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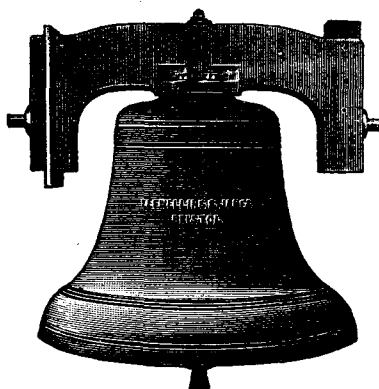
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

What proved to be one of the most successful meetings since the formation into branches was held at Smethwick on Saturday last. It is the first time the above Association has had a meeting there, and the wish was expressed that it would not be the last. It was very noticeable how many young members had a turn at a method of which they only had a faint idea, and there is no doubt that it is to such meetings as these that change-ringing benefits greatly. Upwards of fifty attended the service which was held in the old Church, where a splendid address was given by the Vicar, Rev. G. Astbury. In the course of his address he impressed upon his hearers the necessity of being Churchmen first and ringers afterwards, and he trusted they rang for the good of the Church as well as themselves.

After the service, on the kind invitation of the Vicar, the members partook of tea. After tea, on being asked to preside at the business meeting, the Vicar said how pleased he was to have the Worcestershire Association there for its quarterly meeting, and as it was the first one held this year he heartily wished them a very happy and prosperous one. In passing, he said he was pleased to see so many young members amongst them. It was a healthy sign for the Association. It showed that the ringers were going ahead, which was very necessary for the well being of any Society. He supposed that women's rights asserted themselves even in bell ringing, but he was proud of the fact that he numbered two lady ringers in his band. He thought that perhaps some Vicars might object to having lady ringers, but if they were in doubt about it he would be pleased if they would refer to him for his experience.

Clent was selected for the next quarterly meeting in June. The Vicar and churchwardens were elected hon. members, also thirteen performing and one life member, including the Feckenham company. On a vote of thanks being proposed by the Master (Mr. A. E. Parsons) seconded by Mr. W. Painter, to the Vicar, it was carried unanimously.

The Vicar, in reply, said that the thanks for arranging the tea were due to his daughter and his servants, who gladly undertook the extra work, and the thanks of the meeting was due to them.

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

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District on Saturday, January 17th, was fairly well attended, ringers being present from Brigg, Haxey, Kirton-Lindsey, Misterton, Grimsby and Lea, in addition to the local company. A short service was held in the Parish Church at 4.30, the form of office in the annual report being used, and it was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Letts, who gave a very instructive and useful address to those present. Mr. Alan Stephenson, Mus. Bac. (Oxon.), very ably presided at the organ, and the singing was led by junior members of the choir. Tea was provided at the King's Arms Coffee Tavern, and followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. C. Tinker (Ringing Master), presided. The whole of the District Officers were re-elected, and the following places selected for meetings during 1914 and 1915: March 21st, Haxey; May 16th, Lea; July 11th, Brigg; September 19th, Kirton-Lindsey; November 21st, Corringham; January (date to be fixed later), Gainsborough.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; the Rev. E. S. Letts for conducting the service; Mr. A. Stephenson and the choir-boys for their assistance; the District Master and Secretary for their services; and the chairman were unanimously passed.

The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon and evening, and touches brought round in the methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Sawston on Saturday, January 10th. There was only a small attendance, owing to the bad weather. A short service was held at 5 o'clock, at which the Vicar, the Rev. L. Smith, gave a very encouraging address. A meat tea was provided at the "White Lion," the business meeting following, the Vicar presiding. Several new members were elected, the Vicar as an hon. member. It was decided to hold the Summer meeting at Cottenham. Votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman for presiding and for the use of the bells.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Sawston. He was not a ringer himself, but he knew when they were ringing a method. It was much better than set changes. He hoped his ringers would all learn to ring by method. He would give them all the support he could.

The following places were represented: Cambridge, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Shelford, Hinxton and the local men. Various touches were rung on the tower bells, including Bob Minor, Bob Major and Treble Bob. Touches were also rung on the handbells.

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THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday, January 17th, this Society held its annual meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, in accordance with the usual notice in this journal, when permission to ring at St. Martin's, and hold the business meeting at the Vestry Hall, was courteously given by the Rector, the Rev. Prebendary L. Shelford, M.A., and the churchwardens.

Steeplekeeper Mr. G. Walters was promptly in attendance, but the bells were not set going till nearly 4 o'clock, although notified for 3 p.m., one or two groups of old chums having much to discuss before going up to take a rope together.

The Vestry Hall was found crowded at 5 o'clock; the historical panelling dark with age throwing out in high relief, the faces of old and new members alike. The tables were nicely set out by several lady church-workers, who ably satisfied the eager appetites, and "high tea" concluded with grace by the Master, Mr. James Parker, who was looking well in red sash and pendant medallion, always worn on special occasions.

Supporting the Master were Mr. H. Dains, Mr. F. Bennett (Hon. Secretary), Mr. B. Foskett, Mr. J. D. Matthews, Mr. E. F. Cole, Mr. F. Hairs (Steward), Mr. H. J. Bradley, Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. W. H. Doran, Mr. D. Christy, Mr. R. Warner, Mr. W. H. Fussell, Messrs. W. Hazell, Brightman, Burton, Ruff, Smith, Franks, Miller, and others, totalling up 32, exclusive of the following ladies: Mrs. and Miss Matthews, Mrs. and Miss Bennett, Miss Parker, Miss Johnson, Miss Bradley and friends.

Business immediately followed knife and fork work, and that was also quickly despatched, the Secretary reporting a good balance in hand, compared with past failings, and though small for such an important Society, gratifying to the Trustees, since all peals were booked up to the current year, all accounts paid, together with insurance of property and rent of new quarters for the year, and accounts duly audited by Messrs. Stone and Kelth Hart, and which speak most highly of the Secretary's seven years of office.

A list of subscribers—members and friends—towards the Shoreditch Bells Restoration Fund was read, and a total of £20 paid into the same by this Society.

The Master reported 27 performances during 1913, and the election of 21 new members, several of whom belong to prominent ringing centres. An interesting letter from the Rector was read, regretting inability to attend, and a postcard from Mr. A. Hardy now on his way to Buenos Ayres. A letter from Mr. O'Meara was discussed in reference to an old tablet in St. Michael's tower, Cornhill, almost undiscernable. A vote of a half-guinea was approved with regret the Society could not undertake the whole of the cost of renovation, and approving Canon Ellison's thoughtful efforts to put his belfry in good order.

It was decreed to send a letter of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of St. Martin's for having so handsomely renovated an old peal-tablet belonging to the Society, and re-erected it in one of the main entrances to the church. Still another peal-tablet was discovered, this time in regard to the three peals rung at Shoreditch since the bells were restored by Warner and Sons, and which it is proposed to perpetuate in a panel with particulars of the bells.

The Master fittingly referred to the honour conferred on the Society by being permitted to resume their old position at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and in the invitation

to ring the first peal on the bells in the steeple at Slough. He paid a brief tribute to the achievements of the lady members upon tower and handbells, and approved the election of six more members.

Next followed the election of officers, and a sort of London Surprise arose when it became known that the "heads" were not, owing to business reasons, able to accept office again, although pressed to do so. The Master's place was filled by ex-Master J. D. Matthews, and that of the Hon. Secretary by Mr. H. J. Bradley, with a promise to do his best, the two Stewards being re-elected unanimously. A quarterly meeting at Southgate in April was decided upon, and failing that Edmonton, the business concluding with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

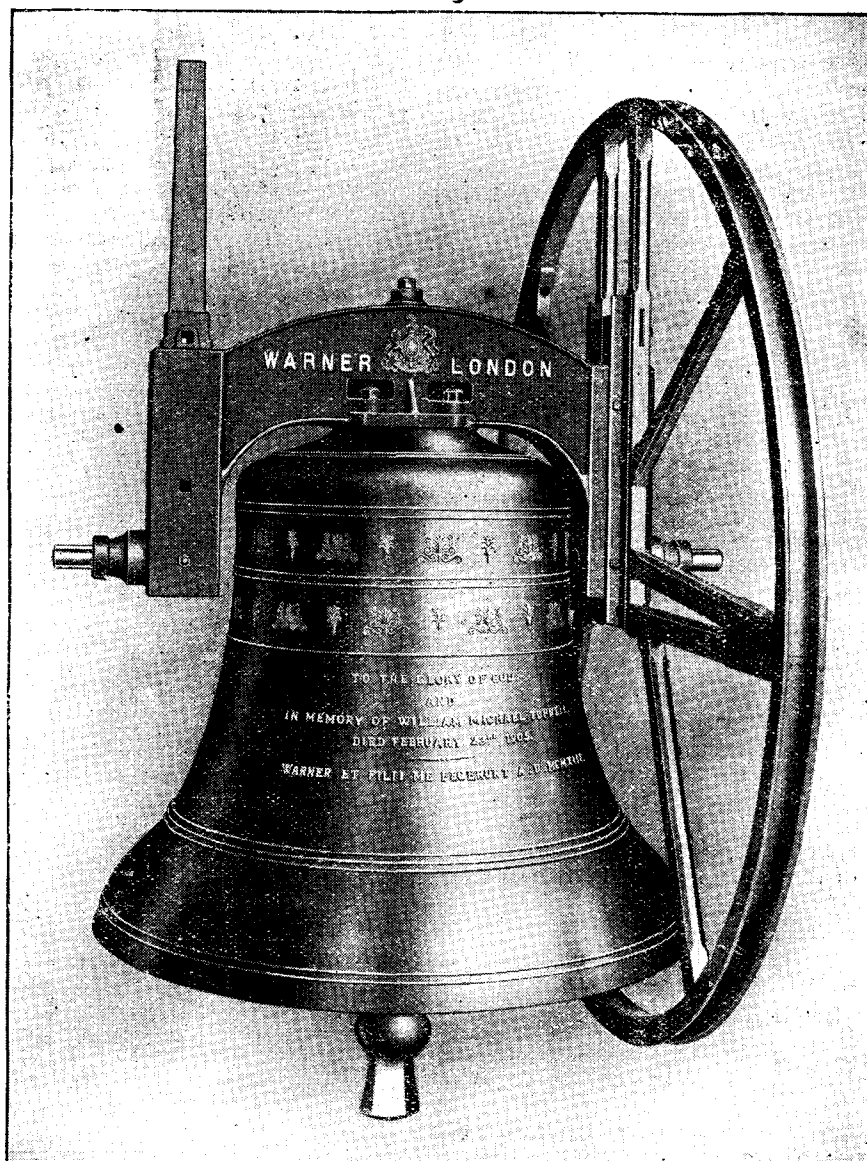
During the packing of effects and handing over keys, etc., some of the younger members again climbed the stairs, and St. Martin's were rolling Stedman sixes till 8 p.m., touches being conducted by both Masters and Miss Masterpiece. Only a few years back such a gathering would have at once dispersed through want of unanimity and quiet quarters. This, however, was no longer the case, and instead of one or two clinking glasses in some secluded far corner, everybody made for the "King of Denmark," whereat this Society now holds forth royally and loyally. For many years a suitable meeting house has been needed, where handbells and the ringers' chorus can be enjoyed without let or hindrance, and in this case, where the room is entered by a private way, is an additional advantage, besides being centrally situated for both East and West towers. The programme of the social evening that followed till 11 p.m. included a course each of Stedman Cinques, Bob and Treble Bob Royal, on handbells. Several interesting songs were given by Miss Parker, Miss Johnson, Messrs. Franks, W. Hazell, Brough, and Barker. The company were also reinforced in the midst of their harmony by friends and visitors from Cornhill, Messrs. Grimes, Nudds, Shimmans, Austin, Ruff, Hunt and Dan, the bonnie steeplekeeper of the neighbouring church of St. Sepulchre.

WALTHAMSTOW (ST. MARY'S) SOCIETY.

ANNUAL DINNER.

On Friday, January 16th, the members of the above Society held their 39th annual dinner at the "Nag's Head," Orford Road, Walthamstow. The company, numbering 25, were well catered for by the Hostess, Mrs. Sheepwash, who provided a very excellent dinner, to which due justice was done. Mr. J. C. Smith, son of one of the members, with some friends, enlivened the proceedings during dinner, and afterwards with selections of instrumental music. After the usual loyal toasts some capital songs were rendered by Messrs. A. Chapman, W. Cookham, A. A. Hughes, T. Watson, F. Rumens, W. D. Smith, and others, also tunes and change-ringing on the handbells, a very enjoyable evening coming to a close all too soon. Mr. J. W. Wilkins, the genial Hon. Secretary, occupied the chair, supported by Messrs. Dunn, W. and E. Pledger, R. J. Maynard and others.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting was held on Saturday last at the church of All Saints, Fulham, about 40 being present, and touches in the various methods were rung on the fine ring of ten. The business meeting was held in the tower at 8 p.m. All the officers were unanimously re-elected as follows: Mr. H. S. Ellis (Master); Mr. H. Mance (Treasurer); Mr. F. A. Smith (Secretary); and Mr. C. H. Hughes (Steward).

It was proposed that the next meeting should be held the third Saturday in March, and with short touches on tower and handbells concluded the evening.

THE BATTLE SOCIETY.

The combined practice which was arranged to take place in December, was carried out at Battle on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., when the Salehurst men turned up in strong force, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Perry, of Alton, Hants. An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. I. Livermore, of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings. It was hoped that other bands would have been represented, but probably the weather had something to do with this. The bells were set going at 7.45, and several touches of Stedman and Grandsire methods were brought round. The members taking part were Messrs. T. Booth, H. Edwards, J. Goodsell, W. Robinson, W. H. Perry, A. H. Hood, and W. Creasey (Salehurst); and W. Franks, W. Thomas, C. Dennis, P. Carter, J. Sinden, and W. Beney (Battle). It was decided to continue these combined practices, and Brightling was fixed as the next venue. No doubt a good deal of good can be got out of these meetings. It enables bands who are short of members for any particular method getting a good practice, and it is hoped that members of other bands will avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by these gatherings.

PRINCIPLE OR METHOD?

To the Editor.

SIR,—The following sets of figures should in my opinion go a long way towards settling the vexed question, "What is a Principle?"

No. 1 System according to an arbitrary definition, is a LEGITIMATE PRINCIPLE; No. 2 System is the reverse of No. 1.

No. 3 System and its reverse, No. 4, according to later dictums, are neither Principles nor Methods, but something more intricate than either.

It will perhaps interest your readers and the Legitimate Methods Committee to learn that ALL FOUR SYSTEMS ARE ONE AND THE SAME; this is easily proved by drawing a diagram of a plain course of each, and comparing, when it will be found that ONE DIAGRAM FITS ALL FOUR SYSTEMS.

In August last year, in your columns, in an article on "Leek Major," I demonstrated the fact that "Leek Major" and "Original Major"—the primary Principle—were closely allied.

The relationship between "Original Major" and the following Systems is also identical, and is definitely proved by the fact that the opposite pairs of bells, *i.e.* 1-8: 2-7; 3-6; and 4-5 have reciprocal relationships throughout the plain course.

This reciprocal relationship can only be retained when ALL THE BELLS ARE WORKING BELLS: as soon as the treble or another bell is fixed with a path different to the working bells, the reciprocal relationship found in "Original Major," "Leek Major," and the Systems given below, is destroyed.

Here it will be well to mention that these Systems are based on FOUR-BELL Principles with superimposed dodging in 1-2 and 7-8. Each division consists of 22 changes, producing a plain course of 176 changes—this being only 16 changes short of the extent on the plan.

There are no adjoining places—reciprocal relationship will not permit of these—and the extent of the Systems, tenors together, is 31,680 changes; with the 6th a fixed bell, 21,120. If bobs only are used there is but one false course-end, tenors together, *i.e.*, 126543. If singles are made use of there are two extra false course-ends: 124635 and 125364.

With the 6th a fixed bell the Systems have clean proof scales, even if singles are used.

No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
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23145867	31245786	12536478	12463578
32418576	32154876	21563487	21645387
23481567	23518467	25163847	12654378
24318657	32581476	52163874	16245738
42381675	35218746	51236784	61254783
43218765	53281764	15263748	62145873
34281756	52318674	51627384	26154837
43827165	25381647	65127843	62518473
34872156	52836174	61572483	65281743
43781265	25863147	16527438	56218734
34718256	52681374	15672348	52681374
43172865	25618347	51763284	25618347
34127856	52163874	15736248	26581437
13427568	25136847	17563428	62854173
14372658	21563487	71536482	26845137
41327685	12536478	75163842	28654317
14236758	15263748	57136824	82645371
12463578	51236784	75318642	86254731
21436587	15327648	57381624	68245713
	13572468		86427531
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GEORGE BAKER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the above for the election of officers, etc., was held in St. Andrew's belfry, Derby, on Monday, January 12th. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the following officers were elected to act for the year 1914: Chairman, Mr. W. Wallace; Committee, Mr. C. Draper, and Mr. E. Clarke: Local Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, Derby.

The Chairman, in his remarks, said he wished to make a suggestion that an attempt be made to arrange a social evening amongst the ringers of the town, as it was desirable that they should see more of each other. He thought a good programme could be arranged both with music and handbells. After a discussion on the matter it was ultimately left to the Committee to form a scheme. This terminated a most successful meeting.

STEDMAN CINQUES.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

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514236 -

413652 S - -

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413526 -

213546 S

314526 -

412536 -

Repeat these fourteen courses, calling first course S5, 6, 19, produces:—

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216354 S -

614352 -

514263 - - -

513462 -

315264 - -

314562 -

312465 -

213564 - -

214365 -

Round at 2, 13s, 15s, in the least number of calls. This peal (in tittums throughout) has the 6th twenty-four courses home, with 6th extent in 5ths on this plan, and the working of 6th in full natural courses. * First course produced with calls at 1, s6, 7, 19:

LUTON (Beds).—On Sunday, January 18th, for morning service, 1386 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. B. Wilson, G. Newson, T. Kendall, H. J. Burgess, W. Payne, C. Wing, A. King (conductor), J. Rookwood. Arranged for Mr. H. J. Burgess, of Toronto, Canada, who was on a visit to Luton. The touch contains the twelve 7-4s, 4-6s and 6-7s.

MELBOURN (Cambs).—On January 19th, 720 Woodbine, in 26 mins. H. G. Wilkerson, W. L. Darlow, A. Gilbert, R. Wilkerson, S. E. Roberts, R. G. King (conductor). Tenor 15 cwt. First 720 Woodbine on the bells.

COGGESHALL.—On January 19th, at the Parish Church, for practice, 672 London Surprise Major. P. Langston, W. Sadler, A. Shufflebotham, F. Claydon, W. Keeble, E. Newman, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott. On handbells, a course of Treble Ten. W. Howell, 1; F. Claydon, 2; W. Keeble, 3-4; D. Elliott, 5-6; A. Shufflebotham, 7-8; E. W. Beckwith, 9-10.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1914

The letter from Mr. O'Meara, in another part of this issue, deals with a matter which, as he says, is of vital importance at the present moment—the question of having work done on bells passed by a ringer engineer before acceptance by the authorities. If the cases he mentions are at all common there is very urgent need of incumbents and committees having restorations in hand consulting some capable judge as to their efficiency, since a ring of bells, once they are placed in a tower, are meant to remain there for many years, at any rate, and to please those who listen to them when rung, as well as those who ring them.

The men capable of advising on the work to be done, and its efficiency when finished are to be found, and there is a list of them at this office, from which names have been supplied upon request.

The band at Silverdale, Staffs, are to be congratulated on their progress. Some six years ago the bells were hung, and a band of cross ringers was formed. This band has since been broken up, and a new band formed with four of the old band as a nucleus. These started change-ringing some four or five months ago, and on Dec. 27th rang their first peal, 5040 Grandsire Triples.

Anent the note in a recent number, it is interesting to learn that a "Thomas" peal was rung at the Church of St. Thomas, Brentwood, Essex, on St. Thomas' Day (Dec. 21st), 1901, conducted by Thomas H. Taffender. The composition was Thomas Thurstan's Four-part peal of Stedman Triples.

Mr. E. J. Dowler, the Hon. Sec. of the Northern Branch, Worcestershire and Districts Association, has removed from 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, to No. 11 in the same road.

The two trebles given by the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Norton, to complete the octave at St. Margaret's, Ditchling, Sussex, are to be dedicated on Sunday, Feb. 1st, by the Bishop of Chichester. The service is at 3 o'clock.

The Metropolis.**LONDON.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,**At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

John H. B. Hesse Treble	Edwin F. Pike 5
Robert W. Green 2	J. Armiger Trollope 6
Alfred W. Grimes 3	Frank I. Hairs 7
Ernest E. Grimes 4	James E. Davis Tenor

Composed by Fredk. A. Holden; and Conducted by James E. Davis.

LONDON.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, January 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,**At Christ Church, Blackfriars,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES:**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

Thomas King Treble	Ernest E. Grimes 5
William Hewitt 2	Maurice F. F. Hibbert 6
Arthur H. Palmer 3	John H. R. Hesse 7
Richard N. Runham 4	Alfred W. Grimes Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, and Conducted by Alfred W. Grimes.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd. This peal was arranged for A. H. Palmer, who hails from Boston.

LONDON, E.C.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill.***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES. 5019 CHANGES.**

Tenor 41 cwt.

Isaac G. Shade Treble	Fredk. Pitstow 7
George R. Pye 2	Maurice F. R. Hibbert* 8
Bertram Prewett 5	Harry Flanders 9
Charles T. Coles 4	John H. B. Hesse 10
Reuben Sanders 5	Alfred W. Grimes 11
William J. Nudds 6	William Pye Tenor

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by George R. Pye.

*First peal on twelve bells.

LONDON.**THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.***On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary Abbots,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.**

Tenor 32 cwt.

Walter G. Matthews .. Treble	Albert V. Selby 6
James R. Mackman 2	William A. Garrard 7
Clarence H. Dobbie 3	Cornelius Charge 8
Henry G. Mills 4	William E. Garrard 9
Ernest G. Stibbans 5	Fredk. J. Redknapp Tenor

Composed by Fredk. Dench, and Conducted by Wm. E. Garrard.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Sunday, January 18th. for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. G. Darlington, G. Andrews, H. Cornwell, G. Maxim, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor), C. Dilley, H. Simmons, R. Smith. On Tuesday, January 20th, 1008 Stedman Triples. W. G. Darlington, G. Maxim, H. Cornwell, F. Jelf, G. Radley, H. Simmons, H. G. Rowe (conductor), C. Dilley. Rung on the second anniversary of the opening of the bells. G. Radley belongs to Broxbourne; the rest to the local band.

The Provinces.**WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.****THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, January 6, 1914, in Three Hours Seven and a half Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 28 cwt.

Robert Fisher, sen. .. Treble	Samuel Hall 6
Robert Fisher, jun. 2	John Barker 7
John E. Gummerson 3	J. Hilt 7
Alexander Shaw 4	Henry Meadow Tenor
Jonathan F. Hall 5	William Major Tenor

Conducted by R. Fisher, sen.

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

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5400 CHANGES:**

Being forty-five 6-scores, with nine different callings, five times repeated in rotation. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

James Morley Treble	Albert E. Ansonbe 4
Luke Verrall 2	Albert E. Edwards 5
Wm. H. Banks 3	Harry Funnell Tenor

Conducted by Albert Edwards.

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

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. Leonard,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 20 cwt.

John Overton Treble	Bertram Head 5
Walter Hayward* 2	Wilfred Overton 6
George Case 3	Horace W. Overton 7
John Elcock 4	Ernest Foxall Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred Overton.

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

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,**At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22 cwt.

John Corrigan Treble	Jonathan Preston* 6
James Jones 2	George Garrison 7
William J. Meers 3	William G. Ellis 8
George F. Swann 4	William Davies† 9
Morris J. Morris 5	Charles Allen* Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by George F. Swann.

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

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Sunday, January 11th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples. G. Alder, W. A. Garraway, W. Henley, G. Martin (conductor), J. Blackmore, J. J. Parker, J. Eldridge, E. Carter. Rung on the occasion of the Rev. T. B. Carter having been appointed that day to the living of Burnham

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

On Sunday, January 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

William J. Carter Treble	Victor R. Williams 5
Fredk. Oakhill 2	James Parker 6
Francis J. Lewis 3	John J. Jeffries 7
George Capewell 4	Charles Mustoe Tenor

Conducted by Francis J. Lewis.

*First peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

A Variation of B. Annable's. Tenor 8 cwt, 3 lb. in A.

Charles Chnrch Treble	George Bennett 5
Rev. William C. Pearson 2	George Fleming 6
George Pryke 3	Albert Fleming 7
Frederick Shipp 4	George Farnish Tenor

Conducted by George Fleming.

*First peal of Major.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qrs. 17 lb. in E flat.

Arthur Edwards Treble	William J. Nevard 5
Robert H. Hayward 2	Wilby Hazell 6
Rev. William C. Pearson 3	James Motts 7
George Dent 4	Henry F. Cooper Tenor

Conducted by James Motts.

This is the first peal of Stedman rung upon the bells, and in the town of Colchester.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE,

THE LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In the Oxford Variation.

Samuel Wood Treble	Thomas Jakeman 5
Chas. Bower 2	Harry Chapman 6
Jonathan Broadbent 3	Joseph Ridyard 7
Benjamin Gill 4	Samuel Booth Tenor

Composed by Daniel Woods, and Conducted by Samuel Wood,

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

Joseph Sykes Treble	Thomas Hamlin 5
Benjamin Thorpe 2	Alban Slatter 6
William Stedman 3	William Kahro 7
Charles H. Perry 4	Tom Page Tenor

Conducted by B. Thorpe.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Bovington, W. Henley, J. J. Parker, A. Bateman, W. Bateman, J. Elderfield, G. Basden (conductor), W. Clarke.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

Arthur E. Campling* .. Treble	William Richardson 5
Fredk. W. Bennett† 2	George Ladd 6
John B. Hallifax† 3	R. Hugh Richardson† .. 7
Arthur J. Farr 4	Rupert Richardson Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin, and
 Conducted by Rupert Richardson.

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

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES:

In the Oxford Variation. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Edward Caunce Treble	George R. Newton 5
Thomas Jennion 2	John Allen 6
George Woodhall 3	William Davies 7
Henry Fyles 4	John Turner Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by George R. Newton.

This peal, which has the 2nd never in 5-6 at a course-end, is the longest length in the method by the band, and on the bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(The Darley Dale Society.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

John Siddall, jun. .. Treble	William Taylor 5
Thomas White 2	Edwin Blackwall 6
Henry Gregory 3	John W. Derbyshire 7
James L. Wright 4	Alfred C. Wright Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and
 Conducted by Alfred C. Wright.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

B. Annable's Bob Major Composition.

Stephen J. Perkins .. Treble	Fredk. Butchers 5
Jim Beach 2	Edwin Lambert 6
George Faller 3	Albert Relfe 7
Andrew Marshall 4	Fredk. J. Lambert Tenor

Conducted by Edwin Lambert.

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

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt.

David Anscombe .. Treble	Arthur C. Otway 5
William Cook 2	Ernest Holloway 6
William H. Corbett 3	Arthur Dean 7
George Cook 4	Richard Kendall Tenor

Conducted by William H. Corbett,

Mr. E. Holloway was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Ernest Stone* Treble	Rev. C. Carew Cox 5
Rev. E. V. Cox 2	Adolphus Roberts.. .. 6
E. Harry Stoneley* 3	Arthur Chambers 7
Morris J. Morris 4	James E. Groves Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. C. Carew Cox.

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

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Oxford Treble Bob.

Harry Wright* Treble	William A. Arnott 4
Arthur Webber† 2	Denison C. Hayward 5
George Orford.... .. 3	William Lee.. .. Tenor

Conducted by George Orford.

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

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Rev. Wm. C. Pearson .. Treble	Charles A. Catchpole 5
Edward Evans 2	Charles J. Sedgley 6
Daniel Prentice 3	James Motts 7
William Motts 4	Charles A. Ward.. .. Tenor

Conducted by James Motts.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles A. Ward, who attained his majority on the 13th inst.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 14 cwt.

Herbert L. Harlow .. Treble	Miss Evelyn Steel 4
Miss Dorothy Steel* 2	Horace Smith.. .. 5
John W. Barker 3	Harry Tysoe.. .. Tenor

Conducted by John W. Barker.

*First peal of Minor (seven methods) inside.

BURNHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 22½ cwt.

James Coram* Treble	Fredk. Iley 5
Alfred Routley 2	Walter Worgan 6
Alexander Evans.. .. 3	Gabriel Chamberlain 7
George H. Fruen* 4	Edward Reed† Tenor

Conducted by G. Chamberlain.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band, and at the first attempt. First peal of Stedman as conductor, and first attempt. The ringer of the treble is nearly 67 years of age, and only took up Stedman a short time ago.

BEDWORTH WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's No. 1.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Oswald J. Hunt .. Treble	William H. Brunsdon.. .. 5
Harry Argyle 2	Thomas W. Chapman 6
Walter Horton* 3	William T. Cox 7
William D. Smith 4	Douglas H. Argyle Tenor

Conducted by William H. Brunsdon.

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

BENGEO, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Arthur Phillips .. Treble	Albert Carter.. .. 4
William H. Lawrence .. 2	Henry Wallace 5
Ernest A. Overall 3	Barnard Patmore.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Barnard Patmore.

HOO, KENT—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Ricks Paine .. Treble	Frederick M. Mitchell.. .. 4
Frederick Hayes 2	William J. Walker 5
John Burles 3	William Haigh Tenor

Conducted by William Haigh.

First peal on record on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

George Alder .. Treble	George H. Gutteridge 5
Richard Buckland 2	George Martin 6
William A. Garraway* .. 3	William Henley 7
Joseph J. Parker.. .. 4	James Blackmore.. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. Martin.

*First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the Rev. T. B. Carter as Vicar of the parish.

MIDDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch).

On Monday, January 19, 1914, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

John Hollows .. Treble	James Arrowsmith, jun.* .. 5
William Berry 2	Tom A. Ogden 6
Thomas Oldham 3	James Arrowsmith, sen. .. 7
Thomas K. Driver 4	Tom Wellens Tenor

Composed by W. Shipway, and Conducted by William Berry.

*First peal in any method; also at the first attempt.

EAST MOLESEY (Surrey).—On Wednesday, January 14th, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Brown, F. Smith, H. G. Naish, J. Howes, W. Halls, J. Baldwin, J. Sparrow, H. Waters. Conducted by J. Baldwin. Rung on the evening of the supper of the Molesey and Thames Ditton ringers.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

William T. Pates Treble	Rev. H. A. Cockey 5
George H. Phillott 2	Rev. C. D. P. Davies 6
Albert W. Humphries 3	Rev. Cyril Jenkyn 7
Rev. G. F. Coleridge 4	Walter Farley Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Cyril Jenkyn.

First peal on the bells, which are a new ring by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Mr. J. Taylor was present during the peal. It is a very musical ring, and the go is splendid. The band wish to thank the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells; also Mr. Tucker for his kind hospitality after the peal.

Handbell Peals.

HAGGERSTON, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1914, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At 129, Brunswick Street,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Bertram Prewett ... 1-2	George R. Pye ... 7-8
Ernest Pye ... 3-4	James Hunt ... 9-10
William Pye ... 5-6	Alfred W. Grimes ... 11-12

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by William Pye.

Umpires—M. F. R. Hibbert, and J. Barry. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Residence of S. H. Symonds, 5, Church Street,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

William R. J. Poulson 1-2	Arthur Symonds ... 3-4
Stedman H. Symonds ... 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. Symonds.

First peal in three methods by all on handbells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At 43, Heath Road.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Challis F. Winney ... 1-2	Hubert Eden ... 7-8
Henry Hodgetts ... 3-4	George N. Price ... 9-10
William Hodgetts ... 5-6	Fredk. W. Brinklow 11-12

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and

Conducted by George N. Price.

Umpires—Thomas L. Simmons, and Willie Roughton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Thursday, January 15th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. D. Phillips, G. Jaye, A. Chaplin, W. Billenness, J. Dale, A. Pye, W. Watson (conductor), C. Barlow. First quarter-peal by ringer of treble. Rung to commemorate the wedding of Mr. Robert Nodes Barber and Miss Charis Margaret Dale, daughter of the Vicar, earlier in the day at the above church.

OBITUARY.

ROBER SIZER LADIN.

We regret to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Gainsborough on Monday, January 19th, at the age of 49 years. He was a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and of the Gainsborough Parish Church Guild, and up to the time of his last illness, about eighteen months ago, was a very enthusiastic ringer. Although he failed to grasp the intricacies of change-ringing, as a tenor ringer, for covering, he was thoroughly master of his work, and could always be depended on for good striking. He had rung the Gainsborough tenor to three peals of Grandsire Triples, and only those who have rung with him know the keen pride and interest which he always took in his duty as a ringer.

Deceased was a native of Epworth, and the funeral took place there on Wednesday afternoon. In the evening, as a token of respect, the bells of All Saints, Gainsborough, were rung half muffled, by F. S. W. Butler, C. H. Baker, P. Ballance, J. C. Tinker, J. T. Ladd, W. Dickenson, H. Torr and W. Ayre.

MR. EDWIN GALLIMORE.

Mr. Edwin Gallimore, a veteran Lichfield ringer, passed away on January 3rd, after a painful illness, cancer in the throat being the immediate cause of death. The deceased was 74 years of age in July last, and had been a ringer at the Cathedral for 55 years, during 35 of which he was captain and tower-keeper. He rung the tenor for a number of years, but was equally at home at the heavy or light end, and had rung about 12 peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters, taking his place in any position, on treble, tenor, or working bell. The deceased was interred at St. Michael's churchyard on Tuesday, January 6th, being carried to his last resting-place by six of his old comrades—Messrs. J. Key, F. Sedgwick, C. Barrett, F. J. Cope, A. Bowler, and O. Sawyer. The bells of the city churches were rung muffled on Sunday and Monday evenings, and half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral were rung after the interment. Floral tributes were sent by ringers and other friends.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

WROXETER (Salop).—On January 4th, 720 Grandeire Minor. J. Gurney, W. Passmore, W. Ashton, J. Young, A. Fullick, C. R. Lilley (conductor). First 720 on the bells. And several 120s of Grandsire Doubles, in which Messrs. Wood, Davis, and Williams took part.

SHREWSBURY.—On January 4th, at St. Mary's church, 252 Stedman Triples with 9-10 covering. A. Teckoe, W. Taylor, W. Brooks, J. Tudor, E. Jones, C. R. Lilley (conductor), A. Fullick, E. Hanslope, jun., J. Wynn, H. Edwards.

CONDOVER.—On December 31st, 210 Grandsire Triples. R. Gallie, C. R. Lilley (conductor), J. Gurney, W. Passmore, A. Fullick, J. Young, R. B. Wood, H. Davis. Also 720 Grandsire Minor with 6-8 covering. J. Gurney, W. Ashton, C. R. Lilley (conductor), W. Passmore, A. Fullick, H. Davis, R. B. Wood, R. Gallie. On January 4th, a touch of Grandsire Triples. J. Gurney, W. Passmore, W. Ashton, J. Young, C. R. Lilley (conductor), A. Fullick, R. B. Wood, H. Davis.

Correspondence

Whilst always ready to insert correspondence on subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

BELL RESTORATION AND EFFICIENCY.

To the Editor.

SIR,—The present wave of bell restoration throughout the country suggests to me something that might be worked into tangible form. At present incumbents are augmenting and restoring their rings of bells with, in many cases, only a committee of Church officials who, not knowing anything of the ringers', or practical side of the question, often err through want of proper advice. I have had the pleasure of being at several reopenings lately, and I have been struck, upon more than one occasion, with the haphazard way in which the whole affair has been carried out. No competent ringer engineer has been asked to assist with his advice, no architect with a knowledge of ringers' requirements (these gentlemen are few and far between) has been consulted, and the consequence is, in many cases, money wasted. I could give many instances, but one or two will suffice. A ring of bells in the City of London were rehung at a cost of some £200, but after that operation they went worse than before, and eventually another firm was called in and a further sum of £200 spent, happily with better results. Here is a case where advice would have been useful, and much more would have been done with the money.

Another instance I will name, a prominent country church, where most of the bells were recast and augmented to 12. Here the authorities passed the work when the tenor, to say nothing of the others, was such that no engineer ringer with any ear at all would have passed it, or permitted it to go into the steeple. There are many men throughout the country who would be pleased to give sound advice and assistance of this nature if asked to do so: I mean capable men, who are in no way connected with any firm of bell founders or bell hangers, who are ringers as well as engineers, and who know a good bell when they hear one. These are the men who would be useful. I have had the privilege of helping incumbents on more than one occasion, and I know of many much more capable men than myself who would willingly give their services in what is a matter of vital importance to ringers generally. Perhaps if some member of the Central Council would bring the matter forward something might be done which would help those incumbents who have no knowledge of the matter themselves. There is much good work being done in various centres by committees who have the advice of practical men of the right sort; but I know of instances where ringers did not like to speak about indifferent work, because they were not asked for an opinion, and the work was consequently passed and paid for. There is any amount of excellent work done, and often without the practical advice that I am advocating, but, of course, it would be invidious to mention names and places in a letter which I hope will bring out the opinions of those more capable than myself. Then, again, I have seen frames put in that are too light for the weight of metal to be carried, and freak bearings about which the less said the better. This matter is of great importance at the present time, or I would not have encroached so far on your valuable space.—Yours etc.,

EDWARD P. O'MEARA.

384, Wandsworth Road,
Clapham, S.W.

ST. JOHN'S, EPPING.

On Sunday last, for Evening Service at the above church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 48 mins., by W. D. Smith, 1; H. Rumens, 2; F. Rumens, 3; H. J. Wilkins, 4; C. T. Coles, 5; W. J. Hazell, 6; A. A. Hughes (conductor), 7; A. Coles, 8. These bells are practically a new peal of eight, tenor 20 cwt. in the key of E flat, and the above is the first quarter-peal on the bells. The framework of English oak was erected in March, 1909. The tenor was put in in February, 1910; the 6th in March, 1911; the 7th in March, 1912; the 5th in Jan. 1913; the treble in February, 1913; the 2nd in December, 1913; the 3rd in December, 1913; the 4th in Dec. 1913.

The bells have all been given by Mr. E. J. Wythes, of Copped Hall, Epping, who has been a munificent donor to the church in other ways.

The work has been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank of the Whitechapel Foundry.

RECTOR AND BELLRINGER.

An application was made to Mr. Justice Ridley and Mr. Justice Bankes in a Divisional Court yesterday, for a rule nisi calling upon the Rev. Richard Meddings, Rector of St. Margaret's, Lee, Kent, to show cause why he should not be committed for contempt of court for having commented upon certain proceedings during their progress in the High Court.

Mr. R. J. Simey applied for the rule on behalf of Mr. Simmonds, formerly bellringer at St. Margaret's. Counsel said that his client was defendant in an action by Mr. Dewes and another, the churchwardens, for the delivery of certain handbells. The defendant claimed that the bells were his property, and that they were given to him by the previous Rector. The present Rector supported the churchwardens, of course.

Mr. Justice Ridley—Why "of course"?

Mr. Simey—Naturally, he would, because the Rector wants them to remain part of the property of the parish. Counsel added that in a copy of the Parish Magazine the Rector had inserted a paragraph which Mr. Simmonds complained of as being calculated to interfere with the course of justice.

Mr. Justice Bankes—How many jurors read the Parish Magazine? (laughter)

Mr. Simey—No one knows.

Mr. Justice Bankes—That is a safe answer.

Mr. Simey referred to the paragraph complained of, in which the Rector said that in a bundle of documents left by the former Rector, he had found indisputable evidence bearing on the churchwardens' claim. There was also a request that every member of the congregation should take in a copy of the Magazine which was "brim full" of wholesome, light literature.

Mr. Justice Ridley observed that he was not inclined to take a serious view of the matter. He thought that it was rather a foolish thing to write the paragraph referred to, but he could not discover anything in the statement that would prejudice the trial.

The application was dismissed.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 18th, at St. Edward's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge, 1280 changes. W. Watson, L. A. Pye, E. Butler, W. Billenness, A. C. Chaplin, G. R. Pye, H. F. Dawkins, E. Pye (conductor). First quarter-peal of Cambridge by ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(St. John the Divine, Kennington, Guild.)

KENNINGTON.—On Sunday, January 18th, for Evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. A. T. Miller, A. Walton, H. J. Walton, T. W. Wyatt, A. S. Miller, T. W. Wall, L. O. W. Wild (conductor), F. J. Jerome. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor. It is also the first quarter-peal in the method by an entirely local band, all the above having been regular Sunday ringers for several years.

ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

EXETER.—On January 17th, at St. Sidwell's Church, 440 K nt Treble Bob, in 58 mins. E. Shepherd (conductor), A. W. Searle, T. J. Bartlett, A. Monkley, W. Vickery, E. Sargent, F. Murphy, W. Richardson.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 14th, for practice, at the Parish Church, 336 Stedman Triples. A. Jordan, G. Gray, J. Luckey, W. Watts (conductor), T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, H. W. Watts. On Sunday, January 18th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Watts (conductor), A. Jordan, J. Luckey, F. M. Butler, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, F. Potter. Tenor 13 cwt.

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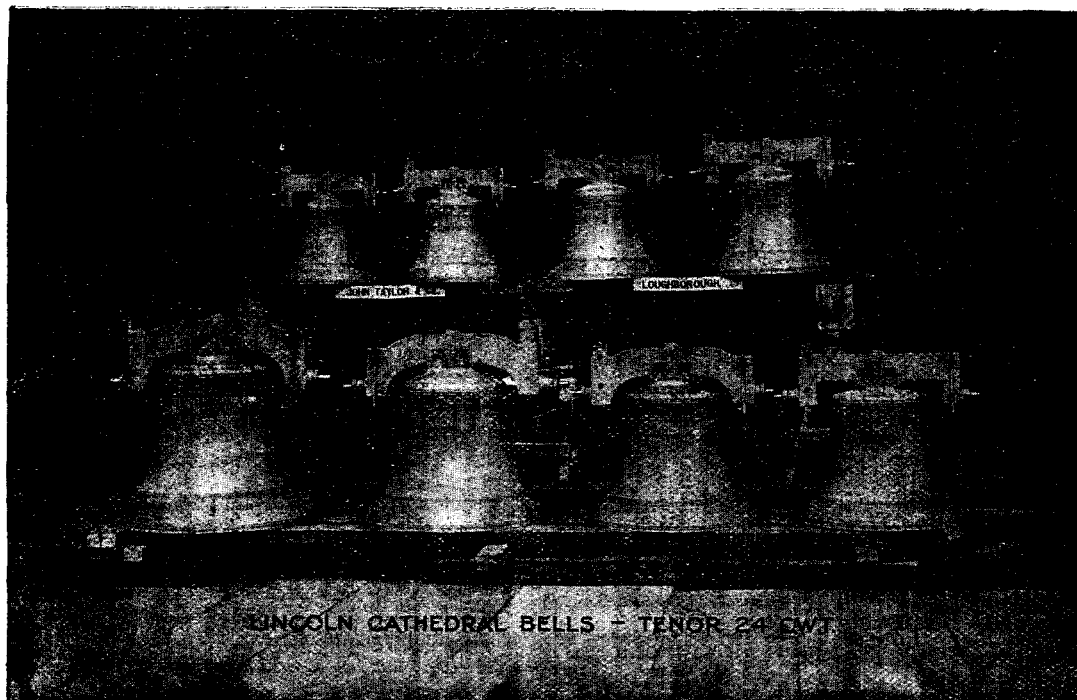
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 29th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A board recording the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on February 22nd, 1913, will be unveiled by the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Ellison, M.A., M.V.O., on Saturday, January 24th, at 4.30 p.m.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peplow, on Saturday, February 7th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each to members who inform me not later than February 4th, their intention of being present. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready at four.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 24th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m.

Shottery.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Essex Association.—South Western Division.—A Bye Meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, January 24th, 1914, bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the "Cross Keys" at 5.30. 6d. each to members notifying me by Wednesday, Jan. 21st. Hornchurch bells available after tea. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.

32 Verulam Avenue,
Walthamstow, N.E.

H. Rumens,
Hon. District Secretary.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Hunts. District.—Meeting at Hemingford Grey, Saturday, January 24th. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 at the Old Schools. Bells—Hemingford Grey (5) and Abbots (6).

Long Stanton, Cambs.

Rev. H. B. Woolley, Dist. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, January 24th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.

6 Tavislock Crescent, Luton.

A. King, Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on January 24th, at Hertford, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. All Saints (10), St. Andrew's (8), and Bengoe (6). All members and friends will be made welcome. Meet St. Andrew's first. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30, 6d. per head. W. H. Lawrence, Dist. Sec.

Little Munden.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, January 24th.

John W. Barker, Dist. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 31st. Tower open at 2.30. Committee Meeting in the Parish Room at 4. Service in Church at 5. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.45, followed by general meeting; 6d. each will be charged for the tea. All members

intending to be present must notify the Dist. Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 28th. Members who have a copy of the Association's form of service are requested to bring it.

W. Latter, Hon. District Sec.

11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Reigate on Saturday, January 31st. St. John's Redhill (8 bells), open for ringing from 3 to 4 p.m. Reigate Parish Church (10), open from 4.15 to 5.15 p.m. Service at Reigate at 5.15, taken by the Rector. Tea at 6, in the Parish Hall. Business meeting after, to be followed by ringing till 9.30.

Bell Foundry, Croydon, Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, January 31st. Bells available at 3. Short service with address at 5.30. Tea, 9d. at the Coffee Tavern, opposite the Church, at 6. Those intending to be present please send word not later than Tuesday, Jan. 27th, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

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

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, February 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel at 5.30, at 10d. each to members notifying me by Wednesday, February 4th.

William Watts, District Secretary.

Mont House Cottage, Stansted Essex.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wooburn, Bucks, on Saturday, February 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.15. Preacher—Rev. R. Unsworth, Vicar. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 5.45. Tea will be provided free to all members who send in their names before February 4th to

R. Coles, Hon. Sec.

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Chelmsford (Essex).—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursday at 7.30, and on the last Saturday in each month, also at 7.30 p.m. Ringing on Sundays will be for Morning Service 10 to 11 a.m., and Evening Service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.

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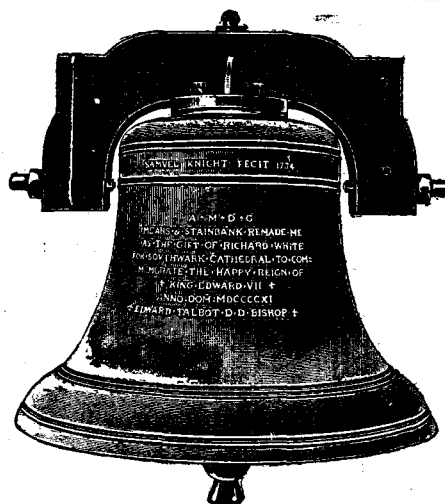
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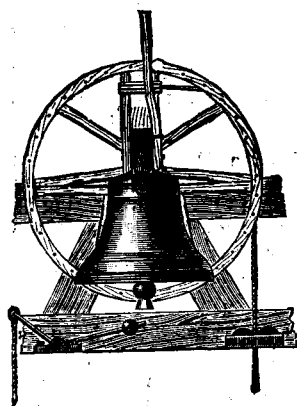
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