W. Morgan, late conductor to the local ringers, congratulated the band on the perfect way the bells were struck. F. S. Downing and H. G. Aston were each presented with a gold scarf pin with their initials and 1912 engraved on. The Rev. C. B. Crowe made the presentation on Easter Sunday afternoon.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 1st, 15th, and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 1st and 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd. Also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30. the others at 8 p.m.
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32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, by kind permission of the Rev. C. M. Harvey, on Saturday, March 29th. A service will be held at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, 7d. each with meeting to follow. The business will include the election of a new President, and any alteration of the rules consequent thereon, to make it effective. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John the Baptist (10), from 2 p.m. and St. Andrew's (8) from 3 p.m. All are welcome. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. M. Harvey, Vicar of Hillingdon.
49, Wood Street, Walthamstow. C. T. COLES,
Church Road, Heston. H. C. CHANDLER, } Hon. Secs.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
33, Langham Road, Blackburn. J. WATSON, Br. Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. Motions for the Agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.
5, Fatherson Road, Reading. ALBERT E. REEVES, Secretary.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired to welcome the new Vicar of Eccles on the above date.
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Hampton on Saturday, April 5th. Service in Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Room after service. All intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 1st. Bells (6), 3 p.m.; Evesham, 10, Bengeworth, 6, available from 7.45 p.m. till 9 p.m.
J. HEMMING, Branch Secretary.
10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Tinsall on Saturday April 5th. Committee Meeting at 5 o'clock. Tea at 6 p.m. Service in Church at 7.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. A. Smith, 151, Newfield Terrace, High Street, Tunstall, not later than April 2nd, of how many intend to be present.
REV. JOHN KEAY, } Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON.

The Lancashire Association.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5th, at Christ Church, Bacup. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.
31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom. J. H. HAYDOCK, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leesfield Parish Church on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.
13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham. J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

OBITUARY.

MR. CHARLES HOUNSLOW (OXFORD).

The death occurred on Sunday at his residence, 3, Iffley Road, of Mr. Charles Hounslow, widely known in Oxford as an expert change-ringer and conductor of peals. The deceased, who was 81 years of age, commenced his career as a change-ringer when a young man, and through a period of over 30 years he has taken an active part in the

advancement of the science of change-ringing in Oxford and the surrounding district. He was a member of the Oxford ~~Diocesan~~ Guild (of which he was the treasurer), and the Ancient Society of College Youths. He has conducted peals in various methods at New College, Magdalen, and Christ Church Cathedral, of which there are records in the respective towers and for a considerable period he was the only ringer in Oxford capable of conducting a peal. It was largely owing to his influence and love of the art that change-ringing continued to flourish in Oxford through the period preceding the establishment of the Diocesan Guild, when but for the exertions of a few enthusiasts in the art, of whom Charles Hounslow was the leading spirit, it must have died out.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, at the SS. Mary and John churchyard, in the presence of a large gathering of sympathetic followers. The Rev. C. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild, officiated at the graveside, and following the funeral service, Messrs. Freeborn, A. Fox, T. Payne (Oxford), and F. Hopwood, and J. E. Heard (Reading), rang in an impressive manner, a course of Stedman Triples on the handbells over the grave. There were numerous wreaths and floral tributes.

Amongst those present were Councillor Symonds, Messrs. F. Newell (Reading), G. Holfield, jun. and sen. (Appleton), F. Castle, T. A. Strange (steward), W. Jeffrey, A. Fox, C. Hester, G. A. King, V. Bennett, V. Bennett (secretary), J. Howes, F. Webb, J. Wakelin, E. A. Rivers, and F. Smith.

On the evening of the funeral a muffled peal of Stedman Caters was attempted on the bells of Christ Church Cathedral, which unfortunately came to grief. Following this a short touch was successfully brought round, and the usual whole peal and stand was rung by the following members of the Oxford Society: W. A. Smith, V. Bennett, F. Hopwood, S. Hounslow, A. Fox, T. Payne, C. Hester, W. Stone, W. C. Hedges, G. A. King and T. A. Strange. Conducted by W. J. Smith.

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Donations to complete the fund will be thankfully received by the Vicar, or Mr. W. Doggett, or Mr. H. Croot, Long Stanton, Cambs. *Promised on completion.

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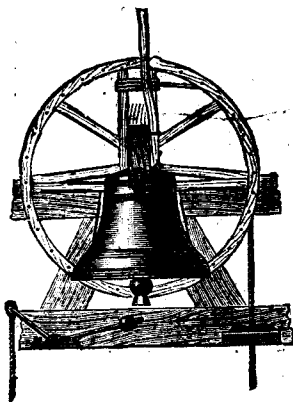
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