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MODERN WORK.

RINGERS OF EIGHT HUNDRED PEALS.

The record which we published last week of Mr. Ernest Pye's eight hundred peals is one worthy of more than passing notice. Such a total as this to the credit of one man was undreamt of a couple of decades ago, and while the number of those who have achieved this extraordinary distinction are still very few, it is but another sign of the times—an indication of the progress that is being made in our Art.

Of those who reached this stupendous total before Mr. Ernest Pye there have been but three or four. First was the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, whose 1,250 peals included nearly a thousand peals of Stedman Triples. Next comes that remarkable ringer, Mr. William Pye, who is now close upon four figures, and whose performances include some of the greatest achievements, both physically and mentally, ever accomplished by a member of the Exercise. Quite recently Mr. George Williams, who was perhaps more prominent ten or fifteen years ago even than he is to-day, and who in skill as a ringer and conductor has had few equals, passed his eighth century. Writing from memory we are not quite sure whether Mr. Isaac G. Shade is not also included in this select circle, but that is certainly the extent of the list, although other well-known men are rapidly coming up.

A good deal might be said on the personal side of these peal ringing records, where they run into several hundreds, particularly as to the great ability of the men concerned. But there is undoubtedly in the performances a lesson in energy and perseverance for the young ringer. Depend upon it these remarkable achievements could never have been brought about but for efforts of the men themselves. They have had largely to make their own opportunities, and to pursue the task with a tenacity that one would like to see more of among those who are associated with the Exercise. Too many there are who wait for the opportunities to be made for them, and who are content to grumble because nothing is done for their special benefit. Energy and perseverance in the face of frequent disappointment are the only means by which young ringers can hope successfully to attain the top rung of the ladder.

There is just one other point upon which comment may well be made. It is frequently said of men who devote much time to peals that they seldom trouble about service ringing. From a wide experience we can say that nothing is further from the truth. The man who is keenest on peal ringing is usually the most regular and punctual in his attendance for service ringing, and, although there may be here and there an exception, those who ring the most peals are the most anxious to see that the bells of their respective churches are regularly and properly rung on Sundays.

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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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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE	*...Treble*	JOHN ARMSTRONG	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	8
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	9
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	10
CHARLES T. COLES	5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	11
FRANK BENNETT	6	ERNEST PYE	*...Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (SOUTHERN BRANCH),

AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAURENCE GUILD, EVESHAM.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

*HENRY J. PHIPPS ...	*...Treble*	THOMAS EDWIN...	6
*RAYMOND YOUNG	2	*FREDERICK JORDON	7
FRANK COOK	3	*JAMES HEMMING	8
*HERBERT JORDAN	4	HARRY MIDDLETON	9
*FRANK MOSS	5	†WILLIAM SPIRES ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

† First peal. * First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten bells as conductor. First peal of Caters on the bells by a local band, all the above being Sunday Service Ringers. Great credit is due to the tenor man, this being the first attempt for a peal.

GRANTHAM.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES	*...Treble*	*ARTHUR MACKEARS	6
*WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	2	*ALBERT C. DARNELL ...	7
RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	3	*SIDNEY PROCTOR	8
*HARRY THORPE	4	WILLIAM DICKINSON ...	9
*DAVID B. OVERTON... ...	5	*THOMAS H. HALL ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Caters. The ringers of 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, & 10 belong to the local band.

WEST HAM, E.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt., in D.

THOMAS FAULKNER ...	*...Treble*	FRANK C. NEWMAN ...	6
GEORGE W. FAULKNER ...	2	EMMANUEL HALL	7
HENRY TORBLE	3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD...	8
ALBERT C. HARDY	4	JOHN MOULE	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	REGINALD BLAKE ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs., in E.

ROBERT ALCOCK ...	*...Treble*	THOMAS T. GOFTON ...	5
JAMES W. NEWTON	2	WILLIAM NEWTON	6
JOHN G. HALL	3	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE	7
*ERNEST BURNETT	4	THOMAS METCALFE	*...Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method.

WOMBOURNE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs., in G.

GEORGE SMITH	*...Treble*	JOSEPH CORNS	5
THOMAS THORNE	2	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT ...	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	HORACE SADLER	7
G. HARRY SADLER	4	SAMUEL GARDNER ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by R. CARTWRIGHT.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Henry Deans, a member of the local society, who was interred the previous Saturday.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARY'S GUILD, BATHWICK.)

On Tuesday, November 28, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH...	*...Treble*	†JOHN H. ODEY...	5
*ROBERT E. WATERSON ...	2	†HERBERT E. LEWIS ...	6
†ALBERT E. ALEXANDER ...	3	RICHARD J. COUSINS ...	7
ALBERT E. SEERS	4	CHARLES DENSLEY ...	*...Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT E. SEERS.

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

MERTHYR TYDVIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK CHAVE	*...Treble*	EDWARD THOMAS	5
WILLIAM ROBERTS	2	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN ...	6
WILLIAM D. ALLEN	3	ALBAN E. SLATTER	7
CHARLES PALEY	4	JAMES SMITH	*...Tenor*

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. S. M. Davies, Chaplain to the Rt. Hon. Lord Islington, and Miss Ruby Ermyne Rees, third daughter of Mr. T. Aneuryn Rees (Town Clerk of Merthyr Tydvil) and Mrs. Rees.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

JOSEPH OGDEN	*...Treble*	FRANK WILD	5
HARRY HAMPSON	2	HERBERT BARLOW	6
*JOSEPH SHAW	3	LUKE HAMPSON	7
FRANK CHAPMAN	4	†CHARLES PLATT ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by CHARLES PLATT.

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

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt., in E flat.

SAMUEL WESLEY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. SEVIER ...	... 5
FRANK JACOBS	... 2	CLEMENT GLENN ...	... 6
*FREDERICK E. SMITH ...	3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	... 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ...	4	GEORGE DAVIES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Triples.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE... ...	...*Treble*	BART MITCHELL ...	... 5
GEORGE WARD	... 2	CHARLES E. HART ...	... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ...	... 3	SAMUEL MASKREY ...	... 7
ERNEST CLARKE ...	... 4	WALTER WALLACE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor; also first peal in the method rung in Derby by an entirely local band. Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day, and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clarke.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt., in G.

ROBERT H. YOUNG ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BOREHAM ...	... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	2	RALPH H. BIGGS ...	... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	3	RICHARD BUCKLAND...	... 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ...	4	JOHN EVANS	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs., in E flat.

GEORGE B. SELBY ...	...*Treble*	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ...	5
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ...	2	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ...	6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ...	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SENR.	7
EDWIN BARNETT, SENR. ...	4	RICHARD GOODBOURN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SENR.

First peal on the bells.

CAVERSHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Friday, December 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY TUCKER	...*Treble*	ALBERT D. CULLUM ...	5
HUBERT HATTO	... 2	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ...	6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ...	7
ERNEST W. MENDAY	4	JOSEPH HANDS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS LINCOLN ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED TARBUN	5
HENRY W. KIRTON	2	HENRY F. COOPER	6
FREDERICK G. RADLEY ...	3	HENRY HEAD	7
*ARTHUR HEAD	4	WILLIAM LINCOLN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by HENRY W. KIRTON.

* Fiftieth peal.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 19½ cwt., in E.

ALBERT LONGLEY ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD BRIDGER	5
ARTHUR WILES	... 2	GEORGE EDWARDS	6
ELGAR KING	... 3	HARRY SEAL	7
SIDNEY HUNTLEY ...	... 4	ERNEST EVEREST ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Archie Denton, a member of the local band, and Miss Rose Ingram, of Hildenboro', the company wishing them long life and happiness.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

ALBERT H. WARD ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD C. GOBEY	5
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON...	2	ERNEST J. OLIVER	6
CHARLES E. HART	3	BART MITCHELL	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	*R. ALLEN HICKTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D.

NORMAN KIDD	...*Treble*	JOHN H. JONES	5
WILLIAM RUDD	... 2	THOMAS LANCASTER ...	6
*WILFRED ADDISON	3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON ...	7
†FREDERICK BARKER	4	EDMUND MILBURN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

* First peal. † First in the method.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

ALFRED H. MARTIN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE BROWN	5
FRED CAUSBY	2	ARTHUR CHAPMAN	6
LEWIS CHAPMAN	3	JOHN B. MARTIN	7
ALFRED EVERITT	4	HARRY PETTIT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. B. MARTIN.

The above peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late William V. Newman, who was a member of the Higham Ferrers company, and who was interred on Nov. 28th at Rushden Cemetery.

IRTHLINGBORO'.
CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FREDERICK JONES	...*Treble*	JOHN J. MAWBY	5
JAMES GARRATT	2	WALTER J. GERMAN	6
WALTER PERKINS	3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	7
JAMES T. WARD	4	J. HUBERT HORN	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

* First peal away from the tenor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. V. Newman.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs.

ALFRED KIRK	...*Treble*	FRANK KIRK	5
FRED STUBBS	2	WILLIAM J. GILBERT	6
HENRY STUBBS	3	JAMES NICKERSON	7
DANIEL REDHEAD	4	*WALTER GILBERT	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by WALTER GILBERT.

* First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half muffled to the memory of the late Mr. W. V. Newman.

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

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

*EDWIN J. RIDLER	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. CARD	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal of Major.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt., in F.

GEORGE HAYES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HARPER	5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	2	WILLIAM LANE	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN	4	ALFRED THOMPSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Association.

CHILVERS COTEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr.	...*Treble*	WALTER MARTIN	5
*ROWLAND O. POLLARD	2	HERBERT CURE	6
HARRY E. STONELEY	3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	7
HARRY ARGYLE	4	ALFRED HANCOCKS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

* First peal with a bob bell.

HODDESDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

*ARTHUR HURN	...*Treble*	GEORGE GRAY	5
GEORGE RADLEY	2	HENRY G. ROWE	6
JESSE PUPLETT	3	WILLIAM SABAN	7
ARTHUR CAINS	4	*CHARLES W. HALFHIDE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

* First peal. Rung in honour of Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra's 67th birthday; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Halfhide. This is the conductor's 60th peal in the method.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	...*Treble*	JOHN P. FOULDS	5
*LUKE SUTHERS	2	*WILLIAM CRABTREE	6
*ALFRED BROOK	3	WILLIAM MALLINSON	7
FRED HINDLE	4	JOHN WATSON	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MALLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS	...*Treble*	JAMES R. NEWMAN	5
WILLIAM SHILVOCK	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
GORDON CHECKITTS	3	CHARLES F. WHITE	7
WILLIAM PAGE	4	WILLIAM SHORT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung after meeting short for Norwich Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TFURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

HENRY STALHAM	...*Treble*	GEORGE ADES	5
JOHN JAY	2	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	6
WILLIAM PALMER	3	KEITH HART	7
CHARLES PALMER	4	RICHARD STREDWICK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt., in F.

*JOHN RICE	...*Treble*	ALBERT ELLIS	5
FREDERICK W. RICE	2	*FRANCIS T. HOAD, Junr.	6
*ALBERT HARMAN	3	ALFRED D. MILLS	7
*ALBERT E. MITCHELL	4	*OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs., in G.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. ...	...*Treble*	JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	5
*REV. R. W. PITT	2	ALFRED FUNNELL	6
JOHN F. WILSON	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
RICHARD BALDRY	4	WILLIAM STEELE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Reverse Cambridge, Cambridge, Durham, Wells, Lichfield and Chichester.

*LEONARD CLARKSON ...	...*Treble*	DANIEL PRESTON	4
*JOSEPH PRESTON	2	CHARLES PRESTON	5
*CLEMENT POINTON	3	WILLIAM WHEELDON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WHEELDON.

*First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung at the first attempt.

GREAT BARTON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.

FREDERICK DEWELL...	...*Treble*	FRANK LEVETT	4
*ERNEST STURGEON	2	CHARLES WOODCOCK ...	5
*ERNEST W. BISHOP ...	3	†HORACE W. FOULGER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE W. FOULGER.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.

SAMUEL R. MUMBY ...	...*Treble*	JOHN W. BURRIDGE... ...	4
*HENRY C. WATTS	2	HORACE HARRISON	5
JOHN B. HALLIFAX	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT PRATT	4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	2	THOMAS CRANE...	5
CHARLES MOSS	3	JOHN PUNCHARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung on the eve of, and to celebrate St. Andrew's Day.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's:—i London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Treble Bob; ii Durham Surprise; iii York Surprise; iv London Surprise; v Cambridge Surprise; vi Oxford Treble Bob; vii Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON	...*Treble*	JAMES OSBORN	4
REV. H. LAW JAMES ...	2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES	5
JOHN W. LAKE...	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung immediately after the dedication of the new tenor and treble by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandal, College Exercise, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs., in E.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	4
WILLIAM LOWERY	2	EDWIN H. LEWIS	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON	3	HENRY W. WILDE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

Rung immediately after the consecration of the new church.

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt., in G.

DAVID WRIGHT	...*Treble*	*GEORGE TROTH...	4
PERCY TIDY	2	LEONARD A. TIDY	5
EDWARD J. HOAD	3	ALFRED A. JARRETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED A. JARRETT.

* First peal. First peal of Treble Bob by all the band.

SHROPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES,

Consisting of 30 120's of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARRY CROOK	...*Treble*	ERNEST FISHER	3
EDGAR HUNT	2	HORACE ALLEN	4
WILLIAM ADCOCK		*Tenor.*	

Conducted by HARRY CROOK.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the niece of Mr. Edgar Hunt, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT 14, TRUMPINGTON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	1—2	†REGINALD O. STREET...	5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	3—4	*WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	7—8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

† First peal away from 7—8. * First handbell peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
JAMES HUNT	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER ...	7—8
SEPTIMUS RADFORD... ...	9—10		

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: J. W. RADFORD.

The composition is now rung for the first time and is based upon an original set of courses.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF Mr. A. H. PULLING.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	5—6
MAURICE SMITHER... ...	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL ...	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal on an inside pair.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN	1—2	THOMAS BERNARD... ..	5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON ...	3—4	ARTHUR T. MORRIS ...	7—8

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

Umpire: THOMAS WRIGHT.

This composition was rung for the first time.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' ONE PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	JAMES HUNT...	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: M. SMITHER.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal at Leiston recorded last week was Charles Samson, and not Lamson as published.

BATTERSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Ambrose 1, W. Essery 2, J. Barber 3, A. Reeve 4, G. Watkin 5, H. Mance 6, H. Burton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Pullen 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—Ely Diocesan Association.—On the Norman tower bells, on November 4th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: *G. Sparrow 1, *E. Hunt 2, J. Sparrow 3, F. J. Levitt 4, W. Radley 5, A. E. Moore 6, H. A. Turner (conductor) 7, J. Levitt 8. * First quarter-peal.—On Sunday, November 5th, 720 Double Court Minor, with C. Woodcock and F. Dewell standing in.—For evening service, 593 Grandsire Caters: F. Dewell 1, W. Radley 2, H. Smith 3, J. Sparrow 4, F. Eaton 5, F. J. Levitt 6, J. Levitt 7, A. E. Moore (conductor) 8, H. R. Moore 9, R. Moore 10. Also on handbells, 740 Kent Major: J. Sparrow 1—2, F. Dewell 3—4, F. J. Levitt 5—6, A. E. Moore (conductor) 7—8; 293 Grandsire Triples, with C. Woodcock 7—8; a course of Double Norwich, with W. Radley and C. Woodcock in; also 270 Grandsire Caters, with J. Sparrow, A. R. Moore; and 384 Bob Major, with W. Radley 7—8.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

UNPUBLISHED PEAL RECORDS.

From various correspondents we have received requests to insert peals which were rung in the early part of the year, before the appearance of *The Ringing World,* but which have not been published. It has been pointed out by a member of the Analysis Committee that no peals can be included in the table that have not appeared in one or other of the ringing papers. In order, therefore, that all peals shall be included in the analysis for the year, thus making the table complete, we have decided to open our columns for the insertion of any peals rung between January 1st and March 24th of this year, and WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED. The records of these peals must REACH US NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th, and, for reasons of space, we rely upon our readers to send us only those which have not yet appeared in a ringing paper. Our object is to enable every peal rung this year to be included in the Analysis for 1911.

NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE.

BY THE REV E. BANKES JAMES.

12345678
21435687
12346578
21436587
24135678
42316587
241 6857
42318675
24381657
42836175
42381657
24836175
42386715
24837651
42836715
24387651
23478561
32745816
23748561
32475816
23745186
32471568
32745186
23471568
32417586
23145768
32415678
23146587
21345678
12435687
21346578
12436587
14263857
Bob
14235678

Those who remember Gloucester Surprise in its original form will see that there is only a slight alteration in the above, Kent places in 5-6 being substituted for Oxford places in 3-4. The advantage of this alteration is, that we can now use a Fourth's place bob and all Oxford and Kent Treble Bob peals go true.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

It requires a man with a good deal of energy to fulfil the somewhat onerous duties involved in the secretaryship of such a large Association as that which brings within its sphere the county Palatine. Mr. William H. Shuker, who now holds the important office, is a man of energy and enthusiasm, and he is proving himself an able successor to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, who occupied the post



MR. W. H. SHUKER.

with so much ability for such a long period. Mr. Shuker is a native of Salop, having been born on August 9th, 1870, at Market Drayton, where he learnt to pull a bell on the restoration of the peal and the addition of two trebles in 1887. It was not until six years later, however, that he learnt change ringing, his introduction to the Art being at Cheddleton, near Leek, Staffs, in 1893. About 14 different methods were practised on the six bells, and although no peal was attempted, a date touch was rung in 1896.

In 1897 Mr. Shuker removed to Manchester, where he got into touch with the Pendleton company, and rang his first peal on August 23rd of that year. The men who ring regularly at this church are enthusiasts every one, for the majority live a distance from the belfry. Mr. Shuker himself has to go five miles, two others live four miles away, one three and a half miles, and three more than a mile away. But, as with the rest of keen ringers, distance counts for little. Mr. Shuker, who is also a member of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, was elected hon. secretary of the Manchester branch in 1905, and held that position until recently, his resignation being due only to the fact that since Mr. Wreaks' removal to Scotland in January last the more onerous and responsible duties of association secretary have fallen upon him, Mr. Shuker being elected for another term at the last annual meeting in September.

Mr. Shuker has rung 33 peals, eighteen of them having been scored at Pendleton, where he took part in the first peal of Cambridge in Lancashire, and the first peals of Oxford, Kent and Superlative on the new bells.

Grandsire Triples	1
Grandsire Caters	1
Bob Major	1
Stedman Triples	5
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	15
Superlative Surprise	8
Cambridge Surprise	1
Total	33

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Neasden Delight is the name given to No. 16 of the fourth's place Delight methods (Legitimate Methods, page 17) by the Willesden band, who have rung a 720: L. Porter 1, G. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, T. Langdon 4, H. Kilby (conductor) 5, A. Hill 6.

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The bells of Rickling, Essex, had not been rung for 30 years. Mr. F. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, has, however, recently rehung them, and various six-scores of Doubles have been rung upon them.

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The re-opening and dedication of the bells at Machen, Mon., will take place on Saturday, December 16th, at 4 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by the Bishop of Llandaff.

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If Mr. William Keeble, late of Bolsover, will communicate with Mr. W. Lambert, 55, Carr Vale, New Bolsover, Chesterfield, he will hear something to his advantage.

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No time has been lost in ringing a peal on the bells at St. Nicholas Church, Wallasey. The new church, with its bells, was dedicated on Wednesday, and in the evening a peal of Minor was rung upon them. The bells were cast and hung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd., of London.

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The first peal on the bells at Wrotham, Kent, was rung last week. The bells were recast and rehung in a new iron H frame, and tuned on the Simpson principle, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. They were rung for the first time on Coronation Day, and great credit is due to the founders for the excellent job they have made of the work; the go and tone being perfection. The tenor was rung last week by Mr. R. Goodburn, who, although he has seen 70 summers, was fresh enough at the finish of the peal to start for another.

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The peal was rung at the third attempt. The first was lost in the 34th course owing to a shift, and the second

failed in the 32nd course. On each occasion the band was most hospitably entertained by Mr. Churchwarden Francis, to whom the band tender their best thanks.

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In the biographical sketch of Mr. Ernest Pye last week we stated that he had taken part in the only peals of Cambridge, London and Bristol rung on handbells. We are now reminded that a peal of New Cambridge was rung double-handed at Bolsover on July 2nd, 1910. But Cambridge is not New Cambridge.

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Some little time ago inquiries were made as to the largest number of 720's rung for services on a Sunday. A correspondent now sends us a list of no fewer than eleven, rung at Bourne, Lincolnshire, on Easter Day, 1908. For 7 a.m. service 720 Kent, 11 a.m. 720 Plain Bob and 720 Reverse College Single, for evening service two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Single Court and Reverse College Single. The ringers were: J. T. Woolley, J. Neal, A. S. Allen, A. E. Larkinson, J. W. Lake (conducted 9), J. Osborn and F. Blood, of the local band, and the following visitors: W. Wadsley, Bulwell (conducted one), G. Hollis, Chesterfield (conducted one), and C. Neaverson, Empingham.

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.

This week I have to continue the explanation of Stedman Doubles. In the last notes I mentioned that the work in the front included a "slow work" and a "quick work," and I showed how the former, which extends over five sixes, was rung. Now let us turn to the "quick work," which occupies one six only. It is merely this, that after completing the dodging in 4-5 down the bell runs straight to the front, leads a whole pull at hand and back strokes, and then goes straight out to dodge in 4-5 up. Nothing could be simpler than that part of the work, which can be seen at a glance by tracing the course of the 5th in the figures on the side. Now, as to the dodging. This is perfectly symmetrical and consists of a double dodge in 4-5 up, followed by a double dodge in 4-5 down, each time a bell gets behind. The slow work and the quick work come alternately, so that we have the following order to be observed:—

342	51	
435	21	
453	12	
543	21	
534	12	
354	21	
345	12	
431	52	

Slow work ..... (five sixes).
Double dodge 4-5 up ..... (one six).
Double dodge 4-5 down ... (one six).
Quick work ..... (one six).
Double dodge 4-5 up ... (one six).
Double dodge 4-5 down ... (one six).

Ten sixes, or 60 changes.

There is one peculiar thing about the method, and that is that it does not start at the beginning of a "six." On starting from rounds the last two changes of a six have to be rung.

12345
21354
23145
32415
23451
etc.

Thus, in going off, the bells in 4-5 finish the dodging; the treble (completing the quick work) goes straight out to 4-5; the 2nd begins at the last whole-turn, and the 3rd strikes one blow in 3rd's place, and does the first half turn. The result of beginning in this way is that the bells come round at the fourth, instead of the last change of a six.

As shown above, there are 60 changes in the plain course, or just half the full extent on five bells. Two singles, therefore, are required to ring the 120, and these singles can be made by any pair of bells, so long as the same bells make both of them. Figures will, perhaps, best illustrate how these singles are made, and we will let the 5 and 3 make them:

First Single		Second Single	
413	25	415	23
142	35	142	53
124	53	124	35
214	35	214	53
241	35	241	53
421	53	421	35
412	35	412	53
143	25	145	23

It will be seen that the bell that comes from the front goes up as far as 5th's, where it strikes one blow, then lies two blows (hand and back strokes) in 4th's, strikes once in 5th's and returns to the same work (either slow or quick) as it came from. The other bell which has already dodged in 4-5 up, lies a whole pull behind, strikes one blow in 4th's, a whole pull behind (over the bell making 4th's), has one more blow in 4th's, and lies another whole pull behind—just as if she were completing the dodging in 4-5 up—and dodges in 4-5 down, and goes back to the same work (either quick or slow) that it came out from.

CONDUCTOR.

NEW PLAN FOR 5,007 STEDMAN CATERS.

By C. H. Hattersley.

231456	5	16	Continued	5	16
413562*			415362	s	
312564	—		514263	—	—
213465	—	—	513462		—
315462	—		315264	—	—
513264	—	—	314562		—
314265	—		412563	—	
415263	—		213564	—	
514362	—	—	312465	—	—
512463		—	215463	—	
215364	—	—	512364	—	—
214563		—	214365	—	
412365	—	—			

* By Bobs at 1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 16, 18, 24.

Repeated, calling the first course of the second half 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 15, 19.

The first half is in the tittums, the second in the hand-stroke home position. The peal has the same consecutive order of course-ends in each half, and contains an original set of calling, which is new to compositions of this class. First rung at Guildford, on handbells, on November 29th.

MARLOW, BUCKS. — On Wednesday evening, November 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. J. Green 1, W. E. Taylor 2, W. E. Coster 3, R. Atkins 4, W. Ayres 5, J. C. Truss 6, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 7, C. J. Horne 8.

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THE DEDICATION.

The new bells were dedicated on Wednesday week by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, the arrangements for the event, in which the whole parish joined with great heartiness, having been made by a committee of the Church Council, comprising: The Vicar (the Rev. G. Scholey), chairman; the churchwardens (Dr. A. W. Valentine and Mr. G. H. Cork), and Messrs. S. H. Martin, P. K. Harris and W. Beara. As the Appledore ringers are at present but beginners, for the dedication the bells were rung by ringers from Bideford and Northam.

The church was crowded long before the time fixed for the morning service, at which the surpliced clergy present were the Lord Bishop of Exeter (Dr. Robertson), the Rev. R. W. Sealy, Abbotsham, R.D., acting Chaplain to the Bishop; Rev. Preb. Dimond-Churchward (Northam), the Vicar of Appledore (the Rev. G. Scholey), and the Revs. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild (Ottery), L. Whyte Atkins (Instow), J. F. Anderson (Westward Ho!), H. Pigot (West Down), J. B. White (Instow), T. P. Dimond Hogg (Fremington), C. J. Eckett (Fremington), W. T. Ll. V. Jenkins (Instow), and the Revs. H. C. A. S. Muller, R.N., H.M.S. King Alfred (Devonport), and R. H. F. Trevaldwyn (Barnstaple), the two latter being former curates at Appledore. The High Sheriff of Devon (Mr. A. L. Christie), and the donor of the bells, Mr. W. J. Tatem and Mrs. Tatem, were among the congregation.

The Vicar conducted the service, which opened with the hymn, "O God our help in ages past." The special psalms were 84 and 150. The Rev. Preb. Dimond-Churchward read the first lesson, and the Rev. R. W. Sealy the second. While the hymn, "We love the place, O God," was being sung, the Bishop and clergy, preceded by the churchwardens, walked to the church tower, where the bells were solemnly dedicated by the Lord Bishop. The bells were rung while the Lord Bishop returned and ascended the pulpit. Preaching from Hebrews x., 25, his Lordship said it was a day of rejoicing for the whole parish that the work of the tower, dedicated some time ago, had received its proper completion and crown by the dedication of the peal of bells presented to the church by a generous donor, a native of the parish whom God had blessed, and who, out of God's bounty had made that offering to the church. Referring to the lessons which the church bells taught, his lordship said it was no use rejoicing in the sound of the bells unless they were prepared to obey the summons. The bells were beautiful and harmonious in sound, but that beauty and harmony could not be produced without a certain amount of skill on the part of those who rang them. Those people carried out a duty that went to make up the ministry of God. They were calling people to prayer, but let them see that they were themselves men of prayer.

The service, which was joined in by all with much heartiness, closed with the hymn, "Lift the strain of thy thanksgiving," and the dedication of a mural tablet which bore the inscription:—

To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of his Father, Thomas Tatem, who died at Appledore, October 21st, 1868, aged 27. And his beloved son, Thomas Shandon Tatem, who died at Cardiff, June 15th, 1904, aged 6. These Bells were given to the Parish Church by W. J. Tatem, Esq., High Sheriff of Glamorganshire, in the year 1911.

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCHEON.

At the conclusion of the service, a luncheon was held at the Public Rooms to welcome the donor of the bells. The Bishop of Exeter presided, and the attendance, which numbered about 120, included the clergy present at the service, the Sheriff of Devon (Mr. A. L. Christie), Mr. J. W. and Mrs. Tatem, Mrs. Scholey; Mr. A. L. Davis, Miss Evans, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Gibson, from Cardiff, and Mr. Robert Warner; Mr. J. L. Round and Mrs. Round, Capt. Fishwick, Mr. W. J. Land (chairman, Northam District Council), the Rev. J. J. Nelson (Baptist, Appledore), Messrs. E. R. Berry Torr, J. H. and F. G. Cocks, Molesworth Hepworth, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Heywood, S. H. Martin, L. Lawday, S. Fulford, the churchwardens, sidesmen and officials of the church, etc.

After the toast of the King had been honoured, Dr. Valentine, on behalf of the parishioners, presented Mrs. Tatem with a handsome bouquet.

The Rev. Preb. Dimond-Churchward proposed "The Bishop," and remarked that as they had perilous times ahead, it was well they had one at the head of the diocese whose lead they could conscientiously follow—one who in the hours of anxiety before them would lead them straight and boldly to face that question of disestablishment which was coming before them before very long.

THE BISHOP AND DISESTABLISHMENT.

The Lord Bishop, responding, said it did one good to see their little church crowded as it had been that day, and after all the keen interest there was shown in Church work was the best answer they had to make to any who out of a disinterested zeal for the spirituality of the church wished to relieve them of any worldly advantages they might possess. He ought not to talk about public affairs that day, because they had met to thank God for His goodness to the parish, but without going fully into the matter alluded to by Prebendary Churchward, he would say he fully agreed with what the Prebendary had said. They could not at this time separate the interests of the English Church from that of the four Welsh dioceses. As one Church they had existed for centuries, and as one Church they desired to exist to the end (applause). They strongly resented any proposal made in Parliament or elsewhere which would have the effect of saying to them, the Church body, that they must let those four dioceses drop and submit to the spiritual bond which united them being arbitrarily cut in two by the clumsy sword and heavy cudgel of State (applause). He thought it would be in the highest degree mean and ungenerous to let their Welsh brethren go at this time (hear, hear). On the contrary, they must draw closer to them than ever, and he welcomed the Appledore bells from across the Bristol Channel as a speaking proof of the thorough identity which bound together the Church on either side of the water (applause). His lordship, in conclusion, congratulated the Vicar and Mrs. Scholey on the energetic work they were doing in Appledore, the evidence and fruit of which was so manifest on every side.

The Rev. R. W. Sealy and the Rev. J. J. Nelson also responded, and the Bishop of Exeter then proposed the toast of the afternoon, "The healths of Mr. and Mrs. Tatem." Mr. Tatem he regarded as a living embodiment of more interesting things than one. He stood for the gratitude of the great predominant partner, England, because the Principality of Wales sent many of her sons to occupy positions of greater or less importance in England, and in Mr. Tatem they had a proof that England sent good men to Wales in return (applause). And then in Mr. Tatem they had not only a representative of the great commercial city of Cardiff, but the High Sheriff of the County of Glamorgan, the people of which comprised quite one-half the principality of Wales. It was a proud day for Appledore that one of its fellow citizens should be the high sheriff of one of the most important, populous and productive counties in the whole of the British Isles (applause). They had every reason to be proud of Mr. Tatem and the generous gift he had given to Appledore was one more proof of the old sentiment embodied in a quotation from Goldsmith's "Traveller":

My heart untrammelled
Fondly turns to thee.

Dr. Valentine, on behalf of the parishioners of Appledore, thanked Mr. Tatem most heartily for his generous gift, and referred to the many ways in which he had shown his practical interest in Appledore. —Mr. W. J. Land and Mr. P. K. Harris also supported the toast, which was drunk with musical honours.

THE DONOR'S REPLY.

Mr. Tatem, received with loud applause, thanked the Lord Bishop for the very kind manner in which his lordship had proposed the toast, and added: Needless to say I have a close attachment for Appledore as my native place, and whenever here I feel that I am at home—not that I have spent a great deal of my life here—it is one of the hard facts of Westcountry life that our young men who wish to enter upon a commercial career must leave home whilst young to start battling with the world. Consequently, I was compelled to leave Appledore at an early age, and in these competitive times it is not often con-

venient to secure the leisure away from business to enable one to renew an acquaintance with the old place. However, it is not altogether a disadvantage to have to face the world so early in life, and I am more than thankful to say that I have not been altogether unsuccessful in the career I set out upon, and I am also proud to testify that Devonians on the whole are not behind hand in holding their own against the keen competitors of commerce (hear, hear). I, therefore, feel I owe a great debt of gratitude to my parents, and I am sorry my mother is indisposed and unable to be here to-day. Well, now while I express my pleasure in being amongst you, the occasion of my visit to-day is one that has other thoughts. It awakens within me memories of loved ones who were near and dear to me. I cannot feel it in my heart to speak upon the lives and love of those of whom I have lost, but they are memories which I earnestly desire to perpetuate in the most appropriate and sacred way. And in asking my Lord Bishop on your behalf to accept this peal of bells in remembrance of my father and my little son, whose loss has been felt very acutely in my home, I trust the bells may be found to be of some usefulness, and that their sound may carry to the ears of many of our brave sailors when crossing the Bar in all kinds of weather (applause). I trust you will accept the gift in the spirit in which it is made, and in concluding these few remarks, I desire to express the hope that you, my Lord Bishop, may be graciously blest in all your work, and that the Divine benediction will prosper the life and labours of those committed to your charge (loud applause).

On behalf of the Church Council, the Vicar then handed Mr. Tatem a choice painting of the Church, the work of a lady, and an enlargement of a photo by Miss Spring of the bells before they were hung.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, on the motion of Mr. F. G. Cock, and cheers for Mrs. and Miss Scholey closed this part of the proceedings.

Subsequently there was a public tea and concert, Mr. Tatem presiding, about 400 school children being entertained by Mrs. Tatem.

ABBOTSHAM BELLS REHUNG.

A BISHOP'S ADVICE TO RINGERS.

The six bells at St. Helen's, Abbotsham, have been rehung in a steel frame, with entirely new fittings, as a Coronation memorial. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, and has been carried out in highly praiseworthy manner. The peal has a tenor of 12 cwt., and this is a pre-Reformation bell. There was a large gathering on the occasion of the dedication, which was performed by the Bishop of Crediton. Ringers were present from Abbotsham, Bideford, Buckland Brewer, Parkham, Alwington, Wear Gifford, Monkleigh, Littleham and Northam, and the bells were well used throughout the day, Messrs. Stokes and Son's work being much admired. The ringers were entertained to luncheon, at which complimentary speeches were made, the Bishop of Crediton, in the course of his reply to the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy," urging the ringers to take up the scientific side of the craft, adding that if there was a band of ringers at Abbotsham which kept together they would enjoy their ringing ten-fold more if they aspired a little to the higher class of ringing which prevailed through the Diocesan Guild, a body which was always ready to help to teach and show the way. All over North Devon, it seemed to him, ringers were full of life, and were doing their utmost to make the bells sound over the Devonshire hills and valleys, to ring in good time and good tune. He was listening to some of the ringing as he drove up to Abbotsham, and he must say he thought it was very well done. He hoped they would go on and do their best, for there was nothing that put a brighter happiness into them on a Sunday than to hear the bells ringing on their way to church. He most heartily congratulated them upon what they had done in that parish.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Sealy), who proposed a vote of thanks to the subscribers, visitors and local committee, announced amid applause that the total cost, about £130, had been entirely met, almost without any asking. They were re-opening the bells not only absolutely free from debt, but would have enough to utilise the old oak that was coming out to make some beautiful furniture or chairs for the church (applause). There must be a good many in the room who remembered that only about 25 years ago they had a similar gathering for the putting in of some new bells and an entirely new cage. It did not seem quite long enough for that to have lasted, but they had to take things as they were, and when it was found that the ringers had not a day thread on them after ringing, it was thought necessary to have the bells rehung and the work made easier. The work had been excellently done to time according to promise, and he asked the ringers of the Deanery to come, and it was a very great pleasure to him to be able to greet so many ringers. Mr. Sealy paid a tribute to the committee who had so efficiently made the arrangements.

Mr. C. G. Carnegie replied for the subscribers, the Rev. W. W. Arthur (Arthernington) for the visitors, and Mr. Hooper for the committee and ringers.

The dedication service was largely attended, the Bishop giving an eloquent and appropriate address upon the lessons of the bells.—The day was concluded with a social gathering in the schools, at which a large number of parishioners were present.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES

A meeting of the Derby district was held at Duffield, on Saturday week. There was only a moderate attendance, the following places being represented: Alfreton, Derby, Etwall, Swanwick, and the local company. Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Netherseal, was among the visitors, and took part in touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major.—It was decided at the meeting, held in the belfry, that the meetings be held over until March, owing to the bad weather, etc., and that the first of the meetings for 1912 should take place in Derby in March.

The many friends of St. Andrew's Society, Derby, will no doubt be glad to see the progress this band are now making. On Wednesday, November 29th, they rang their first peal of Superlative, this being the first Surprise peal by all except the conductor, while it was also his first in the method in that capacity. It was rung at the second attempt, the first one, about three or four weeks ago, coming to grief after two hours' good ringing. We hear from a good source that Cambridge Surprise is to be the next on the agenda. It is fortunate for St. Andrew's that they possess one or two good "reserves," as there are some people who, we hear, are not altogether reliable.—("Verb Sap.")

Hearty congratulations to the Bolsover band, who rang their peal of Norfolk Surprise last week. There seems to be nothing too much for them to tackle.

LANCASHIRE.

The members of the Preston branch held a meeting, for practice, at Higher Walton on Saturday last, but owing to the inclement weather there was only a moderate attendance. Ringing commenced at four o'clock, and was kept up till seven p.m., the methods rung being Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Double Court. The next meeting will be held in January, 1912, at Leyland Parish Church.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Central Division at Aldrington on Saturday week was rather poorly attended, only 18 members being present at the tea, which was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Morgan).—A hearty welcome to Aldrington was given to the Association by the chairman.—Mr. H. C. Castle, of Deal, was elected a life member.—A letter from the committee for the restoration of Shoreditch bells was referred to the annual meeting of the Association. — On the motion of the hon. secretary (Mr. R. J. Dawe) a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the tea and meeting.—During the afternoon and evening touches in various six-bell methods were rung at the parish church.

WHERE CHANGE RINGERS WILL BE WELCOMED.

On Saturday evening last, a party of ringers from Nunburnholme paid a visit to Market Weighton Church, and rang several touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, including a 240 in each method. The ringers taking part were: A. Ankers, A. Keeling, W. Brigham, G. Wilkinson, F. Wilkinson (conductor), J. T. Richardson and J. W. Kneeshaw, the two last-named being Market Weighton ringers. On leaving the church the ringers were met by the Vicar (the Rev. A. A. R. Gill, late curate at St. George's, Leicester, and also at Loughborough), who complimented them on their ringing. The old custom will be carried out at Market Weighton of ringing every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, up to New Year's Eve, and any ringer or band of ringers will be welcome on these occasions. With the exception of the two already mentioned, the local men are not change ringers, and a visit from other towers might do a good deal towards inducing them to take up the Art. At present, half-pull changes are rung from papers.

A SALISBURY GUILD MEETING.

The Devizes branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their monthly meeting at St. Katherine's Church, Holt, on Saturday last, but owing doubtless to the very unpleasant state of the weather, only a small number of members attended from Westbury, Bath, Southbroom, Devizes, Urchfont, Seend and Holt. Some very good touches of Bob Singles and Grandsire Doubles were performed, and at five o'clock the company sat down to an excellent tea at the New Inn, Holt.—A short business meeting followed, at which, owing to the unavoidable absence of the chairman (the Rev. J. H. Burn), Mr. Sydney Hillier was voted to the chair. He was supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, the hon. branch secretary.—Three new ringing members from St. Mary's and two from St. James', one life ringing member from Bath, and two more ringing members, were elected.—It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Devizes, on January 13th, 1912.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Holt for the use of the bells.—Further ringing in the tower then took place, and brought a short but pleasant meeting to a close.

THE LATE MR. W. V. NEWMAN.

HIS RINGING CAREER.—THE FUNERAL.

By the death of Mr. W. V. Newman, of Rushden, briefly recorded in our last issue, the Exercise loses a well-known and highly-respected member, and an excellent ringer. Born at Isleworth, Middlesex, on April 29th, 1878, Mr. Newman went to reside at Irthlingboro' with his family when about five years of age. He first learned to ring in 1895, scoring his first peal—Bob Major—in November, 1896. In 1897 he rang his first peals of Double Norwich and Stedman, the latter being conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. In January of the following year he took part in his first peal of Superlative.

In 1900 business took him to Colchester, and very soon he found his way to Ipswich, where he rang 1—2 in a peal of Bob Major on handbells, while in November he rang his first peal of Treble Bob Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower. He called his first peal of Bob Major at Colchester, and during the two years he lived in Essex he rang peals at Bury St. Edmunds, St. Mary's, Ardleigh, and Great Bentley. In 1903 he returned to Irthlingboro', and with Mr. W. J. Perkins, who had just left Finedon to reside at Irthlingboro', greatly strengthened the band of that town when on January 10th, 1903, the first peal of London Surprise Major was rung in the county. In the same year,



Mr. Newman also rang two peals of London with the Brothers Pye, and took part in the first peals of London, Superlative and Double Norwich, in Northampton. He rang 3—4 in the first peal of Bob Major on handbells in the county, and also rang in the only peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. His longest length was the 2312 Superlative at Irthlingboro'. In September, 1903, he married Miss Mullivent Betts, of Rushden. He afterwards joined the Higham Ferrers company, and could always be found at his place in that belfry for the Sunday services. In 1908 he called his first peal of Grandsire Triples at Higham Ferrers, and was always a great help to that band, by whom he will be greatly missed. In 1910 he rang in a peal of Stedman at Higham Ferrers, with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. This was Mr. Newman's 100th peal for the Association. He also rang in three peals of London Surprise Major in April, 1910, at Irthlingboro' and Higham Ferrers, and a peal of Stedman at the latter place for King Edward's funeral. His last peal at Irthlingboro' was also a muffled peal of Double Norwich, for F. Palmer, and these two ringers are greatly missed from the Irthlingboro' company, for they could be relied upon to go through a peal without making a mistake. Mr. Newman's last peal was one in seven Minor methods at Harrold, Beds. He was a man full of humour, always willing to stand in a peal, especially to help a young band. Nobody was more delighted to help beginners. He was not a heavy bell ringer, and he never troubled much about conducting, being content to leave that part to others. He was much liked by everyone who knew him.

The deceased was a member of the Norwich, Essex, Midland Counties, Bedfordshire and Central Northamptonshire Associations, and had rung 129 peals in 25 different towers, made up as follows: Doubles, 1; Minor, in one method, 2 (conducted 1); in seven Methods, 7; Bob Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 7 (conducted 2); Stedman Triples, 18; Bob Major, 4 (conducted, 1); on handbells, 2; Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Oxford, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Maximus, 2; Double Norwich Major, 35; Superlative, 34; Cambridge, 1; London, 6; total, 129; conducted, 4.

Mr. Newman had suffered for the last twelve months from that dread disease, cancer, to which he succumbed on Saturday week. The funeral took place at Rushden Cemetery, on Tuesday of last week, amid manifestations of sorrow and regret. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. F. Braley (curate), and the deceased was carried to his last resting place by eight of his fellow ringers, four from Irthlingboro', and four from Higham Ferrers. Ringers were also present from Finedon, as well as others from the two towers mentioned, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by W. Perkins 1—2, A. H. Martin 3—4, A. Y. Tyler 5—6, J. J. Mawby 7—8. Wreaths were sent by the Irthlingboro' and Higham Ferrers ringers, and many were from other friends. Muffled peals were rung on Saturday last, as our peal columns show, at Irthlingboro', Higham Ferrers, and Raunds, and at the former tower the bells were rung half-muffled on Sunday also.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NEW MASTER OF THE NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting for the North Eastern district was held at Maldon, on Saturday, and was attended by 50 members, from various towers of the district, some coming a distance of 20 miles. A short form of service, adopted by the Association, was held in All Saints' Church, an excellent discourse being delivered by the Vicar.—At the subsequent meeting four new ringing members were elected.—The District Master (Mr. F. Rudkin) having intimated that he was unable to again serve in that capacity, Mr. D. Elliott, of Coggeshall, was elected to fill that position, the District Secretary (Mr. A. Shufflebotham) being re-elected.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Braintree, in January.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. L. Hughes, Vicar of All Saints', for his excellent address, and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. E. L. B. Kevill-Davies for use of the bells at St. Mary's Church; and the district officers for their services to the Association.—The bells of both All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's (6) Churches were kept going until 9 p.m., after which the handbells were brought into use. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held in the district.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

In connection with the complaint of E.B.B. on the peal attempts by the Leeds and District Society, on the occasion of the monthly meetings, the President (Mr. Percy J. Johnson) writes: "I take this opportunity of answering E.B.B.'s queries. He asks if it would not be better to let the monthly peal attempt go by. This I must answer in the negative. During former experiments without it, the attendance dwindled almost to nil. There are still two or three hours available for practice, even when the peal attempt is successful, but as at least fifty per cent. are failures, in many cases the bells are available for five or six hours. E.B.B.'s next complaint is that there is 'plenty of grumbling at the meetings, and that it is time someone took it up.' Well, I am sorry the grumblers have not found a more ardent champion, than one who is so bashful as to be ashamed of his own name, and who is evidently much misinformed. I have yet to hear the 'grumbling enough' which he mentions, and should much like to know of any specific instance. If he desires any further information, I shall be pleased if he will communicate with me direct, or, if he joined the society and attended some of the meetings, he would have an opportunity of studying whatever information he needed, first hand."

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at Wem, on Saturday, members being present from Shrewsbury, Shifnal, Coalbrookdale, Condover, Malins-Lee, Dawley, Bridgnorth, and the local ringers. The members were pleased to welcome a new visitor to the Salop meetings, in the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Walsall. Ringing commenced with a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox, followed by touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. The business meeting was held in the vestry, the chair being taken by the Vicar (the Rev. the Hon. A. Parker). Several new ringing members were elected, as well as honorary and life members.—On the proposition of Mr. Bradney, of Shifnal, it was agreed that a leather case should be provided out of the funds for the Guild, for the beautiful peal book which the Guild possessed. The case is to have a handle affixed, so that it can be carried to the meetings.—Afterwards the members partook of a splendid meat tea at the Temperance Hotel, at the kind invitation of the Vicar. About 25 members sat down, and after tea, Mr. Trevor-Corbett proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, and also for the use of the bells.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Shifnal, about the second week in February.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION'S NEW BRANCH.

The first meeting of the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Swindon last Saturday. There were ringers present from Bishopstone (Wilts); All Saints', Bristol; St. Andrew's, Clifton; Grittleton; Stratton St. Margaret; Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon, Wootton Bassett and Wroughton, the total number being 36.

Mr. E. Bishop explained the object for which the meeting had been arranged, and said that a branch of the Association had been formed for the Archdeaconry of North Wilts. He added that in order to encourage the art of change ringing meetings would be held monthly, so that it would be possible to visit each tower at least once a year.—Mr. W. A. Cave, hon. general secretary of the Association, also gave practical and valuable advice.—Mr. E. Bishop was elected president, and Mr. R. W. Hyner was appointed hon. branch secretary.

One of the most satisfactory features of the meeting was the election of ten new members. The next meeting will be held at Chippenham, in January. Tea was provided by Messrs. A. J. G. King and Son, and the parish church bells were available for ringing in the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich being rung. St. Mark's tower was also visited in the evening.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FINEDON.

About 40 members of the Central Northamptonshire Association visited Finedon on Saturday week for the quarterly meeting, which was very successful. By kind permission of the Vicar, the Finedon bells were placed at the disposal of the visitors during the afternoon, members being present from Kettering, Irthlingboro', Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Wilby, Earls Barton, Burton Latimer and Barton Seagrave, together with the local ringers. Tea was served in the Star Hall, where a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar. The members much regretted to hear of the death of Mr. W. V. Newman, and passed a vote of condolence with Mrs. Newman in her sad bereavement.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wellingborough.—The Rev. A. I. Greaves was elected an hon. member of the Association.—The Vicar said he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Finedon.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the churchwardens and the Rev. A. R. Godfrey for their attendance, and also to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.—The Vicar and the Rev. A. Godfrey and churchwardens suitably replied.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT AT STRATTON.

St. Andrew's Day, the patronal festival of the church, was chosen for the dedication of a new ring of eight bells at Stratton, North Cornwall. The old peal of eight have been recast, and more metal added, the result being a fine octave, with tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat. The work of casting and rehanging was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and both the tone and "go" of the bells are excellent.

A special band of the Truro Diocesan Association was delegated to attend, and before the service rung a 504 Grandsire Triples in splendid style, Dr. Symons, of Penzance, ringing the 3rd, and J. Jordan, the captain of the local band, the tenor. The church was crowded at the Dedication service, when the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bodmin gave an impressive address, especially emphasising the important office that ringers held as church workers.

At the conclusion of the service, 504 Stedman Triples was excellently struck by the following: E. W. Marsh (conductor) 1, H. Myers 2, W. H. Marsh 3, W. Rundle 4, H. Bennett 5, W. G. Hiscott 6, W. Ford 7, J. Woodley 8. The bells were kept going for the rest of the day in call changes and rounds by the local bands. In the evening, previous to leaving, the special band rang 160 Bob Major and 168 Erin Triples.

AN APPEAL.

An earnest appeal is being made for help for Mr. A. W. Reeves, of 78, Queen's Road, Caversham, and a member of the Caversham Society and Oxford Diocesan Guild, who for three years past has been unable to follow his employment, and for two years has been confined to his bed. He is suffering from that terrible disease, cancer. Being only a working man, the drain upon the family resources has been very great, and he is now getting only quarter pay from the friendly society to which he belongs. The result is he is almost entirely dependent upon the generosity of friends, and he will shortly have to find his quarterly subscription to ensure the continuance of his club benefits. This is a most deserving case, and ringers are appealed to to assist by contributing to the fund that has been formed. Amounts, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Mr. A. W. Osborne, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Guild, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

MEETING AT BARNSLEY.

The December meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held at Barnsley on Saturday, but was not well attended. The Parish Church of St. Mary contains an old and musical ring of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.). The back six were cast in London in 1762, and two trebles were added a few years later. The "go" is excellent, though the "Yorkshire rope ends" are apt to be a little puzzling to those not used to them. Ringers were present from Barnsley, Bolsover, Rannoor and Sheffield, though not in sufficient force to enable any of the higher methods to be attempted, and those present contented themselves with Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered.—A vote of thanks was passed to the local ringers for their preparations, and the remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PATRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.—720 Bob Minor: A. Cuthbert 1, J. Dexter 2, R. Andrew 3, E. Pickering 4, H. Andrew (conductor) 5, E. T. Found 6. First 720 on the bells by a local company.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On November 1st, at the Parish Church, for practice, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. Prior 1, G. Jordon 2, T. Jordan 3, W. T. Prior 4, J. Luckey 5, W. Nice 6, T. J. Watts 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, November 5th, for morning service, 420 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, T. Jordan 2, J. Luckey 3, W. Prior 4, G. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—North Notts Association.—On November 1st, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: *E. Halley 1, E. Collingburn 2, G. W. Metcalfe 3, C. Jones 4, H. Warburton 5, A. T. Winter (conductor) 6, G. R. Winter 7, R. Miles 8. *First quarter-peal. Also 1260 Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: R. Miles 1, G. W. Metcalfe 2, E. Collingburn 3, C. Joynes 4, A. T. Winter 5, G. R. Winter 6, H. Warburton (conductor) 7, T. Spurr 8.—On November 9th, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins.: G. Swannack 1, T. Spurr 2, E. Collingburn 3, G. W. Metcalfe 4, R. Miles 5, A. T. Winter 6, C. Joynes (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, G. R. Winter 8, J. B. Joynes 9, H. Warburton 10.

CARDIFF.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on November 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. A. W. Sargeaunt, who for 36 years was the much-respected Vicar's warden, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Coles 1, W. B. Biss 2, C. O. Hobbs 3, H. Day 4, W. Miller 5, F. Chamberlain 6, S. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. Hole 8. Rung after an attempt for Carter's twelve-part (W. B. Biss conducting), which came to grief in the second part, through a change course.—On October 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Williams 1, J. Harris 2, W. Biss (conductor) 3, H. Day 4, F. Chamberlain 5, E. Coles 6, S. Dawe 7, C. Oram 8.

STRETFORD.—The Lancashire Association. — On Thursday, Nov. 2nd, 1440 Bob Minor: W. Birchall 1, J. J. Moss 2, C. W. Birchall 3, T. Birchall 4, W. E. Dale 5, W. J. Moss (conductor) 6.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—Winchester Guild.—504 Grandsire Triples: H. L. White 1, C. Groves 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Wheeler 4, J. Symnes 5, W. Reynolds 6, J. Harris (conductor) 7, J. Matthews 8.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Friday, November 3rd, 720 Bob Minor: ‡J. Baldwin 1, ‡H. Lambert 2, W. Clements 3, *W. Watkins 4, ‡T. Bridgewater 5, A. Tomkins (first as conductor) 6. ‡First 720. *First with bob bell. First as conductor. Ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 belong to the local band.

LANDULPH, CORNWALL.—The Devonshire Guild.—On Saturday, November 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. T. Smith (first quarter in the method) 1, W. Davey (first on inside bell) 2, J. Gluyas 3, W. T. Linnell 4, H. Bennett (conductor) 5, F. Purse 6. The ringers wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, November 5th, at St. Andrew's Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins.: J. Gluyas 1, A. Newcomb 2, W. Mitchelmore 3, W. H. Marsh 4, H. Bennett 5, G. Parr 6, W. Hamlyn 7, W. Shears 8, E. W. Marsh (conductor) 9, T. Linnell 10. First quarter-peal by St. Andrew's Society.

CORSE.—At St. Margaret's Church on November 4th.—A quarter-peal of St. Dunstan's Doubles, in 37 mins.: H. Hayes (conductor) 1, W. Roberts 2, W. Curtis 3, J. Barnfield, junr., 4, A. Martin 5, G. Parsons, junr., 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday evening, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 47 mins.: F. Skuse 1, W. J. Prescott 2, A. K. Harrison 3, E. King 4, C. W. Bell 5, G. H. Harding 6, S. J. Hector 7, T. F. King (composer and conductor) 8. The ringers of the 3rd, 6th and 7th hail from Trowbridge.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, November 5th, for the Dedication service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 46 mins.: T. Taylor 1, F. Bendall 2, G. Griffiths 3, C. Cotterell (Erdington) 4, *W. Reynolds 5, W. Cooper 6, A. Mills (conductor) 7, E. Pagett 8. *Longest length.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. Cox 1, H. Bishop 2, W. Napper 3, J. Butler 4, T. East (conductor) 5, J. S. Napper 6, J. Dearlove 7, W. Warwick 8.

DAGENHAM.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, November 5th, for evening service, 120 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Playle 1, E. Butler 2, A. Playle 3, C. Rochester 4, G. Playle 5, E. Hawkins 6; and 720 College Single, D. Chaplin for C. Playle, others as above. After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, A. Chaplin for D. Chaplin, and F. Freestone for E. Hawkins, others as before. These were conducted by G. Playle, and arranged for C. Rochester, who was paying a visit to Dagenham.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—Touches by the local band.—On November 8th, the first 360 of Bob Minor was rung by J. Goocock, C. Reeve, F. Bindley, T. Atkin, J. Jackson (conductor), A. Jarman. The same band rang the first 720 on November 16th.—On Sunday, November 26th, 240 Bob Minor: Mrs. Jackson, C. Reeve, W. Wilson, T. Atkin, J. Jackson (conductor), A. Jarman. 240 Oxford Bob, with W. White and A. P. Wakley for J. Jackson and W. Willson. Also 180 Bob Minor, with R. H. Crabbe, treble. The above touches are the first by all the Belton men except J. Jackson, who has trained his band in the short space of three months, the six bells being dedicated on August 30th last.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On November 9th, at the Parish Church, three courses of Bristol Surprise Major and 168 Stedman Triples: A Jordan 1, G. Jordan 2, T. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, J. Luckley 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8. —On Sunday, Nov. 19th, for morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

COCKINGTON, DEVON.—On November 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Olding 1, R. Peel (longest length) 2, A. W. Bowers 3, W. Stones (conductor) 4, T. Stevens 5, F. W. C. Nash 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on November 14th, 336 Bob Major.—On November 21st, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Lawrence 1, L. A. Wilson 2, R. W. Hyner 3, F. Looker (first touch in the method) 4, G. Lancaster 5, G. W. Townsend 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, A. E. W. Smith 8.

HARLESTONE.—On November 18th, 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob: J. W. Craddock 1, T. Law 2, F. Rollings 3, G. Parker 4, H. Clarke 5, F. Hopper (conductor) 6.

NEWHALL.—On November 18th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles, in 24 mins.: *S. Simnet 1, C. Brown 2, W. Holden 3, W. Orme 4, O. Cotton (conductor) 5, *T. Bird 6. *First 720.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.—On November 18th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. R. Borrett (conductor) 1, C. Parnell 2, E. Whiting 3, G. Baxter 4, F. Smith 5, E. Lincoln 6. Rung on the back six after meeting short for a peal.

BROMYARD.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On November 18th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Tomkins 1, *W. Lock 2, *T. Palmer 3, W. Short (conductor) 4, T. Bowers 5, *J. Hinksman 6. *First quarter-peal.

HUNSLET, LEEDS.—On November 18th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief, owing to a change course, after 2 hours and 25 mins'. good ringing: W. Woodhead 1, *H. Smith 2, J. Teale 3, G. Tingle 4, F. Woodhead 5, W. Powell 6, W. E. Ash (longest length as conductor) 7, *G. Smith 8. *Longest length in the method.

BREDENBURY. — Hereford Diocesan Guild. — On November 18th, 720 Bob Minor.—On November 19th, for morning service, 360, 240, 120 Bob Minor, 360 Grandsire Doubles. In the evening, 540 Bob Minor, 360 Grandsire Minor, 180 Canterbury Minor, and a course each of Oxford Bob and College Single, by W. Short, A. Tomkins, H. Lambert, T. Bridgewater, W. Watkins, J. Baldwin, W. Quartley, C. Bethel, R. Bethel, W. Clements.

KENNINGTON, S.E.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 19th, at the Church of St. John the Divine, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins., on the occasion of the Dedication Festival: F. J. Jerome 1, A. J. Walton 2, H. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, A. S. Miller 5, A. T. Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Wightman 8.

EVESHAM.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes), in 51 mins.: H. J. Phipps 1, R. Young 2, F. Cook 3, H. Jordan 4, F. Moss 5, T. Edwin 6, F. Jordan 7, J. Hemming 8, H. Middleton (conductor) 9, F. Jinks 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by the local band.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, November 19th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. A. Ransom 1, C. Dell 2, J. Beadle 3, T. Beadle 4, W. H. Biggs 5, F. Goddard 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Beadle 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: E. Webb 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, F. Goddard 4, C. Dell 5, W. J. New 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Sheard 8. Also on Sunday, Nov. 26, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples.

BATH.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 43 mins.: T. Hogsflesh 1, R. Waterson 2, A. E. Alexander 3, A. E. Seers (composer and conductor) 4, J. H. Odey 5, H. E. Lewis 6, R. J. Cousins 7, C. Densley 8.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, December 9th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting 7.30. —G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck on December 9th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Cheddington, Bucks, on Saturday, December 9th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting.—F. W. Booth, Honorary Secretary, Emberton, Newport, Pagnell, Bucks.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 9th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30.—Members intending to be present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—The Annual Meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, December 9th. Ringing at the Minster, 3.0 to 4.15; 6.15 to 7.30. Unveiling of Coronation Peal Board, 4.15: Service, 4.30; Address by Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Headmaster of the Grammar School. Tea at 5.0 in Church House followed by Business Meeting. The bells of St. James, Poole, Canford, and Sturminster Marshall will be also available.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow on December 12th, St. John's, Hackney, on December 19th, and St. Magnus on the 21st. The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due.—William T. Cockerell, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting for practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, December 13th, at 8 o'clock sharp. —F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Newington, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, Dec. 16th, 1911. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, December 16th. Service in the church at 3.30 p.m., meeting in the Church Room at 4 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on December 16th. The bells will be available from 3.45 to 7.15. Meeting to follow.—Reports ready.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleboro', on Saturday, December 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m., meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

NOTICES (continued).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, December 16th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, December 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District).—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church House at 5.15 at 6d. per head for all who notify me by the 13th inst. All ringers welcome.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chester on Saturday, December 16th, 1911, instead of at Crewe, January 20th, 1912. Members intending to be present please give three days' notice to R. T. Holding, junr., 30, Alton Street, Crewe.

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MARRIAGE.

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