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CROYDON, Surrey.

BELLS,

CLOCKS,

CARILLONS.

At St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) completely rehung by:—

GILLETT & JOHNSTON.

The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record Peal wrote:—

"Your work to this Bell is a SPLENDID CREDIT to you."

James George,
April 18th, 1911.

THE ANALYSIS.

We return this week to the subject of the Central Council meeting. We commented, at the time, upon the fact that in all that transpired at that gathering very little was actually done in the way of "legislation." There was plenty of talking, and the most prolific source of discussion was the peal points. For years this matter has been a bone of contention, and at meeting after meeting the Central Council have hammered away at the matter without coming much nearer a satisfactory solution. They have had a committee sitting upon the subject, and when at last the committee were able to put their views into concrete form and report they find them promptly thrown overboard for a scale suggested by members of another committee. Upon which of the two formulas is the better we need not here dilate. Those who have studied them will have got their own views upon the subject. The only thing that seems certain is that neither will give general satisfaction. If one could get a perfect formula it would unquestionably be far better than a haphazard way of allotting points of value for peals, and to that end the Council are aiming. At present, however, the six bell men feel that they are not treated sufficiently generously compared with the ringers on the higher numbers, while the ten and twelve bell companies feel aggrieved that Minor is allowed to count so much. And so, we believe, it will always be in one direction or another, if not in regard to the number of bells, then in respect to the class to which methods should be allocated, because different people have different views as to the complexity of a method. But the Council are striving, and some day, perhaps, they will arrive at a solution of the vexed problem which will have the approval of a majority.

The question of peal points affects only the analysis, which is built up on the peal values, and with the mention of the analysis we cannot refrain from again referring to the question of the inclusion of the peals published in "The Ringing World." We had not intended commenting further upon this subject, for having expressed our view, we intended leaving the matter to the judgment of the Exercise. But circumstances alter cases. At the Council meeting a member of the Analysis Committee moved the deletion of that part of the resolution relating to "The Ringing World" which asked for the inclusion in the analysis of peals published in this paper. Two other members of the committee objected to that same part of the resolution on the ground of the extra labour which would be involved, and the amendment was carried. If resolutions means anything, that amendment was intended to exclude from the analysis peals which happened to be published only in this journal. At least that is what we believe it conveyed to the average mind. But now we learn

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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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—naturally with the greatest satisfaction—that the Analysis Committee have no intention of leaving out of their calculations the peals published exclusively in this paper. This is on the authority of the letter which appeared in our columns last week from Mr. Arthur King, a member of the committee. There is no need to extend the controversy upon the subject. "The Ringing World" is to be recognised, but it certainly is a little surprising, to put it mildly, that all the opposition should have been raised at the Council meeting if, after all, there is no purpose in it? At any rate, it is satisfactory to learn that our readers will have their peals included in the analysis.

CORONATION PEALS.

The following peals were rung in honour of the Coronation of their Most Gracious Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

*ROBERT WEBSTER (age 16)	*Treble*	ALBERT SIMPSON	5
FRED. P. HOWCROFT	2	WILLIAM T. ROBSON	6
ALBERT R. WEBSTER	3	JOHN LOWREY	7
ARTHUR TEMPLE	4	CHARLES E. S. WILSON	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES, and
Conducted by ALBERT SIMPSON.

* First peal. Also rung as a farewell compliment to the ringer of the 4th, who is leaving the town.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM HILLMAN	*Treble*	EDMUND H. LINDUP	5
JOHN H. PAICE	2	ARTHUR ARNELL	6
BENJAMIN BASSETT	3	ALFRED W. GROVES	7
GEORGE J. NORRISS	4	FREDERICK LINDUP	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM MORGAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN	5
WILLIAM D. ALLAN	2	EDWARD THOMAS	6
WILLIAM ROBERTS	3	ALBAN E. SLATTER	7
FRANK OHAVE	4	JAMES SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

CROSTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 3. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM DALTON	*Treble*	JOHN HOUGH	5
THOMAS WHITTLE	2	JOHN ASCROFT	6
WILLIAM BANNISTER	3	PHILIP ASCROFT	7
THOMAS DALTON	4	JAMES ASCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS DALTON.
Rung between the hours of 4 and 7 in the morning.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

CHARLES PALMER	*Treble*	ROBERT J. DAWE	5
JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A.	2	ALFRED J. TURNER	6
ALBERT D. STONE	3	KEITH HART	7
*WILLIAM PALMER	4	JAMES A. HART	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* 150th peal.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two Six Score, with 7, 6, 8 covering. Tenor 20 cwt.

*F. R. HOARE	*Treble*	W. S. B. NORTHOVER	5
*T. A. KENWAY	2	*E. J. MANUEL	6
W. J. LEALLEY	3	*G. R. WALDREN	7
T. H. BEAMS	4	G. H. MARSH	*Tenor*
		*A. G. SANSOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. H. BEAMS.

* First 5000. This peal was completed at 7.20 a.m.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, June 23, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

E. J. BOTTLE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	5
†WILLIAM SPICE, Junr.	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6
ALBERT J. DAY	3	WILLIAM SPICE, Senr.	7
GEORGE H. SPICE	4	*HORACE WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SPICE, Senr.

* First peal. † First peal on eight with a bob bell.

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, June 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lbs.

GEORGE R. PYE	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
REV. E. V. COX	2	JAMES GEORGE	6
*REV. O. CAREW COX	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method, and first peal of Major on the bells This was the conductor's 700th peal.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST G. WILSON	*Treble*	JAMES BAXTER	5
WILLIAM T. HOLMES	2	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT	6
ROBERT STEPHENSON	3	ALBERT SIMPSON	7
JOHN CHILTON	4	THOMAS METCALFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL	*Treble*	*FIRTH HOPWOOD	5
WILLIAM WOODHEAD	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON	6
WILLIAM B. SMITH	3	FRANCIS WOODHEAD	7
GEORGE NAYLOR	4	JOSEPH BROADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in G.

HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM HEWETT	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	3	ISAAC EMERY	7
*THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb., in E.

WILLIAM LETTY	*Treble*	HENRY WOOD	5
GEORGE W. ATKINSON	2	THOMAS METCALFE	6
JOHN G. HALL	3	WILLIAM JACKSON	7
GEORGE WINDSOR	4	GEORGE JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

The conductor's 100th peal for this Association.

CHESTER.

On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH (WITHOUT THE WALLS),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

*WILFRED E. WAINWRIGHT	*Treble*	HENRY DEW	5
EDWARD HARRISON	2	ERNEST E. CHANNELL	6
HENRY W. WILDE	3	WILLIAM SCONCE	7
ROBERT SPERRING	4	THOMAS ROWLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. The attempt for this peal had to be postponed on two occasions.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FIRMIN'S,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY SEAR	*Treble*	FREDK. J. MYNARD	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	LEONARD HURLOW	5
JOHN LOVELL	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD, EVESHAM.

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HENRY J. PHIPPS	*Treble*	JAMES HEMMING	4
HERBERT JORDAN	2	RAYMOND YOUNG	5
THOMAS EDWIN	3	FREDERICK JORDAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK JORDAN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Woodbine and Violet, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN KEATS	*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON	4
THOMAS JENNION	2	JOHN TURNER	5
ROBERT HURST	3	JOHN ALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ALLEN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE R. MANNING	*Treble*	*HENRY J. CREED	4
ALBERT J. SHATTOCK	2	FRANK WAYGOOD	5
*EDWIN ELSON	3	ISAAC CREED	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

WEMBDON, SOMERSETSHIRE.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in F sharp.

W. EVANS	*Treble*	B. T. JEANES	4
T. DOBLE	2	A. E. COLES	5
E. C. SWEET	3	W. S. DOBLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. COLES.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented and rehung by Messrs. T. Doble & Son, of Taunton.

GEDNEY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, June 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six Scores. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HILLIAM	*Treble*	HARRY V. FLETCHER	3
REV. C. J. STURTON	2	ARTHUR J. FARR	4
JOHN B. HALIFAX	5		

Conducted by J. B. HALIFAX.

This is the first peal on the bells which have recently been tuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughboro'.

OTHER PEALS.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH	*Treble*	JOSIAH MORRIS	6
JOHN OLDHAM	2	RICHARD H. BARTRAM	7
CHARLES H. FOWLER	3	EDWARD READER	8
FRED H. DEXTER	4	ALFRED MARTIN	9
*ERNEST MORRIS	5	THOMAS TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER, and
Conducted by E. READER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. * First peal of Stedman.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt., in E.

EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	*Treble*	ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN	6
GEORGE E. WILSON	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
HENRY T. WILSON	3	JOHN D. MATTHEWS	8
*WILLIAM DUDLEY	4	WILLIAM SHIMMANS	9
FRANK HAIRS	5	ARTHUR N. HARDY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. DAVIS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS	*Treble*	THOMAS BALDWYN	5
JOHN AUSTIN	2	JOHN W. DAVIS	6
ALBERT GOLDING	3	GEORGE CONDICK, Senr.	7
NOAH REES	4	FREDERICK SANDFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. W. Fisher, who for many years was one of the local band. The ringers acted as bearers at the funeral and rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT EMMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs.

*WILLIAM HOBBS	*Treble*	JOSEPH WOODLEY	5
ERNEST W. MARSH	2	GEO. HARRY MYERS	6
HAROLD BENNETT	3	FRANK DUNAWAY	7
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE	4	†EDWARD LINDESAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. HARRY MYERS.

* First peal away from Tenor. † First peal.

BOLSOVER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, June 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14¾ cwt., in G.

SAMUEL WESLEY	*Treble*	FRANK JACOBS	5
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2	FRED. R. KETTLEBORO	6
CHARLES MASON	3	GEORGE W. BEMBROSE	7
EDWARD ROBBINS	4	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. F. H. Webb-Peploe to the Vicariate of Bolsover. Also to celebrate the marriage of Mr. J. J. Moss to Miss E. Cousins, which took place on June 24th.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE WILSON	*Treble*	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
FREDERICK J. SMITH	2	CHARLES F. BAILEY	6
NORMAN R. BAILEY	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT	4	JAMES G. RUMSEY	*Tenor*

Composed by the late CHAS MIDDLETON, of Norwich, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal of Cambridge rung in Norwich. J. G. Rumsey's 100th peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER	*Treble*	CHARLES PALMER	5
JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A.	2	FRED HAYES	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
GEORGE GATLAND	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM WARD	*Treble*	SIDNEY BARRON	5
HAROLD BROWN	2	FIRTH HOPWOOD	6
DICK THORNTON	3	FRANCIS BARKER	7
SMITH COLLINSON	4	WALTER TOTHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

* First peal.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JOSEPH BAILEY	*Treble*	EDWARD C. GOBEY	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	J. CHARLES DICKEN	6
‡ALBERT H. WARD	3	†NEVILLE WIDDOWSON	7
*ERNEST H. CLARKE	4	BART MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal as conductor in the method.

THORVERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED MONKLEY	*Treble*	*FREDERICK J. MILFORD	5
*DR. C. DE Z. MARSHALL	2	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW	6
FRANK J. DAVEY	3	REV. E. V. COX	7
*HENRY CORRY	4	*ROBERT B. FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.

* First peal and members of the local band.

SOUTHGATE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

*ALFRED DODSON	*Treble*	JOHN ARMSTRONG	5
*HERBERT ARMSTRONG	2	JOHN E. MILLER	6
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	3	WILLIAM PICKWORTH	7
GEORGE BESTER	4	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, the former on his 21st birthday.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, June 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Grandsire, and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*EDGAR SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT	4
GEORGE HUGHES	2	†JOHN C. ADAMS	5
JAMES E. GROVES	3	*WILLIAM D. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal with a bob bell.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford (Treble Bob), Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

BERNIE SADDINGTON	*Treble*	GEORGE LINES	4
*ARTHUR PETTIT	2	ALFRED H. MARTIN	5
FRED WILFORD	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble on attaining his 21st birthday, the band wishing him "Many happy returns."

HILPERTON, TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six Scores. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*F. C. RICH	...Treble	J. FRANCIS	4
G. H. HARDING	2	S. J. HECTOR	5
A. K. HARRISON	3	*L. P. SMITH	...Tenor

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal. A. K. Harrison was elected a member of the above Association previous to commencing.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES	...Treble	PERCIVAL J. STOKES	4
*REGINALD SCOTT	2	ARCHIE C. STOKES	5
ARTHUR PALMER	3	ARTHUR MACKEARS	...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal.

OAKLEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 Six Scores each of Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE THEW	...Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON	3
HERBERT ROBINSON	2	PEARL INSKIP	4

HERBERT L. HURLOW ...Tenor

Conducted by H. W. GAYTON.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY,
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5127 CHANGES;

CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Senr.	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 9—10.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.
On Monday, June 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

†J. SPARROW	1—2	A. E. MOORE	5—6
H. A. TURNER	3—4	*E. LEVITT	7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by A. E. MOORE.
Umpire, F. LEVITT.

* First peal. † First peal double-handed.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 7777 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Senr.	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 9—10

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, H. CLARKE.

J. Hunt's 250th and the Conductor's 200th peal.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, June 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. E. CHAPMAN, 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.
Umpire, ALBERT V. INNES.

* First peal of Grandsire "in hand."

For the handbell peal at Bury St. Edmunds, on June 14th, Messrs. H. A. Turner and J. Sparrow were the umpires.

The peal at Erdington, published last week, should have been credited to the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and not to the Warwickshire Guild.

PEAL TABLET AT HIGHER WALTON.

A marble tablet was erected on June 20th in the tower of All Saints' Church, Higher Walton, to commemorate a peal of Minor, which the local ringers accomplished on November 12th. This is the fourth tablet of the kind now in this belfry. It is 18 years since the last peal was rung on these bells, as peal ringing was little thought about for a time, through nearly all the old band leaving from one cause or another. Great credit is due to this young company, for the ringing throughout was splendid. The tablet contains the following inscription:—"Change ringing. On Saturday, 12th November, 1910, the parish ringers rang 5040 in the following seven methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London New Single, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury and Bob Minor. 1, Matthew Livesey (conductor); 2, James Clarke; 3, Charles Clarke; 4, James Eccles; 5, William King; 6, Fred Harwood. Weight of tenor 16¾ cwts. Time 3hrs. 2mins. W. Rose, W. Ferrier, wardens; Geo. Bladon, B.A., Vicar."

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THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

On Page 186 of "The Ringing World" I explained how to ring the plain course of Bob Doubles, which has four leads of ten changes each before the bells return by natural sequence to the rounds from which they started. On four bells the full extent of the changes (24) is got by the simple method of a bell making 2nd's place each time the treble leads its whole pull. We applied the same method to obtain the plain course on five bells, but this is only 40 changes, or one-third of the extent. How, then, are we to get the other 80 changes? This is done by means of what is called a "bob," which is merely an exclamation to indicate when the alteration of the work is to take place. A bob in Bob Doubles removes the place made when the treble leads from 2nd's to 4th's; and affects the work of three bells.

PLAIN LEAD.		BOB LEAD.	
35241		35241	
32514		32514	
23154		23154	
21345		21345	
12435	2nd's place	12435	4th's place
12345		14235	
21435		41325	
24153		43152	
42513		34512	
45231		35421	

Now observe how the work of the bells is changed. The 2nd, passing the treble in 1-2, instead of making 2nds hunts straight out behind (called "running out") and lies a whole pull; the 3rd, passing the treble in 2-3, instead of dodging in 3-4 up, makes 4th's place (called "making the bob") and returns to lead; and the 4th, turning the treble from behind, instead of dodging in 3-4 down, hunts straight in to lead (called "running in").

If at the end of the plain course, then, a bob be called, it will carry the bells on for another 40 changes, when another bob must be called to avoid a repetition, and at the end of the second there must be another bob to carry the bells yet another course, at the end of which again another bob will bring the bells into rounds, and give the complete 120 changes without repetition. In pricking changes on paper a bob is indicated by — and as the work between each treble lead is the same it is usual, when giving the figures to show where bobs are to be called in a touch or peal, to give only the last row of the treble lead, omitting the treble itself because that bell falls in the same place each time. The plain course, which I have previously given in full, can be indicated by the lead ends thus :—

2345
3524
5432
4253
2345

To show by the leads ends, the extent on five bells, we have simply to put a bob at the end of each course :—

	2345	4235	3425
	3524	2543	4532
	5432	5324	5243
	4253	3452	2354
Bob, or —	4235	— 3425	— 2345

The place at which the "bob caller" or "conductor" calls the bobs in order that the other ringers may have due notice when to change the order of their work, is at the hand-stroke before the treble leads.

"Ringer."—A reply next week.

"R. E." (Wolverhampton).—Thanks for your card giving shorter way of bringing the bells into rounds, by use of singles, than that given in "The Beginners' Corner" last time, but my purpose was to indicate in the simplest fashion the application of the rules I had given. The introduction of singles generally complicates matters for beginners. CONDUCTOR.

ATTEMPT FOR A "LADIES' PEAL."

A MISSED "BOB" ENDS THE RINGING.

Christ Church, Cubitt Town, E., was the rendezvous on Saturday last for the first attempt ever made by a band of ladies to ring, unaided, a peal of 5000 changes. The bells are a merry ring in G, with a tenor of 12½ cwts. Owing to the distance many had to travel on the various railways it was four o'clock when the band had all arrived on the scene of action. After their photos had been taken, a start was made, but it was obvious that something was wrong with the 7th. Mr. A. Hughes (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) was present, and on investigation it was found that the wheel was rubbing on a shutter recently put in the tower. The conductor, or conductress (Miss Nellie Gillingham), intended to ring the 7th, but, not feeling any too well, she was persuaded to exchange for the 5th. The bells got away into changes with a good swing, and the tapping was excellent, but, alas for the exchange, at the part-end the bells ran into rounds, a bob being inadvertently omitted. Thus ended the first attempt, but from the manner of the ringing there is not much doubt that this band will ring the peal. The Vicar kindly provided tea for the ladies and friends (who included Messrs. James Parker, W. Willson, W. Gillingham, J. Waghorn and W. Shepherd), and will be delighted to see the peal consummated on his bells. All things considered, everyone was satisfied that much good had been done in bringing the ladies together, and to understand one another's style of ringing, and this will count for something in the near future. The band was stationed as follows:—

Miss E. N. Belcher (Chipping Norton) 1, Miss Mary Nightingale (Blewbury) 2, Miss Lilian A. Willson (Leicester) 3, Miss Alice White (Basingstoke) 4, Miss Nellie Gillingham (Portishead) 5, Miss Mary Jukes (Portishead) 6, Miss Edith Parker (Edmonton) 7, Miss Clara Beasley (Edmonton) 8.

In the evening, six of the ladies returned to the tower with Mr. James Parker and Mr. W. Willson, when touches of Double Norwich and two touches of Stedman Triples were rung, Miss Edith Parker conducting. The band desire to thank Mr. Parker and his talented daughter for the great trouble in arranging the attempt, and trust to meet with success at the next venture.

The Misses Parker, White and Beasley rang at Edmonton on Sunday morning, while the Misses Parker, White and Nightingale visited St. Paul's Cathedral in the afternoon. Miss White also rang Stedman Triples and Caters at Greenwich in the evening, while in the afternoon, at the residence of Mr. F. Bennett (New Cross), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Miss E. L. Bennett (first quarter-peal) 1—2, W. Shepherd (conductor) 3—4, F. Bennett 5—6, Miss Alice White 7—8.

WHERE BELL RINGING IS RISKY.

A gentleman, who has spent many years in Spain, gives some interesting particulars regarding the bell ringers of Seville: "The bells of the Giralda in Seville," he says, "are rung by men at the peril of their lives. Instead of pulling at ropes the ringers actually stand astride the huge bells and sway them to and fro to keep the hammers going. It is work such as could only be performed by men whose nerves, muscles, and power of balance were thoroughly sound. Sometimes a bell will be swinging right outside of the bell tower with its daring ringer perched on top. It is not only the professional bell ringers, however, who go through these dashing gymnastic feats; for the young gentlemen of Spain occasionally ascend the tower in order to ring the bells after the style of the professional ringers, a feat of which it is allowable to boast afterwards."

RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SATURDAY, JULY 15th.

Our suggestion for a special day for church bell ringers at the Crystal Palace has been welcomed by members throughout the Exercise wherever they are within reasonable reach of this national resort, and by many who will have to make long journeys in order to be present. The Festival of Empire is one of those events in which most people desire to participate, and the opportunity for ringers to foregather upon a special occasion was too good to be lost. Our efforts have been directed, therefore, to arranging for our friends to enjoy the multifarious attractions which this great exhibition offers, at a minimum of expense, and in the greatest comfort.

This scheme for drawing ringers together at an event of national interest is unique in the annals of the Exercise, and while we have been anxious that the arrangements should be the most convenient for the large party that we confidently expect, visitors will be absolutely free to enjoy themselves as they please. There will be no formalities; all we hope is that those who avail themselves of the opportunity will spend a right good time. This much we can promise them, they will find no lack of entertainment. The pageant, which all should make an effort to witness, provides a spectacle which almost defies description, and in itself is worth going all the way to see.

Arrangements have been made for the use of the Concert Hall exclusively for ringers and their families and friends, so that there may be a common place of rendezvous, and at 4 o'clock in this spacious hall there will be an informal "at home," so that old friends may meet.

DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS.

While the railway companies could not be induced to grant cheap travelling facilities to individuals for this occasion, parties of not less than eight travelling together will be able to obtain return tickets at single fare and a half, provided they make application to the superintendent of the line over which they intend to travel. It will be well to give at least three days' notice for this purpose. We would also remind those who intend to come to the Palace that there are often cheap day return tickets, and, for those who wish to stay until Sunday, week-end tickets at much reduced fares are to be obtained from most of the principal stations, to London, and inquiries should be made at local stations in order to find out what the ordinary excursion facilities may be.

Arrived in London, where, as mentioned below, ringing may be obtained during the morning, visitors may reach the Crystal Palace very easily from any of the tube stations or direct from Victoria, London Bridge, Snow Hill, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's, etc. The train service is frequent, and the fare, including admission to the Palace, is 1s. 6d., from any of the inner London Stations.

In the Palace itself is the "All British Exhibition," which, with the handsome pavilions in the grounds, erected specially for Colonial exhibits, is free. So also are the performances by the military bands in the central band stand.

The great attraction of all is the Pageant of London, which takes place on a great natural stage, and in the four parts of which 15,000 performers are engaged. Part IV., which will be performed on July 15th, tells the early story of the Colonies, and includes the grand imperial finale, "The Masque of Empire." Admission to the pageant, the equal of which has never been seen in this country, can be obtained for 1s., but for those who desire better situated seats we can obtain 2s. 6d. seats for 2s., but applications must be made to us by Wednesday. For many of the amusement side shows we shall also be able to provide books of voucher tickets to the value of 1s. 6d. for 1s.

The other attractions on the same day include a military display and tattoo (admission from 6d.), Warwick County Choral Concert, sports, baseball, and kite flying competition.

RINGERS' RENDEZVOUS.

For the benefit of ringers the use of the large concert hall, opening out of the Centre Transept, has been secured, and will be open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Here ringers and their friends may meet, handbells will be available for those who desire them, and the large organ will be open for the use of those who are musically inclined. Messrs. Warner and Sons, who have a stand in the exhibition, have very kindly offered to entertain to tea those ringers who signify to us their intention, not later than Wednesday next, of being present. In order that ringers may recognise each other as they ramble through the extensive exhibition or enjoy the delights of the side shows, we will forward a neat buttonhole badge to those who communicate with us by Wednesday. At the same time intending visitors should forward remittance to cover the number of "side show coupons" they may need, so that these may be sent to them. Tea will be served from 4.30 to 5, the pageant commencing at the latter hour. Briefly, the programme will be as follows:

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AT CRYSTAL PALACE.

2 to 8 p.m.—Concert Hall reserved for ringers and friends.

4 to 4.30 p.m.—Informal "at home."

4.30 to 5 p.m.—Tea free to those communicating with us by Wednesday next.

5 p.m.—Pageant of London, Part IV.

8 p.m.—Grand Military Tattoo.

Other attractions, including the Exhibition (free), throughout the day.

ABBOTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On June 9th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. H. Moore, jun., 1, G. Bennet 2, L. H. Moore, sen., 3, J. Atherton 4, G. H. Gale (conductor) 5, A. Rumble 6. L. H. Moore, jun.'s., first quarter, and rung on his 16th birthday.

NETHERTON, WARE.—Worcestershire Association (Northern Branch. — On Sunday evening, June 11th, for Divine service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples, in 42 mins.: H. Hill 1, A. Greenfield 2, J. Faulkner 3, W. Prestidge 4, H. Price 5, A. Prestidge 6, A. Davies (conductor) 7, J. Massey 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—For evening service, at St. Lawrence Church, on June 11th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Harrison 1, A. Hickton 2, R. Hickton 3, N. Widdowson 4, J. R. Ward 5, J. Andrews 6, R. Drage 7, J. Bailey (conductor) 8. Also 216 of Stedman Triples, in which T. Hutchinson and T. Edinborough took part.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

A RINGER WITH A WONDERFUL RECORD.

"This was the conductor's 700th peal." So runs the footnote to the peal of Superlative rung at Milborne Port, and recorded elsewhere in this issue. The conductor was Bertram Prewett.

No one among the younger generation of ringers has made his mark more deeply upon the Exercise than this wonderful ringer, who, thus early in his career—for he is only 32 years of age—has rung this phenomenal number of peals. Mr. Prewett, it must be admitted, has been fortunately placed in regard to his opportunities for peal ringing, but, even so, one marvels at such a record put up in so short a time as 13 years. Though many may, perhaps, envy his good fortune in being associated, from almost the

Mr. Bertram Prewett.

earliest days of his connection with the Exercise, with a company so distinguished as that led by Mr. William Pye, Mr. Prewett's success is but the outcome of merit, for he has a remarkable gift for method ringing, and is a striker of the highest ability. Coupled with his skill as a ringer, is a genial personality, and nothing affords Mr. Prewett greater pleasure than to get young ringers through their first peals in new methods, and conductors through their first in that capacity, as his peal book shows. All he stipulates is that they strike their bells properly.

Born on October 12th, 1878, at Hampstead, Middlesex, Mr. Prewett was educated at Watford Grammar School and King's College, London. Always fond of figures, he obtained a First Class in Advanced Mathematics at South Kensington, and First Class Honours with distinction in Arithmetic in Cambridge Local Examinations. Induced by a school friend (Mr. C. George, of Oxhey) to go up into the belfry in November, 1897, the science of change ringing had a strong fascination for his mathematical mind, and under the tuition of Mr. G. N. Price he rang his first peal on March 28th, 1898. It is interesting to notice how the pupil has outstripped the tutor, although the latter's record is no mean one. Last week we published Mr. Price's 400th peal; this week we publish Mr. Prewett's 700th.

Introduced to Mr. Arthur King in 1899, when the Middlesex County Association, which Mr. King has done so much to foster, was beginning to make a name for itself, Mr. Prewett came into touch with the Pye family, and soon rang many Surprise Methods, including the first peal of Surprise Royal rung in London, the first peal of London rung in the City of London by Londoners, and the first peal of Bristol in London. Among the notable peals in which he has taken part are the first peal of Cambridge Maximus ever rung, the record peal of Stedman Caters at Loughborough (his only long length), the first peal (Treble Ten) at Beverley Minster, the first peals of London Surprise at Chester and Rochester Cathedrals, a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Saviour's, Southwark, and three peals of Stedman Cinques in 24 hours at Quex Park. Mr. Prewett called his first peal on handbells (Stedman Triples), the first peal of Superlative in Wales and the first peal of Cambridge in Ireland. Being slightly built, he usually rings at the light end, but is by no means afraid of a big or a bad going bell, and has rung the tenor at St. Patrick's, Dublin (45½ cwts.), at St. Giles', Cripplegate (36½ cwts), and at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn (31 cwts.) to peals.

While a great deal of his ringing has been done under the auspices of the Middlesex Association, Mr. Prewett takes a very personal interest in his "territorial" association, having acted as hon. auditor to the Herts Association since 1904, and represented that body on the Central Council for the last five years, while he is attached to the Bushey tower. The other associations to which Mr. Prewett belongs are the Kent, Sussex, Winchester Diocesan, Salisbury Diocesan, Devonshire, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Norwich Diocesan, Oxford Diocesan, Chester Diocesan, Stoke Guild, St. Martin's Guild, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Midland Counties, the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Irish Association, the London County and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. His peal record, given below, needs no comment, for it speaks for itself. It is only necessary to add that the 700 peals have been rung in no fewer than 189 towers in 31 counties.

ON TOWER BELLS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	—
Treble Bob Maximus	3	1
Stedman Cinques	36	—
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	—
Treble Bob Royal	11	1
Stedman Caters	105	9
Grandsire Caters	1	—
Bristol Surprise Major	25	1
London Surprise Major	56	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major	11	5
Cambridge Surprise Major	5	2
Superlative Surprise Major	142	31
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	25	6
Treble Bob Major	21	16
Bob Major	4	2
Stedman Triples	208	64
Grandsire Triples	9	1

ON HANDBELLS.

Stedman Cinques	7	—
Stedman Caters	16	—
Stedman Triples	9	3
Total	700	142

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

A. H. PULLING'S 200 PEALS.

TOWER BELLS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
On six bells	7	7
Bob Major	22	17
Bob Royal	3	2
Treble Bob Major	3	2
Treble Bob Royal	3	2
Grandsire Triples	22	16
Grandsire Caters	1	—
Stedman Triples	45	23
Stedman Caters	8	3
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	21	13*
Superlative Surprise Major	13	9
Cambridge Surprise Major	1	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	—
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	1
Bristol Surprise Major	4	4
London Surprise Major	5	5
Total	160	105

HANDBELLS.

Bob Major	1	1
Grandsire Triples	9	8
Grandsire Caters	5	5
Stedman Triples	13	13
Stedman Caters	11	11†
Stedman Cinques	1	1
Total	40	39

Total 200. Conducted 144. * Including 7396. † Including 7023 and 7777.

W. PALMER'S 150 PEALS.

Stedman Caters	28
Stedman Triples	25
Grandsire Caters	19
Grandsire Triples	23
Treble Bob Royal	11
Treble Bob Major	17
Bob Royal	5
Bob Major	5
Double Norwich Royal	1
Double Norwich Major	12
Superlative Major	2
Cambridge Major	1
London Major	1
Total	150

JAMES G. RUMSEY'S 100 PEALS.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Norwich completed Mr. J. G. Rumsey's century, his 100 peals being made up of :—

Bob Doubles	1
Bob Minor	4
Bob Major	13
Oxford Treble Bob Major	23
Kent Treble Bob Major	5
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4
Double Norwich	24
Grandsire Triples	2
Stedman Triples	6
Superlative Surprise	13
Cambridge Surprise	5
Total	100

W. SPICE'S 100 PEALS.

Bob Minor	1
In four Minor Methods	3
In Seven Minor Methods	23
Grandsire Triples	30
Stedman Triples	15
Bob Major	9
Oxford Bob Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	12
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	5
Stedman Caters	1
Total	100

Conducted 15.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Do any of our readers know of carillon chimers in this country? If they do, will they communicate their names and addresses to us. We make this request on behalf of the secretary of the Concours International, pour carillonneurs professionals et amateurs. This international gathering for tune chimers is to be held at Bruges, Belguim, on August 13th, 14th and 20th next, and the organisers, who are anxious to make it as representative as possible, desire to get into touch with any tune chimers in this country, and they have approached "The Ringing World" for that purpose. Six prizes ranging from 200 to 75 francs with medals are offered for the competitions on August 13th and 14th, the winners of which will be required to compete at the Concours d'honneur on August 20th, when prizes of 300 and 200 francs respectively will be awarded. The competitions will take place on the celebrated carillons at Bruges.

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Coupons for our handbell competition must reach us not later than Monday next.

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Visitors to the Crystal Palace, who are interested in handbell ringing, will do well to visit Stand 112. Seven of the Fulham Society will be ringing 10 and 12 bell methods in hand on several occasions, commencing on Wednesday, July 5th, at 7 p.m.

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The band, who to-morrow will attempt to break the handbell record, rang 7777 Stedman Caters on Thursday of last week. To-morrow, under the auspices of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, they will attempt a 14,031 in the same method, composed by Gabriel Lindoff. The ringing will take place in St. Nicolas' belfry, Guildford, and the start is to be at 4 p.m.

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DEATH OF MR. J. SMITH, OF PENDLETON.

A Well-known Lancashire Ringer.

On Saturday, June 24th, the mortal remains of the late Mr. John Smith were laid to rest at Pendleton, Lancs. The deceased, who was 52 years of age, and was greatly respected throughout the Lancashire Association, had been tower keeper and secretary of the Pendleton Company since its formation 17 years ago, and for five years he was one of the branch secretaries of the Lancashire Association. This latter office, however, he had to give up some six years ago owing to ill-health, which, although it did

THE LATE MR. J. SMITH.

not debar him altogether from activity in the tower, curtailed his peal ringing. Despite the state of his health, however, death came unexpectedly, and with painful suddenness. The deceased was interested in friendly society work, and was a P.G. of the National Independent Order of Oddfellows and secretary to the P.G.'s lodge.

The funeral took place amidst a steady downpour of rain, but some 60 Oddfellows, 20 ringers and 10 members of the deceased's Bible Class attended to pay a last tribute of respect. The remains were borne to the church by members of the Oddfellows, while the bells rang out in mournful tones the whole pull and stand. The service in St. Thomas' Church was read by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (Bolton), president of the Lancashire Association, and ringers acted as bearers to the grave, where the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Edwards-Rees, M.A., D.D.) recited the committal. Mr. G. Norrey, District Grand Master, read the Oddfellows' impressive service, and the proceedings at the graveside closed with a plain course of Grandsire Triples by H. Chapman 1-2, A. Cross 3-4, H. Dransfield 5-6, S. Greenhalgh 7-8. Among the ringers present were Mr. J. Eachus (vice-president of the association) and representatives of the following towers :—Denton, Didsbury, Eccles, Manchester Cathedral and Town Hall, Pendleton, Prestwick and Rusholme. Afterwards a touch of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells muffled, and an attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise was made with the bells half muffled, but came to grief after 45 minutes ringing. The peals rung by the late Mr. Smith numbered 43; in five towers, two counties and two associations: Grandsire Triples 3, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 5, Caters 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 13, Royal 3, Superlative Surprise 12, Cambridge Surprise 1.

The Vicar, in his "Open Letter" in the July "Magazine," says: "A faithful man whose attachment to our church was life long has passed from among us since I last wrote. Mr. John Smith was secretary of our bell ringers' company, and he has served the church in other ways. He lived a life of unobtrusive but many sided usefulness, and enjoyed the regard of many friends and the respect of a great company of acquaintances. A leading Oddfellow, a member of Mr. Brown's Bible Class, a devout communicant, a robust Christian man, he was called suddenly on June 20th to enter into the rest for which he had prepared himself. I valued him highly."

A WAKEFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.

On Friday, June 23rd, Mr. W. England, formerly a member of the Wakefield Cathedral Society, died at his residence, Westfield Grove, in his 31st year. Owing to failing health he had not taken part in any ringing for some considerable time, and he certainly felt very keenly the doctor's restriction "to abstain from ringing," but for which his record of eight peals would have been considerably increased. When hearing the Cathedral bells on Coronation Day a wish, expressed by the deceased, that he would like to have a pull, will prove that he had a great interest in change ringing up to the last. A muffled touch of Grandsire Triples, as a last mark of respect and esteem, was rung on the Cathedral bells by the local band on Tuesday, June 27th, the day of the deceased's interment, which took place at the cemetery. Mr. England leaves a wife and three children to mourn their loss.

MEETING AT BACUP.

With a view to increasing the interest in the branch gatherings, a discussion took place at the Rossendale District meeting of the Lancs. Association, at Bacup on Saturday, in the hope of inducing each tower to send one or more representatives to each meeting. Several suggestions were made, but ultimately it was decided to bring the matter up again at the next meeting, which is to be held at Ramsbottom. There were present at Bacup on Saturday members from Ramsbottom, Helmshore Rawtenstall and St. Saviour's, in addition to the local company, and the ringing at Christ Church included touches of Doubles, and Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob.

Charles Middleton, who first solved the intricacy of composition in Cambridge Surprise, lived at Norwich. Not until the present time, however, has his famous peal been rung in his native city. This performance was achieved by the Norwich Diocesan Association last week, the peal being called by the clever young conductor, Charles F. Bailey.

NOTICES.

The charge for notices under this heading is at the rate of 2d. per line (average nine words), with a minimum of 1s. Three insertions at double the charge for single insertion (minimum 2s.).

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Low Moor on Saturday next, July 8th, 1911. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m.; tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 3rd.—George Naylor, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at High Wycombe on Wednesday, July 12th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher, the Ven. E. D. Shaw (Archdeacon of Bucks). Business meeting in the Guildhall at 12.20. Dinner in a marquee at the Swan Hotel 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each.—Albert E. Reeves, Festival Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday next, July 8th, 1911. Dinner at Wie Renden's Restaurant, High Street, at 1 p.m. sharp. Meeting to follow. Service in the Cathedral at 3 p.m. The bells at the Cathedral are available from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and St. Cuthbert's, Dinder Street, all day, and Glastonbury during the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Youlegrave, on Saturday next, July 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Bart Mitchell, Honorary District Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 15th, 1911. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn at 5.45, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon the Rectory grounds will be open to members. Members intending to attend are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, July 12th.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Leighton Buzzard on July 8th. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6. The Linslade bells also available.—Rev. A. Rust, Honorary Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 8th. The bells at St. Mary's and St. Michael's available during afternoon and evening, and at Cathedral from 5 to 7 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 4 o'clock at Wigham's Stores, Tamworth Street; 1s. per head. Send word not later than Tuesday, July 4th. Reports will be ready. See Excursion bills.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15; tea (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, both at the Blue Bell Inn. Those intending to take tea must notify Mr. G. B. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, not later than first post on Thursday, July 13th.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will take place at Winchester on the 10th July. 2 p.m., general meeting at Guildhall; 4 p.m., service in Cathedral, preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild; 5 p.m., tea at Guildhall.—W. E. Colchester, Honorary Secretary, St. Maurice Rectory, Winchester.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on the 22nd inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the White Swan Inn at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick-Oldham, on Saturday, July 15th, 1911. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 22nd, 1911. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m.; business meeting after service.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wyke Regis, on Thursday, July 13th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m.; unveiling of two peal boards at 3.30; service at 4.30; tea 5.15; followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Honorary Secretary, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, July 15th; opening of bells recently rehung with new treble added. The Vicar is kindly providing tea free to those sending in names to me not later than 12th inst.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Norwood Green, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald) on the Rectory lawn at six o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells at 4 p.m.; short service and address by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea at the George Inn, 9d. per head, to those sending me their names not later than Wednesday, 19th; 1s. to others. Business meeting after. Eynsford will be available 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallow's Tottenham, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. The bells of St. Ann's, South Tottenham, will be at the disposal of ringers from 6 to 8 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

NOTICES (continued).

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Northwich on Saturday, July 29th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham. Other particulars by circular.—A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, July 22nd. Bell ready at 3. Business meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, at Erdington. The Parish Church and Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Tea at Acorn Hotel at 6 o'clock, 1/- per member, to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Full particulars of the arrangements for "Ringers' Day" at the Festival of Empire will be found on another page.

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The order has been placed for the restoration of the eight bells of St. John's Church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge, in a new iron frame and new fittings, also for the addition of two trebles to make ten. The tenor is 22 cwt., and the augmented bells will make a nice handy ring for this corner of West Middlesex. They will be the first peal of ten in the district.

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The bells of St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, Oldham, which have been quarter turned and re-hung with new fittings, including iron headstocks and iron framework on steel girders, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, were re-opened on Saturday last. The tenor is 18 cwt. On Sunday a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. Ogden 1, G. H. Beever 2, Albert A Hughes(conductor) 3, F. Chapman 4, C. Platt 5, H. Hampson 6, L. Hampson 7, H. Barber 8.

A VILLAGE BELLFOUNDER.

Bell founding in days long past was often carried on in out of way places, indeed, the bell founder was sometimes an itinerant trader, carrying on his business wherever the casting was to be done. When the Sussex Association held a Western Division meeting in the little village of West Tarring recently, many of the members learnt for the first time that in this old world spot there was formerly a bell foundry. The information was imparted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Lee), who entertained the visitors, and gave them a most cordial welcome. Members were present from Arundel, Angmering, Brighton, Chichester, Goring, Heene, Steyning and Shoreham, the local band, and Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of the Cranleigh, Surrey, band. After tea, to which 38 sat down, thanks were accorded to the Rector for his hospitality, on the motion of the Master (Mr. F. B. Tompkins). A short service was held, at which an appropriate address was given by the Rector of Heene (the Rev. J. F. Fellowes), who also placed the bells of his own church at the disposal of the visitors in the evening. Various methods in Minor and Doubles were rung both before and after tea at West Tarring.

The bell foundry at West Tarring was established in the 16th century, probably by one Henry Tapsell. There are about a dozen bells in Sussex bearing the name of his son, Roger, who was also associated with Thomas Wakefield, of Chichester, in bell founding about the same period, but the bells of both were poorly cast.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have followed with curious interest the controversy in connection with the advent of your journal, which was welcomed by all true and consistent ringers and churchmen; and, so far, is fulfilling the purpose for which it claims existence.

One is, however, astonished at the attitude and exclamations of the President of the Central Council with regard to your paper. Considering the almost life work, self-sacrifice and inconceivable labour bestowed on ringers and their Art, one is, indeed, curious to understand his position in the matter, seeing too, they are diametrically opposed to his life's work. What, then, is at the bottom of it all?

The majority of members of the Council, too, seemed non-plussed at the President's attitude, and remained neutral.

Did they faithfully represent their various Societies' views in so doing? Certainly not; and ringers should see to it, now the time is fairly near to send fresh representatives, that they are practical men who will unflinchingly state in plain and unmistakable language what ringers actually mean and want, and not indulge in superfluous oration, in mystifying phrases.

Mr. James, too, is very wide of the mark when he says your application for recognition was premature. No pre-maturity at all. The child is born, and named; and, therefore, a legitimate member of the family, and staunch ringers will nurse it so carefully in its infancy that its future will be ensured, and let us hope its life may be long and useful.

With regard to recognition, why worry about it at all after Mr. King's letter. "Time" the healer, and "Effort" the ringers' tonic, will settle the whole business.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. PARSONS.

Old Hill, Staffs.

MEETING AT NORTH WINGFIELD.

A very enjoyable and successful meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at North Wingfield, on Saturday last. Upwards of 30 ringers attended, from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Duffield, North Wingfield, Nottingham, Ranmoor, Ripley, Sheffield, Staveley, Swanwick, Wolverhampton, etc., and the bells of the Parish Church, a musical ring of eight (tenor about 16 cwt.), were kept going almost continually, from 4 to 8 p.m., in various methods, including London, Bristol and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman, etc., some well-struck touches being brought round.

The Rector (the Rev. C. J. Boden), with his usual generosity, invited everyone present to a substantial tea in the schoolroom. A short business meeting followed.—The Secretary gave a short account of the last monthly meeting at Bolsterstone, and the following new members were elected: Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Wolverhampton), Messrs. J. Jenney and A. Letts (Duffield), and Mr. T. Stimpson (Swanwick).

Mr. S. Thomas proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness and hospitality, remarking on the many occasions on which it had been his pleasure to visit North Wingfield, and on the hospitable manner in which everyone was received, both by the Rector and the local company.—The motion was seconded by Mr. G. W. Bemrose, and carried with acclamation.

The Rector, in replying, remarked that he and the local company were always pleased to welcome the Society to North Wingfield, and to do anything to encourage change ringing. He concluded with an invitation to all present, to occupy his grounds for the rest of the evening, for games of bowls, quoits, etc., which was gratefully accepted.—A hearty vote of thanks to the ladies, for their services at tea, brought the proceedings to a close.

CORONATION BELL RESTORATIONS.

Many peals of bells have been restored or augmented, or both, in commemoration of the Coronation. At Netherseal, Derbyshire, the old peal of five, to which a treble was recently added by the generosity of Mr. W. W. Worthington, have been further increased by a treble and tenor, while the fourth has been recast, and the old bells retuned on the Simpson principle. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have accomplished their task in a most efficient manner. The dedication was performed by the Rector. The

opening of the bells was attended by many ringers from neighbouring towers, and the visitors were entertained at the Old Hall, by Mr. Worthington, whose hospitality was much appreciated.

A MASONIC TENOR.

The Freemasons of the Isle of Sheppey have shown their loyalty to King Edward VII. by installing a tenor bell in the ancient parish church of Queenborough, as a memorial to his late Majesty. There were already five bells in the church tower—the four known as the "King's Bells," supposed to have been given by Charles II. on the conclusion of Peace with the Dutch, and the "Mayor's Bell,' given in 1673. The King's bells have been quarter-turned, the expense being met out of the restoration fund; and the Mayor's bell, which was mutilated some fifty years ago and has since been silent, has been recast at the expense of the present Mayor (Councillor C. R. Stevens, J.P.), whose generosity is much appreciated. The sixth bell, that given by the Freemasons of Sheppey, to the memory of our late King, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Dover on Saturday, June 17th.

After the service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by R. Staines 1, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 2, E. A. G. Allen 3, T. J. Philo 4, T. Jull 5, A. J. Day 6. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were also rung, while for service on the following day 720 Bob Minor was brought round by H. Moore 1, W. Moore 2, W. H. B. Wilkins 3, T. Philo 4, R. Staines 5, A. J. Day (conductor) 6.

BRASSINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

Brassington Church, Derbyshire, now possesses a peal of five bells, a treble and tenor having been added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have also recast two of the old bells and rehung the whole in a new steel frame, with provision for a sixth bell. The peal was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Derby (Dr. Spencer Noakes), and at the service a short touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the Wirksworth band. After the service several touches of Doubles were rung by the ringers, who included visitors from Ripley and Eastwood. Grandsire Triples on handbells were also brought round.

Mr. Fox, the captain of the Wirksworth ringers, has taken great interest in the augmentation scheme, and is now giving instruction to the Brassington ringers, who are learning Bob Doubles. The local men rang rounds at intervals after the dedication of their bells, and their striking was a great credit to them. It is interesting to know that the whole sum required for the new bells and rehanging was raised before the opening, and there was really a balance in hand.

UGBOROUGH, DEVON.

The bells of Ugborough, Devon, have just been rehung by Messrs. H. Stokes and Son. A band from Plymouth, under the leadership of Mr. W. H. Marsh, district secretary, rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples before and after the service, those taking part being the Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. W. H. Marsh, E. W. Marsh, H. Bennett, R. Dobson, J. Woodley, G. H. Myers, W. Ford, W. Rundle, and W. G. Hiscott. The tenor, which is 25 cwt. in E, is a really good bell, but some of the others are frightfully out of tune, and have been chipped so much in former times that the only remedy is the melting pot. The 'go' of the bells, however, is perfect.

ANOTHER SIX-BELL TOWER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE.

At Ruskington, Lincolnshire, the bells have been increased from four to six, the work, carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., having been done by public subscription, as a memento of the Coronation. All Saints' Church is a large gothic structure with a low broad tower, formerly surmounted by a spire which fell down in 1620. The opening of the augmented peal was entrusted to six members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who rang two well-struck 720's of Oxford Treble Bob: J. T. Holmes (Heckington) 1, Rev. H. Law James (Surfleet) 2, Arthur Andrews (Billingboro') 3, Fred W. Stokes (Caythorpe) 4, W. Dickinson (Heckington) 5, Rupert Richardson (Surfleet) 6. Subsequently touches of Double Court, Single Oxford, Sandal, Treble Bob and Plain Bob were successfully brought round.—The Rector (the Rev. Powell-Smith) very kindly entertained the visitors to a substantial meat tea, at the Rectory.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Smith and the Rector for their kindness. — The Rector also expressed his sincere thanks to the band for their services. Some more ringing friends from Timberland, Nocton and Great Hale joined the party, and 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were brought round. These were followed by touches in various methods to let all present try the bells.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The eve of the Coronation Day was chosen for the reopening of the bells at Stapleford, Cambridgeshire. The peal, which originally consisted by five bells, has now been augmented to six, by the addition of a new treble, while the 4th and 5th of the old peal have been recast, the whole of the work being entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have rehung the peal in a steel frame, with new fittings, at a cost of £200.

The dedication service was well attended, the Venerable Archdeacon of Ely (Dr. Cunningham) performing the ceremony, immediately after which a special hymn was sung, and rounds were rung by the local company. An eloquent sermon was afterwards preached by the Archdeacon, who took for his text, Numbers x., 1 and 2. After the sermon, the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," was sung, during which an offertory was taken for the bells. The Benediction having been pronounced by the Archdeacon, a few more rounds were rung by the local ringers, who were afterwards entertained by the Vicar in the schoolroom. Several members of the Ely Diocesan Association were present from Cambridge, Fulbourn and Ickleton, and a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was obtained on the bells in 23 mins. by the following: E. Webb 1, T. R. Dennis 2, J. Taylor 3, W. Scotcher 4, J. Stalley 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6. Touches in five and six-bell methods were afterwards rung, everyone agreeing that the bells were excellent in tone and 'go.'—Mr. P. Webb, local district secretary, was in charge of the arrangements, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

CORONATION TOUCHES.

The following were among the touches rung on Coronation Day:—

BASINGSTOKE.—Winchester Guild.—1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leavey 1, Miss Alice White 2, H. White (conductor) 3, C. F. Hansford 4, J. Ward 5, A. Burgess 6, J. E. Ballard 7, H. Knight 8.

CAVERSHAM.—St. Peter's Society.—1260 Stedman Triples: A. D. Cullum 1, H. Hatto 2, E. W. Menday 3, J. Hands 4, G. Irvine 5, G. Essex 6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (conductor) 7, H. Simmonds 8. Also 224 Bristol Surprise, with H. Smith and E. J. Menday taking part.

GOSFORTH.—Kent Major and Stedman Triples were rung at All Saints' Church, including a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for Coronation service, by: J. F. Bird 1, J. S. Richardson 2, J. T. Potter 3, R. W. Falconer 4, C. L. Routledge (conductor) 5, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 6, J. Foreman 7, W. W. Sinclair 8. S. Matthews, G. Crawford and E. Mundall also took part in the day's ringing.

LLANDAFF.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At the Cathedral for the Coronation service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Coombes 1, J. Harris 2, J. Pitcher 3, J. Aldridge 4, T. Cox 5, J. Clutterbuck 6, S. Dawe (conductor) 7, S. Barker 8. After the service, an attempt was made for J. J. Parker's twelve-part, W. Coombes conducting, but the peal unfortunately came to grief in the eleventh part, after 2 hours 35 minutes good ringing.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—Services prevented a peal attempt at the Parish Church, but a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by C. Waithman 1, A. Alsopp 2, G. Roberts 3, B. Leedham 4, W. Alsopp 5, T. Bloode (conductor) 6, W. D. James 7, W. Parr 8. Various other touches were rung during the day, with Mr. T. Mathews and Mr. J. Jennings taking part.

CRANFORD.—Central Northants Association.—720 Double Court: F. Lewin 1, J. Saddington 2, J. Lewin 3, H. Meadows 4, M. Norton 5, B. J. Saddington (conductor) 6.

HODDESDON.—720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins.: A. Hurn 1, W. Mumford 2, C. J. Puplett (conductor) 3, A. Cains 4, S. Knight 5, W. Clark 6, C. Rainbird 7, C. Halfhide 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—At the Norman Tower, 960 Kent Treble Bob Royal (longest touch by local band), conducted by A. E. Moore; and 2400 Grandsire Caters and Triples, conducted by H. A. Turner and A. E. Moore.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—In the Clock Tower, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Nichol 1, C. Jackson 2, J. Armstrong 3, A. Bowman 4, T. Oram 5, O. Simm (conductor) 6.

WOKING, SURREY.—Two 720's of Plain Bob, and one of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

ILKLEY.—At 5.30 a.m., a date touch of 1911 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins.: J. R. Feather 1, T. W. Crawshaw 2, H. Verity 3, M. Bradley 4, C. Stephenson 5, J. W. Birken (conductor) 6, W. Cook 7, S. Raynor 8. Composed by C. Jackson, Hull.—For Coronation service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Cook 1, A. Louth 2, H. Verity 3, M. Bradley 4, C. Stephenson 5, J. R. Feather 6, T. W. Crawshaw (conductor) 7, J. W. Birkin 8.

NETHERTON, WORCESTER—An attempt for a peal of Erin Triples was lost, owing to change course in the 36th course, and the bells were brought round at 40 courses, 1680 changes, in 59 mins.: H. Hill 1, A. Greenfield 2, J. Faulkner 3, H. Price 4, W. Prestidge 5, A. Prestidge 6, A. Davies (conductor) 7, J. Massey 8.—Also 1280 Treble Bob Major, in 42 mins., by the same band. Other touches of Stedman and Bob Major were also rung.

NUNEATON.—At the Parish Church, 1008 Double Norwich, 576 Kent Treble Bob, 336 Stedman Triples. Also several touches of Grandsire and Bob Major by the following members of the band: H. Argyle, D. H. Argyle, J. Clarke, J. Clarke, junr., T. W. Chapman, H. Cure, E. Stone, W. Martin, J. Greasley, J. Ballard, R. Pollard, T. Valance, and Old Jack. It was intended to attempt a peal, but services in the church during the day prevented.

HEMHILL, FAVERSHAM.—From 4.17 till 5.45 a.m., half-a-peal of Grandsire Triples: I. Hadlow 1, A. Bones 2, C. Hadlow 3, C. Hadlow 4, E. E. Foreman 5, H. Gilbert 6, E. Trendell (conductor) 7, F. Hadlow 8.

BATH.—The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At the Abbey, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 53 mins.: C. Bell 1, G. Temple 2, W. Eames 3, C. Goodenough 4, J. Fussell 5, H. Holder 6, W. Lanham 7, W. J. Prescott (first quarter-peal) 8, H. W. Brown 9, T. F. King (conductor) 10.

BARLEY, HERTS. — For 8 a.m. service, 1440 Grandsire Doubles (twelve 120's called differently): D. Hailes 1, H. Howard 2, R. Horward (conductor) 3, H. Slater 4, W. Mansfield 5. Also 1200 conducted by R. Horward; A. Dillow 5.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, three 720's, with 7—8 covering, were rung: the first by H. Banham 1, S. Goakes 2, A. Goakes 3, G. Piggins 4, R. Narborough 5, C. Goakes (conductor) 6, F. Hotson 7, H. Cheesewright 8. H. Hill (conductor), H. Piggins and G. Duffield took part in the second, and Herbert Goakes in the third.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. —360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Thorpe 1, G. Holmes 2, J. J. Peake 3, J. T. Frencham 4, R. J. Todd 5, J. G. Woddy (conductor) 6, G. Brand 7 (covering).

CROYDON.—The Surrey Association.—At St. John the Baptist, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief owing to a shift course, after 3528 changes. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung during the day, the ringers taking part being: R. Packham, W. States, A. T. Jones, S. Roper, J. Talbot, A. Clark, E. Pope, E. Goss, J. Merriett, T. Verral and W. Ives.

COLCHESTER.—At St. Peter's Church, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 21st and 22nd, between 8,000 and 9,000 changes were successfully brought round of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples; also including two quarter-peals of Bob Major and 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major, those taking part, all members of the local company, being: A. Burch, G. Burch, W. Burch, W. Button, F. L. Bumpstead, G. W. Dixon, H. Evers, H. T. Pye, S. Hull, W. Chalk, R. W. Stannard, A. G. Rivers and W. J. Schofield, the four last-named conducting.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, 792 Grandsire Caters: S. Williams 1, C. O. Hobbs 2, H. Day 3, B. Biss 4, W. Bolton 5, T. Chamberlain 6, W. Millar 7, E. Coles 8, A. Rowley (conductor) 9, C. Oram 10. Also two touches of 593 Grandsire Caters, B. Heath taking part in one, and W. Barker in the other. A peal of Grandsire Caters was lost, after ringing just over half-way.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—For early celebration of Holy Communion, 336 Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by Wm. Fisher; for the special Coronation service, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. Frank Abel, a member of the choir, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 minutes, conducted by Benjamin Gough; and in the afternoon, a touch of Bob Major and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 minutes, conducted by Samuel Baker. The bells were also "fired" at intervals. The following took part in the ringing during the day: W. A. Jeavons, Arthur Baker, S. Pearce, J. Roberts, Leonard Barnett, Alfred Barnett, W. Grinsell, R. Dunn, B. Gough, Samuel Baker, Wm. Fisher, and A. E. Law.

HESTON.—A quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Turner 1, H. C. Chandler (conductor) 2, T. J. Barker 3, H. W. Cowley 4, C. J. Edwards 5, G. A. Gladman 6, S. Carter 7, E. R. Gladman 8.

HOLCOMBE ROGUS.—Members of the Devon Guild made an attempt for a peal on Coronation Day, but after ringing two hours and 20 minutes came to grief, stand being called, instead of the anxiously looked forward to "That's all." This was the first attempt on the bells (a peal of six, with tenor 18 cwt.), and also by the local band.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—1260 Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: H. O. White 1, R. Watson 2, W. Tayler 3, J. W. Chandler 4, J. B. Fenton 5, C W Wheeler 6, W. Malins (conductor) 7, J. A. Fenton, junr., 8.—Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by J. B. Fenton; and 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by C. W. Wheeler, and in which H. Shotton rang the tenor.

OLD HILL, STAFFS. — At Holy Trinity Church, 420 Stedman Triples, 503, 336 and 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Green, O. Pearson, W. Bird, G. Bird, J. Price, A. Woodall, J. P. Mason, H. Johnson, L. Johnson, A. H. Bassano, C. W. Bassano, A. E. Parsons (conductor).

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—Gloucester and Bristol Association. —On Whit-Sunday, for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor: H. E. Gillett 1, J. Collett 2, H. Packer 3, H. Gillett 4, R. Hall 5, W. Stratford (conductor) 6.—720 London Single: R. Hall 1, H. Gillett 2, H. Packer 3, J. Collett 4, T. Banning 5, W. Stratford (conductor) 6.—720 Double Oxford: R. Hall 1, J. Collett 2, H. Packer 3, H. Gillett 4, W. Stratford (conductor) 5, T. Banning 6.—On Whit-Monday, 720 Plain Bob.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE. — On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 53 mins.: W. Elliss 1, C. Waithman 2, B. Claydon 3, *G. Taylor 4, T. Bloore 5, W. D. James 6, G. Roberts 7, B. Leedham (conductor) 8. *First quarter-peal in the method, and hails from Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX. — At the Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: P. Wood, sen., 1, M. Ireland 2, R. Wood 3, J. Burdfield 4, J. Newman 5, G. Matthews (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Warnham Court Bob: P. Wood, sen., 1, J. Burdfield 2, R. Wood 3, J. Newman 4, G. Matthews 5, A. Feist (conductor) 6.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.—On June 4th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. H. Dennison 3, W. S. Forshaw 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: W. Jackson 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. H. Dennison 3, T. Suart (conductor) 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows 6.

CHARING. — On Whit-Monday, June 5th, at Charing, Kent, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. J. Day 1, G. H. Spice 2, W. H. R. Wilkins 3, W. Spice, jun., 4, T. Jull 5, W. Spice (conductor) 6. The above was rung on the way to the annual meeting of the Kent Association, at Folkestone.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Tuesday, June 6th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Payne 1, J. North (first in the method) 2, M. Goddard 3, B. Hawkins 4, C. Doe 5, J. Moth (conductor) 6.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Tuesday, June 6th, at the Parish Church, 720 Double Court and 720 Bob Minor: T. Copeland 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, H. V. Fletcher 3, W. H. Hilliam 4, G. R. Truss 5, J. B. Halliifax (conductor) 6.

WALKDEN.—The Lancashire Association.—At St. Paul's Church, on Wednesday, June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Brooks 1, W. Denner 2, A. Potter 3, J. Welsby 4, S. Oakes 5, J. Potter (conductor) 6, J. Lowe 7, J. Denner 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Dr. W. Y. Martin, J.P., who was for many years churchwarden at the above church.

BLETCHLEY.—On Wednesday, June 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by S. Smith, of Bletchley), in 50 mins.: H. Sear 1, J. Mead 2, J. Marks 3, F. Stanton 4, T. Best (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, F. Hedges 7, V. Sear 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the composer.

BROCKLEY.—The Four Shires Guild.—On Thursday, June 8th, at the combined monthly practice of the Guild, 350 Grandsire Triples, the longest touch by J. Keyte treble, and G. Mabson tenor.

PADDINGTON, W.—On Friday, June 9th, at 52, Shirland Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, on handbells: W. Shepherd (conductor) 1—2, A. F. Shepherd 3—4, G. B. Edser 5—6, F. G. Woodiss 7—8.

RUSHAL, STAFFORD.—On June 9th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Benyon 1, H. Pickett 2, E. Smith 3, G. Peite 4, A. Harber 5, W. W. James (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 1 and 4.—On June 10th, 1440 Bob Minor: T. Walker 1, H. Pickett 2, C. Wakelin 3, E. Smith 4, A. H. Harber 5, W. D. James (conductor) 6. Longest length by first three ringers.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Saturday, June 10th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Garner 1, Rev. A. Rhys James 2, H. Woodhouse 3, G. Clark 4, F. Beardsmore 5, F. Clark (conductor) 6. First 720 by all except the ringer of the 4th.—On Sunday, for morning service, 720 Kent: F. Garner 1, G. Johnson 2, F. Beardsmore 3, E. Arrand 4, F. Clark 5, H. Trout 6; and for evening service, 720 Kent: F. Garner 1, G. Johnson 2, G. Clark (conductor) 3, E. Arrand 4, F. Beardsmore 5, H. Trout 6.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On June 11th, 416 Double Norwich: L. Price 1, W. Clifford, sen., 2, A. Coppock (conductor) 3, F. S. Price 4, A. Lowe 5, J. C. Dicken 6, E. Boot 7, P. Price 8.—Also a course of Superlative Surprise: P. Price 1, A. Coppock 2, W. Clifford, sen., 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, E. C. Gobey 6, E. J. Boot 7, F. S. Price 8. First course by all except Nos. 1, 2 and 6.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, June 11th, for Divine service, in 54 mins., 1344 Plain Bob Major: J. Jennings 1, C. Waithman 2, W. D. James (first quarter-peal of Major as conductor) 3, T. B. Claydon 4, T. Bloore 5, W. Allsopp 6, G. Roberts 7, B. Leedham 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—Peterborough and District Association.—On Thursday, June 15th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Coles 1, J. Jarvis 2, W. Cross 3, T. Vaughan 4, J. Jutson 5, G. Jutson 6, F. T. Cooke (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Gamble 8. Rung in celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gamble. First quarter-peal by all except the ringers of 2 and 7, and first on the bells since they were re-hung last year.

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A RINGING WEEK-END IN EAST DEVON.

Only those who have tried can fully appreciate the difficult task of getting eight change ringers together in this particular part of England. No less than twenty-six invitations were issued, whilst the telegraphic department of the post office had an exceptionally busy time in Stockland, where, by the invitation of the Rev. E. V. Cox, most of the band took up their quarters. On Saturday afternoon, June 17th, Messrs. B. Prewett (London), T. Laver, A. Monkley (Exeter), Rev. C. Carew Cox (Stratford-on-Avon), J. Maddock (Taunton), J. E. Baker (Ottery St. Mary), W. D. James (Four Oaks, Warwickshire), and the Rev. E. V. Cox (Walsall), met at Lyme Regis, just over the border, in Dorset, where Stedman Triples came to grief, after 1¼ hours' ringing. The Vicar (the Rev. W. Jacob) met the visitors on their arrival, and very kindly entertained them afterwards. On Sunday, for morning service, the four last-named, together with Messrs. A. Pike (Ottery) and J. Nankwell (sexton, tenor), rang several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. In the afternoon, they were again joined by the Rev. C. C. Cox, and cycled to Yarcombe, where the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Tudor) and the local ringers had a welcome for the party. Here they rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Singles on the five bells. Next, a very hilly ride brought them to Upottery, where, again, a welcome awaited them from the Vicar (the Rev. J. Jane), Mr. Bromfield (churchwarden and ringer), and the local band. On this very fine-going ring of six they were able to score the first 720 (Bob Minor) ever rung on them, conducted by the Rev. C. C. Cox, and the Churchwarden said he had lived in the village for thirty years, but had never heard the tenor turned in before that afternoon. The return journey was then made to Stockland for tea, which had the finishing touch given to it by the addition of strawberries and Devonshire cream. It was decided to attempt a 720 of Bob Minor for the evening service, and several of the local ringers and others were present in the belfry during the ringing. The attempt proved successful, after twenty-six mintues' excellent striking: A. Pike 1, W. D. James 2, J. E. Baker 3, Rev. C. C. Cox 4, Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 5, J. Maddock 6. The bells bear the dates: 1780, 1611, 1603, 1603, 1716, 1780 (recast), and have waited till 1911 for the first 720 to be rung upon them. An attempt for a peal of Minor had been originally on the programme for Monday morning, under the auspices of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, as for the present the majority of the Devon Guild officials refuse to give recognition to such peals, but this had to be abandoned owing to a man scratching for the whole week-end at the eleventh hour. A three-mile walk, therefore, was made by four of the party to Membury, where, with the help of a local ringer on the tenor, Bob Singles were rung, and when the bells stopped, the local man remarked with beaming countenance, "I shall be able to tell them I've rung a scientific peal now." The Curate-in-charge (the Rev. F. E. W. Landon) showed the visitors much courtesy, explaining the ancient history of the church and village, and mentioned that the two mediæval bells were cast by Norton, of Exeter, at the very beginning of the 15th century. The very fine-toned bells at Axminster were visited in the afternoon, where the party were joined by Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster), and a tenor man from a neighbouring change ringing band. A peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but, most unfortunately, the tenor man who had been provided, found the task quite beyond his powers, although the bell went splendidly, as did they all, having recently been overhauled and repaired by Messrs. Stokes and Son. While realising that East Devon has its peculiar difficulties, afforded by the very bad roads (other than turnpike roads) and limited railway communication, visiting ringers carry away with them the impression that much more might be done in the promotion of change ringing in this part of the county than is the case at present, seeing that six and eight-bell towers are so numerous, and that much interest was evinced in this tour. The week-end proved to be a most enjoyable one, and it is hoped to organise something similar next year, although the preliminary arrangements will be made upon different and less expensive lines.

A VISIT TO THAMES-SIDE TOWERS.

The St. Nicholas' Guild, Bristol, visited the counties of Berks and Bucks for their annual outing on Saturday, June 17th, the places included in the itinerary being Henley-on-Thames, Shiplake (where dinner, splendidly served by Host Porter, himself a ringer, was partaken of), Sonning and Caversham, at each of which towers touches were rung, while at the last-named place, where old friends were met and the best-going bells of the day were found, a pleasant time was spent at the headquarters of the local men. It is putting it mildly to say that the outing was a complete success, and the best thanks of the St. Nicholas' Guild are due to the vicars of the various churches visited for the use of the bells. A very large measure of the success of the day was due to splendid arrangements made by Mr. O. Porter, of Shiplake, and to him special thanks is tendered. The Guild also offer their best thanks to all ringing friends who assisted to make the day so enjoyable.

AN ESSEX GUILD.

About 30 members of the Maldon and District Guild met at Great Totham on Saturday, June 17th, for their annual meeting, and an excellent tea was provided on the lawn by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Eyre). Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., and continued until 9 p.m., save for the interval for tea, the methods rung being Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford, Kent, College Exercise, New London Pleasure and Cambridge Surprise. A short touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, by H. J. Mansfield, J. D. Buckingham, A. Edwards (conductor), and F. Chalk, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The above Guild, formed in June, 1910, to forward the art of change ringing, decided to hold monthly meetings in the six towers of Maldon, Great Totham, Goldhanger, Witham, D'Arcy and Tollesbury. The average number of members during the past year attending these meetings has been 14.

A LONG DAY'S EXCURSION.

The St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, had a most enjoyable excursion, when they joined the trip arranged by the Society of Ottregians, the secretary of which is Mr. Godfrey, a former member of the Guild, and paid a visit to Ottery St. Mary, Devon, which was reached at 4.10 a.m. Half the inhabitants had turned out to give a welcome to the two train loads of visitors After breakfast the bells, a nice peal of eight, were rung for 6 a.m. service in connection with the fete. After the service two or three further touches were rung before the party proceeded to Exeter, where Stedman Caters were rung at St. Sidwell's, and the visitors were favoured by being permitted to ring on the grand bells of the Cathedral. After an inspection of the bells and fittings, which were greatly admired, touches of Stedman Caters and of Triples on the minor eight were brought round. The party afterwards visited Heavitree, where further touches were rung, and then returned to Ottery to join the excursion train for London, which was reached about midnight. The day was a most pleasurable one, and the thanks of the Kensington ringers were extended to the Rev. Maitland Kelly, and Messrs. Baker (of the local band) and Godfrey for the arrangements they made, and to the various authorities for the use of the bells.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Society was held at Shipley, on Saturday, June 24th. The day's proceedings commenced with an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, which was successfully brought round. The business meeting was held at the Sun Inn in the evening, the President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) being in the chair, supported by members from Leeds, Holbeck, Halifax, Guiseley, Bolton, Lightcliffe, Tong, and the local company. Unpropitious weather prevented many from attending. In opening the meeting, the President announced that, in place of Mr. A. S. Mitchell, who had resigned the secretaryship owing to ill-health, he had been successful in obtaining a new secretary for the Society in Mr. F. R. Cundale, of Holbeck, who would carry on the duties for the remainder of the year. Mr. Cundale was unfortunately absent, owing to the annual trip of his local choir and ringers to the Lake district. After the transaction of formal business, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Shipley was proposed by Mr. G. B. Bolland, seconded by Mr. F. W. Dixon, and carried unanimously.—Mr. T. B. Kendall, who replied, expressed the hope that on another occasion they might be more fortunate in obtaining better weather for their meeting. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing in various methods.

EDENBRIDGE.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, June 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Leight 1, A. J. Lewis 2, J. Heasman 3, W. Leigh 4, A. Belton 5, G. Edwards 6, Issac Emery (conductor) 7, T. Wallis 8. This quarter-peal was arranged for the ringers of the 2, 6 and 7.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Monday, June 12th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: R. Hall 1, E. H. Parish 2, T. Norton 3, F. Troth 4, J. Walker 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, A. Mills 7, R. Speakman 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. E. Hayward and Miss Dicken, which took place that day.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND. — Kent County Association.—On Tuesday evening, June 13th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Tall 1, J. Burles 2, G. R. Ambrose 3, F. M. Mitchell 4, R. Constant 5, F. Hayes (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by the present band, and first by Messrs. Tall, Ambrose, and Mitchell. Rung to commemorate the restoring of the belfry window, by Mrs. Russell, widow of the late Churchwarden J. Russell, of Milton.

WORSLEY. — The Lancashire Association.—On Wednesday, June 14th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. Hoole to Miss Cherry, of Worsley, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1344 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Derbyshire 1, J. H. Ridyard 2, G. Way (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, A. Ridyard 4, R. Ridyard 5, F. Derbyshire 6, P. Derbyshire 7, J. Ridyard (conductor) 8.

CORONATION ITEMS.

An interesting ceremony was performed on Coronation Day at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Harlow Common, a peal board recording a peal rung on April 27th as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. H. Bottrill, being unveiled by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Elwell. The handsome board was much admired, and the Vicar hoped there would soon be another to match it on the opposite side of the tower. Afterwards Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung, and the ringers enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Collins, of Bushfire House. Earlier in the day two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, conducted by H. Bottrill and G. Dent, were rung.

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The bells at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, were rung on Coronation Day, after having been silent for more than three years, except for chiming. A considerable amount of "Churchyard Bob" was indulged in, together with the customary "firing" for such occasions; and although it is difficult to turn the bells in changes, a touch of 420 Stedman Triples was brought round by: W. Lawley, G. Mills, I. Purser, H. Farlow, T. O'Connor, W. Pardoe, R. Pickering, H. Knight, W. G. Hall and B. Clark. The ten bells, together with the clock bell, are to be recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and hung in an iron frame for twelve, with a tenor about 35 cwt. in C sharp. The work is to be completed by the early part of December.

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The four bells of Kington Magna Church were raised on Coronation Day just before 3.30 a.m. As soon as they were right up, the village baker, who was ringing the second, cried, "Stand, or the coffee will get cold!" The call being duly obeyed, a welcome "continental breakfast" of coffee and rolls was forthwith distributed amongst the ringers, who, thus fortified, proceeded at 3.44 to fire "sunrise salutes." It may be added that one of the churchwardens, whose house adjoins the churchyard, slept peacefully through two hours' ringing, salutes and all—a model parishioner!

SEVEN 720's IN 14 METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James writes to point out that in the seven 720's in the 14 methods which we published last week he gave the wrong figures in No. 1 (Norfolk and Primrose). They should be as follows:—

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2 5 4 6 3
3 4 6 2 5
5 6 2 3 4
4 2 3 5 6

In No. 5, a bob was omitted at the 5th lead.

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