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MODERN WORK.

A RINGERS' SERVICE.

The proposal which has been put forward by the Rector of St. Clement Danes, London, to hold a service for ringers, which all members of the Exercise who care to do so could attend, strikes a note which might well find an echo in many large centres. The suggestion is the outcome of a meeting of the London County Association, who in future will look upon St. Clement Danes almost in the nature of a home, for a room in the belfry has been placed at their disposal for the purpose of their meetings, and a safe is to be provided for the custody of their archives. The Association had hoped to arrange a service in the church on the occasion of their annual meeting in February, but as this would have been inconvenient, the Rector has invited the members to attend a service for ringers to be held at some other date, intimating, at the same time, that all the other associations will be welcome.

What a fine opportunity this will provide for a gathering of London and suburban, if not provincial, ringers. At most of the ringing meetings that are now held there is a service which the members attend, but the opportunities for a combined service do not often present themselves, and this is one which, we are sure, a large number of those living within reach of St. Clement Danes will be glad to avail themselves of. It is not necessary, of course, for a ringer to attend a special service of this kind to show that he is a good and loyal Churchman, but it will be worth an effort on the part of members of the Metropolitan Associations to be present to demonstrate that they appreciate the facilities which the Rector of such an important church is providing in order that they may worship together.

The London County Association, of course, is giving its whole-hearted support to the proposal, but it would be wise if steps were taken by some responsible person, in conjunction with the Rector, to organise the service so as to ensure the various associations being adequately represented. We hope it will not be left to chance for those to turn up who think about it, but that by timely arrangement the gathering in St Clement Danes may be made one worthy of the great Exercise to which we are all devoted. There is often an outcry that men do not attend the services of the church. The C.E.M.S., to which many ringers belong, is doing a great deal to prove that the Church still has its hold upon the lives of the men of the nation, and no body of church workers have better opportunity of setting an example to others than the ringers. Here, at St. Clement Danes, is a great opportunity, and the members of the London ringing societies should see to it that it is not lost.

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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 ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX	*Treble*	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ...	7
SAMUEL E. JOYCE	2	ERNEST G. STIBBONS ...	8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY... ...	3	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ...	9
HERBERT LANGDON	4	JAMES R. MACKMAN... ...	10
ALFRED B. PECK	5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	11
ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ...	6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This peal has the 6th 24 courses at home and was the first peal published with these qualities.

TEN BELL PEALS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN	*Treble*	JOSEPH FOWLER	6
JOSEPH MADDOCK	2	FRANK SADD	7
SIDNEY WYATT	3	HARRY REED	8
PERCY S. MERSON	4	EDWARD WYATT	9
HENRY MOCKRIDGE	5	WILLIAM WHITE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt., in C.

*GEORGE E. NAISH ...	*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	6
JOHN HOWES	2	GEORGE SPENCER	7
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	3	GEORGE WOODISS	8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	4	JAMES N. FROSSELL ...	9
FERRIS SHEPHERD, Senr. ...	5	JAMES CHANDLER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE F. DALTRY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal on the bells since the rehanging of the 9th and tenor by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, the "go" being very satisfactory.

ASTON MANOR.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

*WILLIAM G. ANKER...	*Treble*	JOHN JENNINGS...	6
JAMES JONES	2	JOHN PAULTON	7
WILLIAM H. JONES	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	8
JOHN CORREGAN	4	FRANK BENNETT	9
PERCY O. LAFLIN	5	WILLIAM DAVIES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal of Caters. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Tom Reynolds, of Birmingham, who was interred at the above church the same day.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES...	*Treble*	FRANCIS E. HART	6
CHARLES H. AUSTIN	2	THOMAS BALDWYN	7
THOMAS NEWMAN	3	CHARLES L. SADLER ...	8
JESSE GILLETT	4	REV. E. BANKES JAMES...	9
ALFRED J. BRUNSDON ...	5	JOHN AUSTIN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

GEORGE SPENCER ...	*Treble*	*CANON R. C. M. HARVEY	6
RICHARD BUCKLAND	2	*EDGAR HANCOX	7
ALAN R. MACDONALD ...	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	8
JOSEPH J. PRATT	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE	9
BERTRAM PREWETT	5	HENRY H. CHANDLER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. R. Buckland's 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Spencer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...	*Treble*	*GEORGE BAXTER	5
*CLAYTON PARNELL	2	CHARLES ROOPE	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	FREDERICK ROOPE	7
WILLIAM ROOPE	4	TOWNSON ADCOCK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FREDK. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt., in D.

CLARENCE O. HOBBS...	*Treble*	WILLIAM MILLER	5
JOHN HARRIS	2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ...	6
WILLIAM B. BISS	3	SIDNEY DAWE...	7
CHARLES R. LILLEY	4	WILLIAM BOLTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL WATKINS... ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM HARGEST... ...	5
SAMUEL BROOKES	2	ALBERT MATTHEWS ...	6
GEORGE GIBLIN	3	WILLIAM EVANS	7
WILLIAM SHORT	4	*ERNEST JONES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM EVANS.

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

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	*Treble*	ALAN R. MACDONALD	5
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	HENRY H. CHANDLER	6
JOSEPH J. PRATT	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
EDGAR HANCOX	4	THOMAS SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec. of the S. and W. District of the Guild.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. WASHBROOK'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs., in E flat.

HARRY PAGE	*Treble*	THOMAS HAMLIN	5
GEORGE CROSS	2	WILLIAM PAGE	6
JAMES CROSS	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
TOM PAGE	4	HENRY CRABBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST J. OLIVER	*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
JOSEPH WOOLLEY	2	FRANK JOHNSON	6
SAMUEL WESLEY	3	PERCIVAL PRICE	7
THOMAS HORTON	4	WILLIAM BELLAMY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BELLAMY.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Chapman, father of the wife of the Rev. A. W. Dewick, Rector of the above church.

ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

*JOHN W. J. COTTAM	*Treble*	R. WILFRED COLLIER	5
*JOSEPH ATKIN	2	JAMES EVINSON	6
*JOHN T. HOLMES	3	*WILLIAM DICKINSON	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	*RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. LEWIS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE	*Treble*	*FRANK JACOBS	5
THOMAS RILEY	2	WALTER ROBINSON	6
THOMAS BETTISON	3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	7
WILLIAM LAMBERT	4	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

‡PERCY HARLEY	*Treble*	†HENRY MARTIN	5
†JOHN LLOYD	2	ERNEST PERKINS	6
JAMES WHATMORE	3	ARTHUR WHATMORE	7
*VERNON ALLEN	4	*JACOB WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PERKINS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal away from the tenor. Henry Martin hails from Wolverley, the rest belong to the local band.

GREAT TEY.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in G.

WALTER SADLER	*Treble*	JOHN SADLER	5
JAMES FLEUTY	2	ERNEST NEWMAN	6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	DAVID ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER	*Treble*	GEORGE A. CARD	5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, Senr.	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
*WILLIAM J. BOWDEN	3	†GEORGE PAICE	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	WILLIAM ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PAICE.

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

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

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT	*Treble*	THOMAS BALDWYN	5
JOHN WIGMORE	2	ALBERT WRIGHT	6
JOHN AUSTIN	3	WILLIAM HASTINGS	7
WILLIAM HALE	4	FRANK COLE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS-EDMUND (R.C.),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S No. 1. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

BERNARD WITCHELL	*Treble*	EDWIN J. STRINGER	5
*WALTER MALINS	2	ALFRED J. HESSIAN	6
*HARRY O. WHITE	3	*JOHN W. CHANDLER	7
JOSEPH A. FENTON	4	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

THOMAS RUSSAM	*Treble*	THOMAS J. BRATTON	5
FREDERICK DICKENS	2	JAMES L. WELLS	6
JOHN NEAL	3	JAMES E. GROVES	7
CHARLES DICKENS	4	HARRY WITHERS	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Reynolds, a very highly respected member of the above Guild.

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

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN PAGE	*Treble*	FRANK BOREHAM	5
ARTHUR F. ASHMAN	2	RALPH H. BIGGS	6
HARRY STRATFORD	3	JOHN EVANS	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	ARTHUR G. JANES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR G. JANES.

First attempt as conductor.

MACHEN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN BUTLER	*Treble*	FRED. CHAMBERLAIN	5
ARTHUR E. MORGAN	2	JOHN W. JONES	6
FRANK MORGAN	3	FREDERICK ATWELL	7
JOHN BULLEN	4	JOHN GODDARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal on the bells which were recently rehung and augmented from six to eight by Messrs. Llewellins & James. The "go" and and tone are perfect.

MORTIMER, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, READING.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¾ cwt., in F.

WALTER A. WEBB	*Treble*	GEORGE ESSEX	5
CHARLES GILES	2	*JOHN SWAIN	6
HENRY TUCKER	3	ALFRED WATMORE	7
FRANK T. MARTIN	4	CHARLES R. LILLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal in the method on the bells.

TURVEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW	2	CHARLES CHASTY	6
JOSEPH CHURCH	3	HARRY TYSOE	7
HERBERT SHARP	4	JOHN W. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal of Major by Miss Steel who belongs to Oakley. The remaining ringers are members of St. Paul's, Bedford.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

P. C. HAROLD JENNEY	*Treble*	SAMUEL COTTON	5
*LOUIS E. ALLEN	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
*J. LEONARD ALLEN	3	JOSIAH MORRIS	7
FRED. H. DEXTER	4	CHARLES H. FOWLER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

* First peal of Double Norwich with an inside bell.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES H. RIDYARD	*Treble*	JOHN WELSBY	5
JOSEPH LOWE	2	PERCY DERBYSHIRE	6
FRED DERBYSHIRE	3	*FRED PAGE	7
ARTHUR RIDYARD	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 21st birthday of Miss Alice Yates, niece of the conductor.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 14, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD	*Treble*	JOHN H. CHERSMAN	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Sen.	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	ERNEST PYE	7
*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Jun.	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

EDGAR R. JONES	*Treble*	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS	5
LEONARD LEWIS	2	WILLIAM SHORT	6
SAMUEL BROOKES	3	WILLIAM EVANS	7
*ALBERT MATHEWS	4	†JAMES P. HYETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SHORT.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal of Triples. This peal was rung as a compliment to Capt. Glen Kidston, in recognition of his many kindnesses to the ringers of St. Peter's, and the kind interest he takes in the church generally.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE A. SMITH	*Treble*	J. W. WASHBROOK, Junr.	5
HARRY WASHBROOK	2	WALTER WASHBROOK	6
*IRWIN MASSEY	3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	7
*JAMES WILDBLOOD	4	ALEX. BOOTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal of Stedman.

CAVERSHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH, AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)
On Monday, January 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES R. LILLEY...	...*Treble*	*EDWIN J. MENDAY ...	... 5
*HERBERT HATTO ...	... 2	*GEORGE ESSEX ...	... 6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ...	7
*ALBERT D. CULLUM ...	4	*ERNEST W. MENDAY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by SAM THOMAS, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise. First peal in the method by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

*HARRY JEWIS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS...	4
GEORGE H. SPICE ...	... 2	WILLIAM SPICE, Senr. ...	5
THOMAS JULL ...	... 3	ALBERT J. DAY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. DAY.

* First peal. This peal came round at 11.45 p.m. The old year was then tolled out on the tenor, and a 720 of Kent (conducted by G. H. Spice) was rung to usher in the New Year.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs., in G.

*BERNARD LOVEDAY ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS JERVIS ...	... 4
*ALFRED KNIGHT ...	... 2	*T. S. AGATTER ...	... 5
GEORGE HEWITT ...	... 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY...	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. C. LOVEDAY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells by a local band. T. S. Agatter has been churchwarden at above church for 23 years.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, January 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Worcester, York, Durham, Lichfield, Bristol, London and Wells.

*G. HARGREAVES... ...	...*Treble*	J. RAWCLIFFE ...	... 4
C. SHARPLES ...	... 2	†A. HOULDSWORTH ...	... 5
J. HOULDSWORTH ...	... 3	W. RILEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7¾ cwt., in G.

*ALFRED MILLER ...	...*Treble*	LOUIS ATTWATER ...	... 4
*WILLIAM H. JOINER ...	2	*ALBERT CALVER ...	... 5
*WILLIAM S. SMITH ...	... 3	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also the local band for giving up their practice night.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER'S DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Hudderfield Surprise, Tanner's Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise and Violet. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN BATES ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES STAPLETON	... 4
PERCY J. COOKE ...	... 2	CHARLES S. ROBINSON	... 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE	... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

CHURCH LENCH.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire.

LEWIS SPARROW ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES KNIGHT ...	... 4
FRANK COOK...	... 2	JAMES ADDIS ...	... 5
AGUSTAVE DORE ...	... 3	WILLIAM SPARROW ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

First peal on the bells.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor about 9 cwt.

FREDK. ROWLEDGE ...	...*Treble*	FRED. HOPPER ...	... 4
THOMAS LAW ...	... 2	FRANK ROLLINGS ...	... 5
FRED. WILFORD ...	... 3	CHARLES CLARKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. CLARKE.

* First peal of Minor on the bells.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK S. SPARKES	...*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SPARKES ...	4
WILLIAM SHORT ...	... 2	†ROBERT E. SPARKES	... 5
CHARLES POWELL ...	... 3	*EDWARD HAYTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. SPARKES.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. This was rung as a centenary peal, the old ring of six bells having been cast and hung by Rudall, of Gloucester, in 1812. The ringers were all members of the local band except Mr. W. Short, who is the instructor to the Guild.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT HURDMAN ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	... 4
WALTER WHITE ...	... 2	JOHN HOUGH ...	... 5
ALBERT P. WAKLEY ...	... 3	DAVID COTTON ...	...*Tenor*

Each ringer acted as conductor in turn, the 720 of Double Court being conducted by H. Hurdman, Single Court by W. White, Double Oxford by A. P. Wakley, Oxford Bob by J. T. Dyke, Oxford Treble Bob by J. Hough, Kent by D. Cotton; the 720 of Bob Minor was a six-part, each ringer calling 120.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*SIDNEY F. MILLWARD	...*Treble*	†WILFRED J. SHARP	... 4
JOHN W. METHERELL	... 2	†FRANK W. BURGESS	... 5
†BERTIE O. SODEN	 3	WILLIAM ROGERS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Single Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lbs.

GEORGE SCOTT	... ...*Treble*	CALEB L. SIMCOCK	 4
CHARLES W. BAINES	... 2	JOSEPH NORTH	 5
RICHARD W. PORTER	 3	CHARLES ELSE	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES ELSE.

First peal as conductor.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Bob IV., London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY J. STONELEY	...*Treble*	EDGAR VALLANCE	 4
REV. R. P. FARROW	 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE	... 5
WALTER J. HORTON	 3	E. HARRY STONELEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH),
On Wednesday, January 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob and College Single, two 720's Plain Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob.

JOHN W. LAKE	... ... 1—2	RUPERT RICHARDSON	... 3—4
JAMES OSBORN	... . 5—6		

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.
Witness: MRS. J. OSBORN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, January 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

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

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... ... 9—10.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. John Heathorne, a much respected member of St. Nicholas' Society, Guildford, on his 88th birthday. The old gentleman sat and listened to the whole of the peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(YORKTOWN DISTRICT.)
On Friday, January 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM A. WOODROW	... 1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	... 5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	... ... 3—4	*JOHN LOVERIDGE	... ... 7—8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: R. J. POLLEY.

* First peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.
On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
IN THE TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

R. JOHN POULSON	... ... 1—2	ARTHUR SYMONDS	... ... 3—4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	... ... 5—6		

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
Umpire, F. POULSON.

First peal on handbells by all, also the first in Lavenham.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS E. L. BENNETT	... 1—2	FRANK BENNETT	... ... 5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	... 3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	... ... 7—8

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

In the peal at Great Addington, Northants, on Boxing Day the ringer of the 2nd was Thomas Jervis, not Frederick Jervis.

The peal recorded last week as having been rung at Cardiff, was rung at Whitchurch, near Cardiff.

St. Dunstan's Doubles, as to the date of which Mr. H. Dains raised a question, was published in the fourth edition of "Campanologia Improved" in 1753, and on the following page is given Reading Doubles. For this information we are indebted to Mr. J. C. Tinker, of Gainsborough

STEYNING RINGERS' DINNER.

The Steyning branch of the Sussex County Association held their annual dinner on Friday, at the White Horse Hotel. The chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Congreve Pridgeon).—After the repast, admirably served by Mr. H. Joyes, an excellent musical programme was sustained by Messrs. N. Mitchell, W. Mitchell, A. Smart, H. Kilner, F. Cherryman, J. Smart, T. Searle, A. Hutchings, H. Phillips, G. Searle, A. H. Chapman, H. Joyes and E. G. Lear. A gramophone, kindly lent by Mr. T. Start, was greatly appreciated by the company, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

YEOVIL BELLS.

Writing to Messrs. Warner and Son, Ltd., Mr. H. White, on behalf of St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, says: "Having heard you have recently overhauled the bells at Yeovil, Somerset, our Guild went there on Saturday last, and rang a peal of Stedman Caters (5,007 changes), in 3 hrs. 37 mins., one man on the tenor. The whole band wishes to accord you credit for the way in which the bells 'go.'"

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 3rd, 720 Oxford Bob, rung with the bells half-muffled as a token to the late choirmaster (Mr. J. Stott), who died on that day.—On Dec. 17th, 720 Oxford Bob.—On Dec. 24th, 720 Oxford Bob: W. Chattle 1, J. Jutson 2, E. Tilley 3, J. Dunthorne 4, H. Traynar 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6.—On Dec. 31st, as the year 1911 was drawing to a close, 720 Bob Minor: W. Waldrow 1, J. Jutson 2, E. Tilley 3, J. Dunthorne 4, H. Traynar 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6. Rung with bells half-muffled.—On Jan. 7th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Chattle 1, E. Tilley 2, J. Jutson 3, H. Traynar 4, A. R. Dudley (Lincoln) 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

LEADING ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1911.

It is, perhaps, a little early to forecast with absolute accuracy the order in which the various associations will come out in the analysis for 1911, but we have reason to believe that the first eight places will be found to be filled as follows:

1. The Winchester Diocesan Guild.
2. The Middlesex County Association.
3. The Norwich Diocesan Association.
4. The Midland Counties Association.
5. The Kent County Association.
6. The Yorkshire Association.
7. The Sussex County Association.
8. The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The place of honour gained by the Winchester Guild is, of course, very largely due to the persistent efforts of the Guildford band, who scored such a remarkable number of handbell peals during the year. Moreover, Mr. A. H. Pulling, their conductor, easily heads the list of conductors, with no fewer than 67 peals called.

THE PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR.

HAS IT BEEN MISNAMED?

Was the method rung at Eccleston and published as St. Clement's Major, not St. Clement's after all, but St. Simon's Major? The question is raised by Mr. H. S. Reeves, of Hatfield. He writes: I do not think any ringers would ring a peal of Bob Major and call it Grandsire Major, but a similar thing to this has been done by the band which rang the so-called St. Clement's Bob Major, at Eccleston, on December 28th, 1911. The method published in the last issue of "The Ringing World" as St. Clement's Major is exactly the same given me as St. Simon's Major by Mr. H. H. Chandler, of Hillingdon, thirteen or fourteen years back. I enclose a lead, and also a lead of St. Clement's Triples from Legitimate Methods, Page 44, No. 7:—

St. Simon's Major.	St. Clement's Triples.
12345678	1234567
21436587	2135476
24163857	2314567
42618375	3241657
24681735	3426175
42867153	4362715
24876513	3467251
42785631	4376521
24758361	3475612
42573816	4357162
24537186	3451726
42351768	4315276
24315678	4132567
42136587	1423657
41263857	1246375
14628375	Grandsire bobs
14263857	and singles.

Plain Bob, bobs and singles.

Mr. Reeves also sends St. Simon's Doubles (taken from Standard Methods) Minor and Triples, which contain similar work to that in the Major, as well as having the same basis of lead ends. He adds that he thinks this shows that the method rung at Eccleston was St. Simon's Major.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED RINGERS' SERVICE AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.

The quarterly meeting of the London County Association was held at St. Clement Danes, on Monday week, a good number of members being present. The business was transacted at the headquarters' room at the Cheshire Cheese, the Master (Mr. G. R. Fardon) presiding. Five new members were elected, and financial matters were disposed of to enable the balance sheet to be presented at the annual meeting on February 10th.

The subject of new rule books was discussed at considerable length. Since the society has been divided into districts the rules have had to be revised, and in view of the number of alterations, the meeting decided to have new books printed.—After further discussion, it was resolved that all members be supplied with the new rule books, free, on application to the secretary at a general business meeting.—The Rector of St. Clement Danes has very kindly offered the society the use of a room in the tower to hold its meetings in, and this, needless to say, was accepted, and the secretary was instructed to write and thank the Rector for his kindness.—A safe has also been placed at the society's disposal in this room to keep its valuable property in. This matter has long occupied the minds of the officers, and it will be a source of gratification to the members to hear that the old peal books, some of the most beautiful of their kind, will in future be safe from that great destructor, fire. The society are greatly indebted to the Rector for this kindness.—The Secretary said that he had seen the Rector, who had stated that it would be inconvenient to hold a service on the occasion of the annual meeting of the society, but he would like to hold a service on another occasion, and, in addition, invite members of other societies to attend. The meeting expressed agreement with the proposal, and decided to support a ringers' service on one Sunday night.—Notice was given of the district meetings, and of the annual general meeting, at which the election of officers will take place, at St. Clement Danes, on February 10th.

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern district was held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, and was attended by a large number of ringers. The tower was open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise were rung.—The business meeting was held in the parish room, Mr. A. D. Barker, District Master, presiding.—Mr. Barker was unanimously re-elected as Master. Mr. A. J. Kemp being reluctantly compelled to resign office as secretary, Mr. W. H. Hotten was appointed to fill his place. Mr. T. Walker was re-elected as treasurer, and Mr. T. A. Askell was appointed steward. Several new members were elected, including the Rev. J. A. S. Bullock, curate at St. Botolph's.—A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the tower and the parish room.—The Rev. J. A. S. Bullock, in reply, welcomed the ringers with all his heart, and said he would do all in his power for the welfare of ringing, and of the Association, of which he was proud to become a member.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, ringing was again resumed, after which the members and their friends re-visited the parish room to enjoy a musical evening (arranged by Mr. A. D. Barker), at which light refreshments were kindly provided by the Rev. J. A. S. Bullock. Miss E. Barker ably acted as accompanist, and during the evening played some excellent pieces. Miss Allen sang "The Dear Home Songs," and was called a second time to the platform. Mr. Godfrey Williams undoubtedly made one of the hits of the evening, being obliged to sing three songs, including "Because You're Bandy." Mr. H. Walters, a promising vocalist, sang, "I don't care what becomes of me," which was much appreciated. In singing "On the Silvery Sands" and "I want to Mingle with the Girls," Mr. A. D. Barker proved to the company that ringing was only one of his accomplishments. Darlio (Mr. G. Cracknell) gave a most excellent display of juggling, and during the evening several touches were rung on handbells by Messrs. T. H. Taffender, H. T. Gowlett, F. J. Hardy, A. D. Barker, G. Faulkner and T. Walker.

1911 PERFORMANCES.

During the past year the Dagenham Band of the Essex Association, with visitors, have rung 93 720's of Minor, as follows: 15 Cambridge Surprise, 11 Woodbine Treble Bob, 11 Kent Treble Bob, 12 Oxford Treble Bob, 8 Double Oxford, 6 Double Court, 10 College Single, 20 Plain Bob. The following took part: G. Playle, 92 (conducted 64); A. Playle, 84 (conducted 1); E. Hawkins, 83; F. Freestone, 80; E. Butler, 68; R. Miles, 59 (conducted 28); D. Chaplin, 23; A. Chaplin, 11; G. Chaplin, 8; J. Hawkins, 9; C. Rochester, 7; R. Blake, 6; and Miss C. Playle, 6.

SWANMORE.

At St. Barnabas Church, Swanmore, Hants, during the year 1911, 33 complete 720's of Minor were rung, made up of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor and College Single. The following ringers took part: H. Ainsley, S. Kirby, G. Laishley, F. Hoare, W. Cooper, E. Jacobs, H. Griffin, G. Plaskett, A. Millard (conducted 1), W. Linter (conducted 32).

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT DISS.

One of the most successful quarterly meetings ever held by this Association took place at Diss, on Thursday, January 11th. The bells of the parish church, and also those of Palgrave were open to the use of members throughout the day, and were very largely patronised. First-class striking was the order, and all the ringing was superior to that usually heard at quarterly meetings. Dinner was served at the King's Head Hotel, sixty-five sitting down to an admirable repast.

In the unavoidable absence of the President, the chair was taken by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway (hon. treasurer), supported by the Revs. C. W. Peck and K. Mackinnon (of Diss), the Revs. C. F. Blyth, E. C. J. Bowen, Wm. C. Pearson, and E. Hopper. Messrs. J. Cadge, Arthur Coleman, and C. E. Borrett (secretary), and representatives from many towers in the diocese.

The usual loyal toasts were honoured, as were also the toasts of "Success to the Association," "The Diss Company of Ringers," and "The Town and Trade of Diss." The clergy were also thanked for the use of the bells.

The Secretary announced that Mr. Henry Hopson, the secretary for the Beccles district of the Association, had, owing to advancing years, felt it necessary to resign the post he had so faithfully carried on since the division of the diocese into districts. He (the secretary) had received this resignation with the greatest feeling of regret, for every member looked up to Mr. Hopson with affectionate regard and esteem.—The Chairman added warm words of appreciation for Mr. Hopson, and the work he had done, and proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded him. — This was enthusiastically carried, and Mr. Hopson made a very feeling acknowledgment.

The Secretary reported that the finances of the Association were in a satisfactory condition, and that the peal total for 1911 constituted a record.

The election of a number of new members concluded the business part of the meeting, and both tower bells and handbells were at once set going again.

The thanks of the Association are due to the Diss company for so readily falling in with the suggestion that their own anniversary should be combined with this meeting. A most successful day was the result.

A SHOOTING MATCH.

RINGERS BEAT LADY CHAMPIONS.

The Yateley (Hants) ringers do not confine themselves for recreation to handling the supple rope in the belfry. They can raise a good rifle team among their number, and on Tuesday week, having challenged the ladies team of the Yateley and District Rifle Club (who, by-the-way, have won championship honours twice in succession), a shooting match took place on the range at the Drill Hall, Yateley. The conditions were ten shots (deliberate), the highest possible score being 100. The ringers won an exciting match by nine points. Scores:

Ladies' team. — Miss E. Stilwell, 100; Mrs. Birch, 95; Miss M. Smurthwaite, 94; Miss H. Smurthwaite, 90; Miss M. Mills, 93; Miss Hadwin, 82; Miss E. Mills, 78; Miss Haynes, 78; total, 709.

Ringers' team.—C. Bunch, 99; S. Riddell, 94; Miss B. Stilwell, 93; W. G. Bunch, 91; J. R. Bunch, 90; G. Butler, 86; H. Tice, 83; Miss A. Stilwell, 82; total, 718.

WOODEN ARCADES IN CHURCHES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your report of Shenfield church and bells, Mr. Landon said he believed there was no church in the kingdom to compare with its beautiful arcade of wooden arches, with clustered columns. He may be interested to know there is a very fine wooden arcade, with massive oak columns, similar to that which he mentioned, in Winkfield Church. It is a "Royal Arcade," being built in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and bearing her name, and the date 1597. The central column was replaced in the time of Queen Victoria, and her name appears on it. The western half column was restored, and bore the name of the late King Edward VII. Some of the bells were also cast in the year 1597. The church stood at one time within the Forest of Windsor.—Yours truly, J. BRANT.

Winkfield.

CHESHUNT BELLS.

TO-MORROW'S RE-OPENING.

Mr. H. G. Rowe, of 160, High Street, Cheshunt, sends us the following information for the benefit of any ringers, who may be visiting Cheshunt to-morrow (Saturday) for the opening of the bells. The parish church is about one mile from Cheshunt G.E.R. Station, and two miles from Waltham Cross tram terminus. The nearest way is up College Road over the river bridge and round to the right. The service is at three o'clock, and the tower is open to visitors from 4.30 to 6.30 only. Mr. Rowe hopes to meet on this occasion many of his old ringing friends, and proper arrangements will be made to enable all to ring in methods from Grandsire to London Surprise. There is a fair service of trains both up and down.

BATH AND WELLS MEETINGS.

CHEW DEANERY.

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Wraxall on Saturday, and proved most successful, more than 40 members putting in an appearance from Barrow Gurney, Clapton, Congresbury, Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Portishead, Wraxall, and Yatton, Mr. E. E. Burgess, hon. secretary of the Association, also being present. There was ringing during the afternoon and evening, and service was also held, an excellent address being given by Prebendary Vaughan on the words, "Be strong in the Lord." He directed his remarks chiefly to the subject of ringers as Church workers. After the service the members sat down to tea, kindly provided by Prebendary Vaughan, who presided at the business meeting which followed. The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected as follow: Mr. Thomas Wyatt, chairman; Mr. George Yeo, hon. secretary and treasurer. Thirteen new members were also elected, and Wrington was the place chosen for the next quarterly meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was carried, amid applause, to the Rev. Prebendary Vaughan for his kind hospitality, for the great interest he takes in ringers, and also for the use of the bells that day.—Preb. Vaughan, in replying, expressed the great pleasure it always gave him to welcome the members of the Chew Deanery to Wraxall. — This brought a most successful meeting to a close, and the beautiful peal of bells were soon set going to Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman.

MEETING AT BATCOMBE.

A meeting of the Castle Cary branch was held at Batcombe, on Saturday, the following towers being represented: Batcombe, Evercreech, Bruton, Ditcheat, Castle Cary, West Lydford and Shepton Mallet. A short service was held in the church, the Rev. Morrant, of Batcombe, officiating, and giving an interesting and instructive address. Tea was afterwards partaken of in the schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. Morrant presided, supported by Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr. (president of the branch), Messrs. Robt. Look, M. S. Welchman, E. Creed, H. Milbourne, T. G. Vincent, junr. (secretary), C. Cornell, T. White, J. Bindon, etc.—Ten members were elected, and Witcheat was chosen for the next place of meeting to be held in May.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Morrant for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells at Batcombe, and to the choir and organist for their services. This concluded the business, and a move was then made to the tower, where Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung. During the evening the Evercreech tower, by kind permission of the Rev. Dyne, was visited, and touches rung on the fine peal of eight bells.

BLETCHLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Bletchley, have lost one of their number, by death, Mr. W. Hedges passing away at the age of 55 years. He was a victim of that dreaded disease, cancer, and will be much missed by those associated with the church. For 47 years he had been a member of the choir, in which he took great interest, and did a great deal for the choir boys. The deceased was an engine driver on the L. and N.W. railway, and many of his comrades attended the funeral. He was carried to his last resting place by four members of the choir, the Rector officiating at the last sad rites. Before the service a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, with the bells deeply muffled, and afterwards the "whole pull and stand" was rung 55 times. Another short touch was rung in the evening, but an attempt for a muffled peal three days later was lost after two hours' ringing, owing to a change course, the band being: A. Crane 1, W. Sear 2, J. Marks 3, T. Best 4, B. Meager 5, C. Valentine 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, R. Nichols 8. Much sympathy has been expressed with the widow and three children, who are left to mourn their loss.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED AT BROMLEY.

The members of the St. Luke's company, Bromley Common, entertained a few fellow ringers from Bromley and Chislehurst Churches to supper and a musical evening, and the party spent a very enjoyable time.—The Rev. C. C. Gosselin thanked those who had helped the band during the year, and was glad to be able to say there was an improvement in their ringing.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, and the health of Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennet, J.P., through whose generosity the band came into existence, and to whom they owed that gathering, was drunk.—The rest of the evening was given up to music and handbell ringing.

AT CAERPHILLY.

On Thursday week the ringers of Caerphilly, Glamorganshire, were kindly invited to supper at the Rectory by the Rector and churchwarden, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Previous to the supper they were successful in ringing their first course of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells, assisted by Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, who has been their honorary instructor. Only last spring this new ring of bells was fixed, and the new band had first to learn the handling of the bells. Now the course of Triples has been mastered they are looking forward at an early date to their first touch on the bells.

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IN MEMORIAM.

THOMAS REYNOLDS, OF BIRMINGHAM.

As briefly announced in our last issue, Mr. Thomas Reynolds passed into the Great Unknown on Friday, January 5th, and by his death not only the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham, but Midland ringing circles generally have sustained a great loss.

Born at Chipping Warden, in Northamptonshire, on September 16th, 1852, "Tommy," as he was affectionately called by his intimates, migrated with his parents to Birmingham when quite a toddler. After leaving school he was for a time employed on a farm at Witton, which was held by a man named Short, a relative of the famous Joshua Short, who rang the tenor and called the 15,360 of Bob Major at Aston in 1793. Later young Reynolds obtained a situation with an old established firm of varnish manufacturers, with whom he remained for the rest of his life. As at ringing, so at his work, "Tommy" was painstaking and thorough, and soon earned the entire confidence of his employers.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS REYNOLDS.

He learned to ring at Perry Barr and Handsworth, and later went to Aston, where they had at that time one of the strongest bands in the country, and ran the "Holt" Society, which was later absorbed by the St. Martin's Guild. His first peal was Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 28th, 1879, to which he rung the tenor. The peal is recorded on a board in the belfry, and of the twelve men who rang it, only two are now left—John Buffery and Henry Johnson, junr. The latter has given up ringing for many years, and is not by any means now a "junior."

Thomas Reynolds became infatuated with twelve-bell ringing, and during his career of thirty odd years had rung no fewer than 98 twelve-bell peals on tower bells, of which huge total 83 were Stedman Cinques (his favourite method). This is the greatest number of peals on twelve bells ever achieved by one man, and is a record of which anyone might well be proud. Mr. Reynolds was a tremendously strong man, and in later years got very stout, weighing at one time well over seventeen stone, although he was rather short of stature. At first he did a bit of tenor ringing only, being in great demand when there was a tough job on hand. In the very nature of things, such a man could not for long be content with this, but, so exclusive was the St. Martin's Society of that day, that when he had even rung the tenor to the long peal of Stedman Cinques (9238) on February 28th, 1881, and expressed a wish to ring inside, he was told he had "better go somewhere and get some practice first, as they could not be bothered with learners at St. Martin's!" However, he survived this treatment, and soon became one of the best men on the heavy bells. He was equally at home at either end, and was, we believe, the first man to ring every bell in any one tower to a peal of Stedman Cinques, which feat he has done over and over again. He never troubled about calling, often saying he did not care who called the bobs so long as the ringing was good.

An excellent striker himself, he always expected those with whom he rang to do their best, and if that best was not good enough, they could reckon on hearing about it very quickly. He was one of the oldest members of St. Martin's Guild, and on the death of John Day he was elected a trustee, which office he held till the end. Of a lively disposition, he was always good company, and could sing a song, tell a tale, or give a recitation, just as the occasion warranted.

He had some remarkable records to his credit, a few of which may be of interest. He was the only man who rang in the two longest peals of Stedman Cinques ever rung, the 9238 on December 28th, 1881, and the 11,111 on December 26th, 1901. He also rang in the only two short course peals of Stedman Cinques, and the only peals of Forward and Duffield Maximus ever rung.

The following is a complete list of his peals :—

Stedman Cinques	83	Including 9238 and 11,111, record
Grandsire Cinques	5	Including 9020, then record.
Kent Maximus ...	5	
Bob Maximus ...	1	
Grandsire Maximus	1	
Duffield Maximus	1	The only one ever rung.
Forward Maximus	2	The only two ever rung.
Kent Royal	14	
Bob Royal	3	
Duffield Royal	1	
Stedman Caters ...	48	
Grandsire Caters	20	Including 15,227, record.
Kent Major	8	
Bob Major	5	
Norwich Major ...	10	
Stedman Triples ..	71	
Grandsire Triples	25	(One Thomas' peal).
Union Triples ...	2	
Total ...	305	

The long peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Cheltenham on Monday, April 22nd, 1889, and at the last Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, Mr. W. T. Pates, who called it, presented Mr. Reynolds with a framed record of the performance and photographs of the band, of which he was very proud.

Mr. Reynolds was a member of the Sunday ringing band at St. Martin's, and was most regular in his attendance. His last peal was Stedman Cinques, rung at St. Martin's on December 5th last. He was in his accustomed place

ringing for service on Christmas morning, and on Boxing Day he started for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which, however, had to be abandoned on account of his ill-health. On the following Saturday he took to his bed, and later pneumonia supervened, against which "Tommy" was too corpulent to fight successfully. He breathed his last on Friday evening, January 5th, leaving a wife and five grown-up sons to mourn their loss.

He was buried in the beautiful old churchyard at Aston on Thursday of last week, not very far from the grave of the idol of his younger days—Henry Johnson. Six of his brother ringers acted as bearers, and many others attended to pay their last tribute of respect. The floral tokens were numerous, among them being a wreath in the form of a bell, from members of the St. Martin's Guild. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. J. Buffery, A. Walker, T. Miller, J. E. Groves and S. Reeves. Nothing, perhaps, is more touching than the sound of the handbells in these circumstances, and many a lump had risen in the throat, many an eye become moist, before the conclusion of the course. At last it was over, and Thomas Reynolds, one of the most manly men it has been the writer's good fortune to know, had been reclaimed by his mother earth. There we will leave him, sleeping his last long sleep, 'neath the shadow of the old tower he loved so well. Those of us who have been closely associated with him for many years and had learned to seek his advice and counsel, will miss his burly form and ready wit—not for a while, but for all time.

His life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world "This was a man!"

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Owing to the pressure on our space this week several items are unavoidably held over.

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Long peal ringers are wanted. Now, don't all speak at once—not even those who took part in the 18,000 at Loughborough. This time it is not the length of the peal, but the length of the ringers that is the chief consideration. The longer the better, even if it is necessary to provide pits for them to stand in instead of boxes to stand on. But, to be serious. One or two "giants" of the Exercise desire to meet other giants in order that a peal may be rung by men as much over six feet in height as possible. Those who come up to this qualification, who can reach a tower near London, and who would care to take part in such a peal, should send along their names (and heights) to the Editor, who will forward them to the organisers of the band.

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And talking of "freak" peals, we wonder whether a band composed of journalists could be got together. We have often thought of a peal by "knights of the pencil," and should much like to take part in it ourselves. If any of our readers are members of the profession, and will send along an intimation, we will see if the necessary arrangements can be made.

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By the way, do not let us be misunderstood. We do not mean that either six feet men or journalists are "freaks."

About £75 has been subscribed towards the rehanging of the bells at Holy Trinity, Guildford, but the Rector and churchwardens announce that they do not feel justified in giving any order for the work to be begun until £250 has been promised or subscribed. We hope that the people of Guildford will soon see that the amount is forthcoming, for it is a great pity that such a fine peal should hang silent.

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By the way, it is interesting to note that the Rector, in the "Parish Magazine" for January, gives a practical answer to those who complain "somewhat wildly that the bells are rung for several hours every week and therefore constitute a nuisance." He points out that four peals were rung during 1911 (giving the actual time occupied), and that practices take place from 8.15 to 9.30 p.m. on Tuesdays. This is the limit of the ringing, except on the occasion of a visit from the Bishop or the Judge, or at weddings, when the bells are rung for less than half-an-hour. It would not be a bad plan if incumbents of other parishes where there are grumblers would supply similar information. It would nail down many an exaggerated statement.

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Last week we recorded a non-conducted peal of Minor (which, by the way, proves to be not the first of its kind on six bells), this week we publish the record of an "all-conducted" peal at Rolleston-on-Dove. Each of the six ringers called one 720, and of the odd method each called 120.

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A correspondent in Northampton has forwarded us a postal order without enclosing anything further. Will the sender kindly communicate with the Editor?

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Reggie Chapman, of Kettering, has, at the age of 13, rung 1-2 to 720 Bob Minor on handbells, and the same pair to 336 of Bob Major. The 720 was his first attempt. He must be a promising boy. The ringing took place last Friday, the band being R. Chapman 1-2, D. J. Nichols 3-4, E. Chapman (conductor) 5-6. T. W. Sawfoot took a pair for the Major, which was conducted by D. J. Nichols.

A LEGEND ABOUT SUSSEX BELLS.

Buried somewhere beneath the soil of the graveyard of Etchingham Church, in Sussex, lies, according to the legend, a peal of bells intended once upon a time for the tower, which still has only a single bell to call the faithful to prayer. The story, as far as can be ascertained, is thus related by a writer in the *Globe*. In the early Middle Ages, when the church could be approached by water as well as by land, a certain valiant knight wished to present to it a peal of bells. These bells were cast at a foundry many miles away and brought to the church by water. They arrived in safety, but through carelessness or inadvertence they were allowed to slide to one side of the boat during unlading, and in a few moments the vessel listed over and sank, depositing the bells in the mud at the bottom of the canal, where they are to this day. When he heard of this the donor made a "vow, enchantment, or spell," saying that Etchingham Church should never have more than one bell until the peal he had given was dragged from the mud by a team of four milk-white oxen. The white oxen do not appear to have been forthcoming, and in later times the canal was filled in.

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MAIDSTONE DISTRICT APPROVES OF BENEVOLENT FUND.

The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone district was held at East Farleigh on Saturday last, when 55 members attended. The ringers were indebted to the Rev. A. B. Littlewood (Vicar) for generously providing them with tea. Service was conducted by the Vicar of East Farleigh.—At the business meeting the Rev. A. B. Littlewood was voted to the chair, and was supported by the Rev. H. R. Hughes, Vicar of Leeds, upon whose motion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for the reception he had given to the ringers, for the use of the bells, for the service, and for the splendid tea he had given them. The District Secretary then proposed: "That the Leeds and Lenham belfries be admitted into the Association, together with 21 practising members and two hon. members (the Vicars of Leeds and Lenham), both of whom are ringing clergy."—This was agreed to with acclamation.—It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Leeds on April 20th, 1912.

The District Secretary then read the proposed scheme of the Kent County Benevolent Fund, as proposed by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.—A lively discussion took place, and the scheme was carried unanimously, it being decided by the meeting to ask Mr. Helmore to place his proposals before the annual meeting of the Association.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. H. R. Hughes (Vicar of Leeds) for his presence, and, in replying, the reverend gentleman spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be with them. Although he had never gone into change ringing before he was now starting with his ringers (loud applause). He thought it was not too late in life for him to learn the noble art.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. S. Hayzeldene for the arrangements he had made.—Mr. Hayzeldene, captain of the East Farleigh band, in a bright and humorous speech, said it was a red-letter day to them to have the meeting at East Farleigh, and they hoped the day was not far distant when they would again meet there.

LUCKY GLASBURY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having seen in your "Odd Changes" that a gentleman in Grantham gave a goose to all the ringers at Christmas, I should just like to tell you some of the kind things that Capt. Glen Kidston, of Gwernyfed Park (one of our churchwardens at St. Peter's Church) does for the ringers here. At Christmas time he very kindly heads the subscription book with £5, sends all the ringers and probationers a brace of pheasants each, gives us a supper and dance, with the privilege of inviting friends. In the summer he places one of his magnificent motor-cars at our disposal to go for a ringing tour of not less than forty miles. He has also just lately paid something over £50 for the bells to be done up, also gave us a beautiful set of 13 handbells in a lock-up case. There is nothing seems to please this gentleman more than when he is doing something for the ringers, and I am happy to say that everyone of our band look upon him as a gentleman, in every sense of the word. The above are only just a few of his kindnesses, to say nothing about the other end of the church, to which he has just presented an organ, at a cost of something over a thousand pounds.—Yours truly,

LEONARD LEWIS,
Captain of Ringers.

Glasbury.

To mark their appreciation of Capt. Kidson's many kindnesses, a peal was rung on Sunday, and afterwards, at the invitation of Capt. Kidson, the ringers partook of an excellent tea at the Cocks Hotel. The ringers tender their best thanks to Capt. Kidson for his generosity.

RE-HANGING AT DOLTON, DEVON.

Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, have just overhauled the bells at Dolton, Devon. New bearings and a new wheel have been provided for the treble, while the bearings, clappers and fittings of the other five bells have been attended to, and new ropes provided for the whole peal. The ringers who have tested the work, have expressed themselves highly pleased with Messrs. Stokes and Son's work. Now that the bells are again in proper going order, visitors to the tower will be welcome.

LANCASHIRE MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at St. Thomas', Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday last, when 21 members were present from Oldham Parish Church, Glodwick, Moorside, Milnrow, Middleton, and Walsden.—Mr. S. Brierley presided over the meeting, and Rochdale was the place selected for the next gathering.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar (the Rev. J. B. Stopford) for the use of tower and bells.—The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE NOTES.

One of the most interesting towns within the area of the Durham and Newcastle Association is Barnard Castle. Situated on an eminence on the Tees, 40 miles from its mouth, it is in the midst of the most beautiful surroundings. Within the town itself stands the Castle, from which its name is taken. It was founded about 1180 by Barnard Baliol, an ancestor of John Baliol, King of Scotland, and is of great historical interest. This, and the many beauty spots within easy distance, makes the town a favourite resort of holiday makers. Many bands of ringers make it the place of their annual outing, but to members of the Exercise it had one great drawback, the ring of eight in the Parish Church were in bad order.

This has now been remedied, for the bells have recently been rehung and put in thorough order by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and this will no doubt materially increase the number of ringing visitors. The bells were re-opened by members of the Association, there being present the President (Mr. C. L. Routledge), Mr. C. Todd (the hon. secretary), Mr. T. T. Gofton, of Whitley Bay, and several ringers from Darlington. As was expected from the reputation of the Loughborough firm, the bells went splendidly, the visitors having some good ringing, and an enjoyable time at the Vicarage, where they were kindly entertained to tea.

Members of the Association and friends of the late Mr. R. S. Story are reminded of the appeal for funds to provide a suitable memorial, which appeared in the issue of November 10th. Although subscriptions are coming in very well, a wider response is necessary if the required amount is to be raised. Will intending subscribers therefore kindly forward the amount to Mr. C. L. Routledge, 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as early as possible. It is also hoped that it will be possible to add a brass tablet, towards which object about £10 has been subscribed by Masonic and other friends outside the ringing world.

"TRICK" RINGING.

A REPLY TO THE REV. H. DRAKE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Drake, in your last issue, states that changes rung four-handed, or tapped on a piano or other instrument, are to be considered "trick ringing," and on the same level as lapping. This statement coming from him surprises me greatly. Four-handed ringing is much more difficult than double-handed; and the tapping or producing of changes by one performer, no matter on what instrument, is the product of highest mental ability in change ringing. There is no trickery about it; the changes are produced just as though they were rung on tower bells, the performer's brain having to do the mental work of 6, 8, 10 or 12 ringers. Mr. Drake's placing of this on the same level as lapping, which can generally be learned in a few minutes by anyone with no knowledge of change ringing, can surely not be taken seriously. I am not, of course, referring to courses or very short touches which have been learned by heart. One wonders what Elijah Roberts would have thought, had anyone relegated his marvellous tapping achievements (related in your columns a few months ago) to the level of lapping!

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NON-CONDUCTED MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—What was believed to be the first non-conducted peal of Minor was rung at Bucknall by the local band, on April 6th, 1897, in seven different Surprise Minor methods, under the auspices of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association. This will be disappointing to the band who rang the recent peal at Great Munden, who, however, deserve the highest possible praise for their performance, and no congratulations are more hearty than those from the ringers of the above-mentioned peal, one of whom was. D. PRESTON.

High Street, Bucknall.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate the band that rang the unconducted peal of Minor at Great Munden, they are deserving of all praise. At the same time, I should like to inform them that they are not the first in the field with this performance. The first silent or non-conducted peal of Minor ever rung was at Bucknall, Staffordshire, on Tuesday, April 6th, 1897, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., in seven Surprise Methods, viz.: London, Chester, York, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and Worcester, a very clever performance. The second one that I have any record of was rung at Bebington, Cheshire, on May 13th, 1901, in 2 hrs. 37 mins., in seven methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. If there are any others, I have not heard of them, so the Great Munden band's performance will take at least third place.—Yours faithfully, GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Liverpool.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Southern branch was held on Saturday at Grantham, about 20 members being present, including the local band. Ringing commenced about noon, and subsequently dinner was partaken of at No. 11, Watergate, an excellent meal having been provided by Mr. G. Reeve. Owing to the President (the Rev. E. Carpenter) being unable to attend, the chair was taken by one of the vice-presidents (the Rev. H. Law James). At the business meeting, which followed, all the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year except the secretary, who wished to resign. Mr. A. Markwell, of Ingoldsby, was elected to the vacant office.—Further ringing took place in the afternoon, including touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman. A special service was also held, at which an impressive address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. I. Carr Smith).

The Guild wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also the local members, for making the necessary arrangements.

The secretary begs to remind the members that subscriptions for the ensuing year are now due, and would be glad to receive the same as soon as convenient at the following address: A. Markwell, Ingoldsby, Grantham.

RESTORATION AT UPPER CLAPTON.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.

An appeal was published in these columns some weeks ago for subscriptions towards the restoration of the above bells, but unfortunately there have been none to acknowledge. This, no doubt, was due to the fact that a good many other appeals have been issued of late, and it is only natural, therefore, that some of them should not be successful. However, owing to the generosity of the parishioners, a sufficient sum was received to justify the order being placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have thoroughly strengthened the frame and rehung the bells in new fittings. The louvres have also been boarded up a considerable distance, thus sending the sound further afield, and it is hoped that no further complaints will now be received from persons residing near the tower.

The re-opening took place on Christmas Eve. A choral celebration of the Holy Communion was held at 9.30 a.m., at which the old custom of chiming a sacring-bell at the consecration prayer was carried out, so that the sound of one of the bells was first heard at the most holy part of any of the church's services. After the celebration, the clergy, choir, ringers, and as many of the congregation as could possibly be accommodated, ascended to the ringing room, where the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Dawson) conducted a short service of benediction. After the hymn, 'Lift them gently to the steeple,' had been sung, the bells were raised, and were kept going by the local ringers until the next service. A quarter-peal was attempted in the evening, with Mr. J. Thomas (who has been working on the bells) ringing 2—3, but unfortunately this came to grief after 35 minutes' good ringing. A peal was, however, scored on Boxing Day, in which four of the local band took part, and is recorded in the proper quarter.

The "go" of the bells is excellent, and reflects the highest credit upon Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BEDFORD.—The Beds Association.—At St. Paul's Church, for Divine service, on November 19th, 665 Grandsire Caters.—On Dec. 10th, 800 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Harlow 1, E. Tingey 2, W. Lightfoot 3, F. Webb 4, H. Sharp 5, C. Chasty 6, J. H. Freeborn 7, J. W. Barker (conductor) 8.—On Dec. 17, 736 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Church 1, E. Tingey 2, H. Tysoe 3, W. Lightfoot 4, H. Sharp 5, H. Harlow 6, C. Chasty 7, J. W. Barker (conductor) 8.—On Dec. 24th, 521 Stedman Caters: B. Finding 1, H. Sharp 2, J. W. Barker (conductor) 3, E. Tingey 4, W. Lightfoot 5, H. Harlow 6, C. Chasty 7, F. Webb 8, H. Tysoe 9, S. Harlow 10.—On Dec. 25th, 359 Grandsire Caters: H. Smith 1, H. Tysoe 2, H. Harlow 3, E. Tingey 4, J. W. Barker (conductor) 5, J. Church 6, W. Lightfoot 7, F. Webb 8, C. Chasty 9, S. Harlow 10. Also 120 Forward Royal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Dec. 10th, being the first anniversary of opening the tower bells, recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., 1910, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: A. T. Baker 1, J. H. Iffe 2, I. Hufton 3, S. Burgoyne 4, E. Poxon 5, H. Fletcher 6, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 7, J. F. George 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman in Ilkeston, rung and conducted by the Ilkeston band, and the first quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells since they were recast.

BRIDSTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Dec. 12 h, 720 Bob Minor: E. Summers 1, H. Marklove 2, F. Vale 3, Walter Poston 4, W. Short 5, Wm. Poston (conductor) 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: A. Gwynne 1, H. Marklove 2, J. Blake 3, Walter Poston 4, R. Evans 5, W. Short (conductor) 6.—On December 14th, 720 Bob Minor: Wm. Poston 1, H. Marklove 2, J. Blake 3, Walter Poston 4, T. Greenway 5, W. Short (conductor) 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor: H. Marklove 1, R. Evans 2, J. Cartwright 3, Walter Poston 4, W. Short (conductor) 5, William Poston 6; and 300 Stedman Doubles and 360 Bob Minor.

EARL SOHAM.—On Dec. 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Hall 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, G. Stannard 3, H. Hall (first 720 Treble Bob inside) 4, J. W. Mallett 5, W. Burgess 6.—On Dec. 17th, 720 Oxford Bob: B. Ellis (first 720) 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, B. R. Buckle 3, H. Hall 4, J. Hall 5, G. Balls 6.—On Dec. 31st, at midnight, 360 and 720 Oxford Bob: W. W. Miller 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, B. R. Buckle 3, H. Hall 4, J. W. Mallett 5, G. Balls 6.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On December 16th, in an attempt for a peal, 2060 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, R. Whittington 2, T. Worsfold 3, W. Denyer 4, H. Tidy 5, A. Charman 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, H. Ledger 8. Also 1030 Bob Major: *Mrs. Whittington 1, W. Streeter 2, *W. Denyer 3, H. Tidy 4, A. Charman 5, R. Whittington 6, T. Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8. *Longest length in the method.—On Sunday, December 17th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1266 changes) in 46 mins., with C. Charman for W. Denyer. First quarter-peal of Major by Mrs. Whittington and C. Charman.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Dec. 17th, at St. Martin's, for morning service, three courses of Stedman Caters: A. Walker 1, T. Reynolds 2, T. Russam 3, L. S. Griffiths 4, S. Grove 5, E. J. Hyland 6, E. Mansell 7, P. Laflin (conductor) 8, J. Wells 9, J. Neal 10.—On Sunday, Dec. 17th, at St. John's, five courses of Stedman Triples: A. Scrivens 1, W. Webb 2, L. S. Griffiths 3, J. Collett 4, J. Neal 5, S. Grove (conductor) 6, E. Mansell 7, S. Coley 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association.—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on December 17th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): W. Flinden 1, T. Horton 2, H. R. Cobbin 3, A. Barratt 4, W. Bellamy (conductor) 5, F. Johnson 6, J. Clarke 7, E. J. Oliver 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On December 17th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (unconducted): J. T. Dyke 1-2, A. P. Wakley 3-4, W. Shercliff 5-6. Also 112, 224, 336 Bob Major: C. Sanders 1-2, W. Shercliff 3-4, A. P. Wakley 5-6, J. T. Dyke 7-8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday, December 17th, for Divine service, 640 Double Norwich: H. Coote 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, F. Webb 3, A. Shufflebotham 4, H. E. Hammond 5, F. Eley 6, W. H. Hammond 7, H. J. Collins 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 17th, at St. Martin's Church, 316 Stedman Caters: G. Holmes 1, L. Allan 2, A. Pettit 3, P. C. Jenny 4, L. Allan 5, C. H. Fowler 6, S. Cotton 7, F. H. Dexter 8, A. Martin 9, G. Pilmore 10.

BATH.—The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Sunday, Dec. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1259 changes), taken from Holt's Ten-part, in 42 mins.: R. E. Waterson 1, H. E. Lewis 2, A. E. Alexender 3, J. Odey 4, A. E. Seers 5, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 6, C. Densley 7, H. Davis 8. In the evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 42 mins.: T. Hogsflesh 1, R. E. Waterson 2, A. E. Alexender 3, J. Odey 4, A. E. Seers (composer) 5, H. E. Lewis 6, A. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, C. Densley 8.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, Dec. 17th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: B. S. Hill 1, A. Hill 2, *G. Hinton 3, W. Page 4, *W. Edgington 5, G. Checketts 6. * First in the method.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, December 17th, 518 Grandsire Triples: P. Pain 1, F. Chaffey 2, E. Squibb 3, W. Cooper 4, W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, A. Pain 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Dec. 17th, 720 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. Robinson (Ambleside), conductor, 3, T. Suart 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6.—On Dec. 24th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, W. H. Dennison 3, T. Suart 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6. 720 Oxford Single Bob.—On Christmas Day, for early service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure: W. Jackson 1, T. Metcalfe 2, W. H. Dennison 3, T. Suart (conductor) 4, J. Huddleston 5, J. Burrows 6. —For morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. S. Forshaw 3, T. Suart 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6.

EDGBASTON.—On Monday, Dec. 18th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Eaton 1, L. S. Griffiths 2, W. Shilvock 3, T. Colinson 4, S. Grove (conductor) 5, J. Dowler 6.

WINCHESTER.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 20th, on the back eight, a date touch (1911 changes) of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 18 mins.: C. Russell, junr. (composer) 1, F. Smith 2, W. H. Crute 3, *Rev. W. E. Colchester 4, G. Noice 5, E. G. Lampard 6, Wilfred Andrews (conductor) 7, D. Froome 8. * Longest touch.

DEVIZES.—At St. James' Church, Southbroom, on the eve of St. Thomas' Day (December 20th), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) in 40 mins.: J. L. Hutton 1, C. D. Heginbothom 2, R. Haselhurst 3, S. Hillier (conductor) 4, F. Green 5, H. Brownlee West 6.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Dec. 22nd, after meeting one short, for a peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: *T. Max 1, C. R. Lilley 2, J. Butler 3, J. Bullen 4, F. Charles 5, F. Morgan 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, A. E. Morgan 8. * Longest length in the method.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Eve, after Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. Holloway 1, T. Spratt 2, L. Lampard 3, W. Carter 4, C. Abrahams 5, E. Waterdge 6, F. Oxenbury (conductor) 7, J. Penton 8.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Saturday, December 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Crandon 1, J. Goram 2, E. Cox 3, J. Harris 4, W. Worgan 5, T. E. Francis (first quarter-peal) 6, G. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, E. Reed 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—At the Parish Church, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hicklin 1, H. Kendrick 2, W. J. Smith 3, T. Dicken 4, W. W. Worthington (conductor) 5, C. A. Beels 6, F. Shepherd 7, J. Brittain 8.

PUTNEY. — On Sunday, Dec. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Whanslaw 1, T. Bolton 2, S. Jones (first quarter-peal) 3, W. Honeyball 4, A. Jones 5, C. Collis, junr., 6, G. W. Honeyball (first quarter as conductor) 7, C. Collis, senr., 8.

WOLVERLEY, WORCESTER.—Worcestershire Association and the Wolverley Guild.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, 180 Grandsire Doubles; and on Christmas Day, 240 Grandsire Doubles: F. Shaw 1, H. Martin 2, L. Smith 3, W. Porter 4, E. Jones 5, A. Morris 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. E. Jones, who sailed for Australia on Dec. 28th, his fellow ringers wishing him success and prosperity.

DUFFIELD. — The Midland Counties Association. — On Christmas Eve, at the Church of St. Alkmund, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): A. Butler 1, W. Bates 2, A. Cottrell 3, F. Hickling 4, J. Flower 5, B. Sugden 6, H. Letts (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, E. Morton 8.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS. — On Sunday, Dec. 24th, at midnight, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Knight 1, E. Day 2, G. Hewitt 3, W. Knighton 4, T. Jervis 5, R. Loveday (conductor) 6: also 360 Oxford Bob. — On Christmas morning, for early service, 720 Oxford Bob: J. Slatter 1, A. Knight 2, G. Hewitt 3, E. Day 4, E. Curtis 5, T. Jervis (conductor) 6. —For morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: B. Loveday 1, E. Day 2, G. Hewitt 3, W. Knighton 4, T. Jervis 5, R. Loveday (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, 720 Oxford Bob: J. Slatter 1, A. Knight 2, G. Hewitt 3, E. Day 4, T. S. Ayatter 5, T. Jervis (conductor) 6. At midnight, 720 Oxford Bob: R. Loveday 1, G. Hewitt 2, A. Knight 3, W. Knighton 4, T. S. Ayatter 5, T. Jervis (conductor) 6; also 360 Kent Treble Bob.—On Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: B. Loveday 1, E. Day 2, G. Hewitt 3, W. Knighton 4, T. Jervis 5, R. Loveday (conductor) 6. The conductor rang blindfolded.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows Church, on Sunday, Dec. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell to Mr. W. H. Lewis, who was leaving to take up an appointment in Ireland: F. Roper 1, H. A. Barnett, senr., 2, H. Ellis 3, W. H. Lewis (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, F. Coun 6, C. Button 7, C. Avis 8.

REDDISH.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. R. Barnes 1, J. E. Barnes 2, A. Barnes (conductor) 3, T. Smithson 4, F. Needham 5, H. Smithson 6, J. Barnes 8.—At midnight an attempt for the first half of Holt's ten-part failed through a change course at the end of the third part: Miss E. R. Barnes 1, G. Shawcross 2, the rest as before.—On New Year's Eve, with A. Summer 1, Miss E. R. Barnes 2, a change course occurred in the fourth part; these are the longest lengths of Triples yet rung by a resident band.

HAMMERSMITH.—S. Paul's Guild.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, 1911, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: R. Mackrill 1, H. Barrett 2, J. Ross (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, H. Cook 4, H. Stevens 5, F. Skevington 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Clarke 1, H. J. Tucker 2, E. Yates 3, W. Bonham 4, W. T. Tucker (first in method) 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6. After service, 720 College Pleasure: W. Bonham 1, E. Yates 2, H. J. Tucker 3, T. Tompkins 4, W. T. Tucker 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6. At midnight, to usher in Christmas, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. On Boxing Day, a peal of Treble Bob was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 720 each of Cambridge, College Pleasure, and College Exercise, a change course in London Scholars Pleasure finishing it off.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Dec. 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1260, Brooks' variation) of Stedman Triples: J. McKell 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Lofthouse (conductor) 3, W. Bradley 4, W. Townson 5, C. Langstroth 6, A. R. Jones 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

HALLOW.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, for evening service, 855 Stedman Triples: G. Hinton (longest length) 1, C. Bowcott 2, W. Rouse 3, J. Batchelor 4, T. Bullock 5, G. Checketts 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, J. Pardoe 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—Central Northants Association.—In honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Reynolds, of Ethel Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Giles' Church on Christmas Day, by C. Reynolds 1, F. Hopper 2, C. F. Millward 3, F. Wilford (conductor) 4, H. Key 5, C. Sear 6, G. Flavell 7, E. James 8.—The ringers were very kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, and Mr. F. Hopper, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed their health.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. J. Cope 1, A. Bowler 2, W. Hopley 3, W. Dempster 4, W. W. Worthington 5, F. Cope, junr., 6, F. Cope, senr. (conductor) 7, O. Sawyer (first quarter-peal) 8.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Christmas morning, at the Parish Church, for early service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Also for morning service, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. J. Watts 1, H. Little 2, J. Luckey 3, G. Gray 4, T. Jordan 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6, A. Jordan 7.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, H. Little 2, J. Luckey 3, W. Prior 4, T. J. Watts 5, W. T. Prior 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.—To welcome in the New Year, 252 Stedman.

ILKLEY.—At the Parish Church, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. Richmond 1, A. South 2, T. Wardman (Scarborough) 3, C. Stephenson 4, W. Cook 5, T. W. Crawshaw 6, J. W. Birkin (conductor) 7, C. E. Spencer 8.—On New Year's Eve, a date touch of 1911 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins., with the bells muffled: R. Richmond 1, A. South 2, H. Verity 3, C. Stephenson 4, W. Cook 5, J. R. Feather 6, J. W. Birkin (conductor) 7, C. E. Spencer 8.

BISHOPS HULL, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 720 Bob Minor: W. Thomas 1, T. Smith 2, E. Bull 3, E. Wilkins 4, A. Symons 5, J. Clarke (conductor) 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles, P. Merson, conductor.

LEYTONSTONE.—At St. John's Church, on Christmas morning, 720 Bob Minor: A. Fiddes 1, F. Doran (first 720 away from treble) 2, S. Hayes 3, W. Miller 4, G. Dawson 5, J. Moule (conductor) 6.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—The Midland Counties Association.—On Christmas Day, for evening service, also as a compliment to Mr. D. Farthing, on his 65th birthday, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins.: B. A. Knights 1, G. Hollis (conductor) 2, F. Jacobs 3, F. Smith 4, G. Davies 5, D. Farthing 6, G. J. Oliver 7, T. W. Gore 8, G. Thompson 9, A. Craven 10.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Christmas Day, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (the first half of Holt's Ten-part): *W. Cox 1, T. East (conductor) 2, *H. Bishop 3, W. Napper 4, E. Butler 5, *J. Butler 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Warwick 8. * Longest touch.

WHITBOURNE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—At the Parish Church, on Christmas morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins.: H. Warman 1, G. Soley (conductor) 2, S. Lewis 3, G. Jones 4, R. J. Caswell 5, W. Morris 6.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Clark (first quarter-peal) 1, J. C. Morling 2, H. Clark 3, F. Fears 4, J. Wren (East Grinstead) 5, W. Green 6, G. Piper (conductor) 7, A. Banks 8.

CLENCHWARTON. — Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Strike (longest length) 1, F. Beaumont 2, W. Painter 3, J. Welton 4, S. Vincent (conductor) 5.

POTTEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Monday, Dec. 25th, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. and 4 mins., being 471 Plain Bob and 720 Reverse College Single: F. Carter 1, W. Inskip 2, A. Bailey 3, C. A. Pratt 4, W. Compton 5, F. Blood (conductor) 6. First date touch by all except the ringers of the 4th and 6th.—Also 720 Single Court.

EVESHAM. — The Worcestershire Association.—On Tuesday, Dec. 26th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters, came to grief through a change course, after an hour and a half's good ringing: H. Colley 1, R. Young 2, T. Edwin 3, H. Jordan 4, J. Hemming 5, F. Johnson 6, F. Jordan 7, H. J. Phipps 8, H. Middleton (conductor) 9, W. Workman 10.

GORING, OXON. — On Dec. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: *L. R. Hayward (age 15) 1, W. Aldridge 2, J. Bower (conductor) 3, *J. Smith 4, W. Napper 5, A. Mobey 6. * First quarter-peal and first attempt.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.—On Tuesday, Dec. 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Bonham 1, H. J. Tucker 2, E. Yates 3, T. Tompkins 4, W. T. Tucker 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: G. Temple 1, F. Skuse 2, C. Bell 3, J. Cross 4, G. Cross 5, H. Brown 6, F. F. King (conductor) 7, L. Smith 8. Also 560 of Bob Major. Longest touch of Major by G. Cross. Messrs. Cross belong to Pentre, Rhondda.

POTTEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Tuesday, December 26th, a date touch of Minor (1911 changes), in 1 hr. 4 mins., consisting of 471 Bob Minor, 720 Single Oxford Bob, and 720 Reverse College Single: F. Carter 1, W. Inskip 2, A. Bailey 3, C. A. Pratt 4, W. Compton 5, F. Blood (conductor) 6. First date touch by all except the ringers of the fourth and tenor, also first on the bells.

ECKINGTON.—The Worcestershire Association. — On Wednesday, Dec. 27th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), in 1 hr., being 720 Oxford Bob, 360 Plain Bob, 120 Kent Treble Bob, and 60 Canterbury Pleasure: H. Colley 1, T. Edwin 2, H. Jordan 3, F. Jordan 4, J. Hemming 5, H. Salisbury (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal on the bells.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.—At the Parish Church, on Dec. 27th, 720 Bob Minor: G. E. Copeman 1, H. B. Banham 2, T. Blunt 3, A. Sergeant 4, Ralph Narborough 5, J. W. Storey (conductor) 6.—On Dec. 29th, 720 Bob Minor: G. E. Copeman 1, J. Albins 2, T. Blunt 3, A. Sergeant 4, Ralph Narborough 5, J. W. Storey (conductor) 6.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Dec. 27th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: F. S. W. Butler 1, C. H. Baker 2, J. Bartram (West Stockwith) 3, J. C. Tinker 4, W. Dickenson 5, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 6, H. Torr 7, R. S. Lakin 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. P. Ballance, who was married at Beckingham (Notts) on the day previous, his brother ringers wishing him every happiness.

WOKING.—At St. Peter's Church, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Sweet 1, C. J. Hamblin 2, D. Hampton 3, S. Petter 4, J. Brackley 5, F. Studwick (conductor) 6. Rung with bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Oliphant), who was buried on this date.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 28th, in honour of the birthday of the Duke of Portland, 504 Grandsire Triples and other touches: F. Hind 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, C. E. Peck 5, T. Bartholomew 6, T. Wilson 7, E. Clark 8. The bells were also "fired" at intervals.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, after evening service, to mark the closing of the year, after evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1911 changes), composed by C. Jackson, of Hull, and containing 24 6-7's, in 1 hr. 13 mins.: C. E. Peck 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, T. Bartholomew 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8. Also 504 Union Triples and a few courses of Bob Major, in which Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, took part.

CURDRIDGE.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Dec. 29th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: *J. Ryves 1, *G. Bull 2, F. J. Newland 3, E. Wellstead 4, W. J. Ryves 5, Andrew Mears 6, Alf. Mears (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. Johnson 8. * Longest length. First quarter-peal ever rung by a local band at Curdridge.

ALDERSHOT. — On Dec. 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Fletcher (first in method) 1, C. Edwards (conductor) 2, H. Chaffey 3, G. Upshall 4, J. Mann (first in method) 5, T. Upshall 6. Also several touches of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, with local men taking part.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Dec. 30th, two 720's Cambridge Surprise: A. Pierce (first in the method) 1, J. Rance 2, W. J. Paice 3, H. Bungay 4, J. North 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6. Also 720 Double Court, conducted by E. C. Lambert. First in the method by all except conductor. Also 120 Stedman Doubles.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Saturday, December 30th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Chaplin 1, E. Hawkings 2, E. Butler 3, A. Chaplin 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, W. Watson 6.

BRIDGEND.—At St. Illtyd's Church, for evening service, on Dec. 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 48 mins.: D. Powell 1, A. J. Stanley 2, T. J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, J. Evans 5, R. James 6, R. Bunstone 7, J. Cox (conductor) 8.—For midnight service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but a change course occurred a few leads from home.—On Dec. 3rd, 1008 Bob Major.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.—The Kent County Association. — On Dec. 30th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: F. Burt 1, C. Wenham 2, C. W. Player (conductor) 3, A. Daw 4, C. Tribe 5, R. Dunster 6. This is the first 720 of Kent on the bells which have been so well restored by Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich.

OAKHAM.—On December 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. H. Towell 1, J. J. Jackson 2, S. B. Higgs 3, P. E. Higgs 4, F. C. Towell 5, W. E. Higgs 6, J. T. Dyke (composer and conductor) 7, R. W. Baker 8. Also 546 and 238 in the same method, in which A. Jarman and C. Reeve took part, these being their first touches on eight bells.—On New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 48 mins.: R. Briggs 1, G. H. Towell 2, S. B. Higgs 3, P. E. Higgs 4, W. E. Higgs 5, H. Burbeck 6, F. C. Towell (conductor) 7, E. Smith 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—The Ely Diocesan Association. —On Sunday evening, Dec. 31st, on the Norman tower bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: F. Dewell 1, J. Sparrow 2, F. Levitt 3, H. Norman 4, J. Levitt 5, A. E. Moore 6, H. A. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Woodcock 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except Messrs. H. A. Turner and A. E. Moore.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), being 240 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 192 Double Court, 120 each of Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, and 108 Plain Bob: J. Hendry 1, A. Pettit 2, H. Meadows 3, M. Norton 4, A. Henman 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary the Virgin's, to ring the Old Year out and the New Year in, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Sills 1, J. Hunt 2, H. Hogarth 3, G. Riordan 4, S. Shellock 5, C. Norris 6, F. Belsey (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8. This is the first 504 of Stedman by an entirely local band. 168 Grandsire Triples, with H. Springate treble, was also rung.

ROMFORD.—At St. Edward's Church, on New Year's Eve, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major: G. Roughton 1, A. Chaplin 2, T. E. Loosemore 3, G. H. Jaye 4, W. Woodgate 5, H. F. Dawkins 6, G. R. Pye (conductor) 7, W. Watson 8. After 12 o'clock, a plain course New Cambridge Surprise Major.

LONG EATON.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Hickton 1, J. Andrews 2, R. Hickton 3, A. H. Ward 4, R. Drage 5, J. R. Ward 6, N. H. Widdowson 7, J. Bailey (conductor) 8.—After service, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs 53 mins.: Miss M. E. Woolley 1, J. Andrews 2, A. H. Ward (conductor) 3, N. H. Widdowson 4, J. R. Ward 5, A. Hickton 6, R. Drage 7, J. Harrison 8.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—The Lancashire Association.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's Church, on handbells, a date touch of Bob Minor (1911 changes), in 48 mins.: Edward Asplin 1—2, Eric L. Bennett 3—4, William Robinson (conductor) 5—6. Umpire, Roger Satterthwaite. Also a 720 of Bob Minor: Edward Asplin 1—2, William Robinson 3—4, Eric L. Bennett (first 720 as conductor) 5—6.—For evening service, 252 Stedman Triples: J. Fairclough 1, A. Newton 2, G. Whittam 3, T. F. Hewertson 4, W. Prickett 5, W. Robinson 6, J. Holmes 7, W. Fisher 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples at midnight, with the bells muffled. After midnight, another 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells open, the band standing as above.

CHRIST CHURCH, UPPER ARMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, midnight, Dec. 31st, a date touch of 1912 changes, comprising 112 Oxford, and 300 each of Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet: *A. Coldrick 1, *G. A. Wilson 2, F. Gaunt 3, J. Peacock 4, M. Broadbent 5, Jos. Thackray (conductor) 6. * Longest touch.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE. — On Dec. 31st (prior to midnight), with the bells half-muffled, 720 Cambridge Surprise, also some doubles. After 12 o'clock a merry 720 of College Bob IV., and 360 of Bob Minor, after which the bells were lowered slowly: E. Quinney, E. Vallance, T. Vallance, W. Horton, G. Stoneley, E. H. Stoneley and A. Doane, took part.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—The Winchester Guild.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, at midnight, on Dec. 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. W. Whiting 1, F. L. Tull 2, A. Cummings 3, G. Privett 4, J. Churcher 5, H. Barry 6, S. R. Churcher (conductor) 7, C. Churcher 8.

NEWCHURCH, LANCS.—On New Year's Eve, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: E. Leatherbarrow 1, G. Pownall 2, A. Nutter 3, J. Orme 4, J. Yates 5, J. Leatherbarrow (conductor) 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with J. Cooper in place of J. Orme.

HORLEY, SURREY.—Sussex County Association.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: A. Longhurst 1, J. Kenward 2, G. Illman 3, W. Bashford 4, S. Kenward 5, F. Sadler 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, C. Osborne 8.

BEESTON.—On December 31st, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: W. Clifford, senr., 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, F. S. Price 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8. First in the method by all, and first ever rung in the county of Notts by a local band.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—A half-muffled peal on the last night of the Old Year was attempted. Two 720's Oxford Bob were tapped off almost faultlessly, but in the 3rd 720 there was a change course, which unfortunately put an end to the attempt: J. Grocock 1, C. Reeve 2, F. Bindley 3, T. Atkin 4, J. J. Jackson (conductor) 5, A. Jarman 6. With J. T. Dyke in place of J. J. Jackson, a 720 of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob were rung. Mrs. Jackson also rang the treble to a touch of Bob Minor.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. W. Jones 1, F. Morgan 2, M. Selby 3, J. Bullen 4, S. Jones 5, C. Greedy 6, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 7, C. Davies 8.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At the Church of All Saints, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 47 mins.: J. W. Jones 1, M. Selby 2, J. Bullen 3, S. Jones 4, F. Charles 5, F. Morgan 6, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 7, S. Baiss 8.

BARKSTON.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, at the residence of Mr. A. Mackears, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor, in 17 mins.: R. Scott 1—2, R. Richardson (conductor) 3—4, A. Mackears 5—6. First 720 with a pair of bells by R. Scott and A. Mackears.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—The Hertfordshire Association. — On Sunday, Dec. 31st (New Year's Eve), 384 Superlative, 288 Kent Treble Bob, 504 and 252 Stedman Triples. After evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Stedman Triples. The Old Year was rung out with 334 Superlative and 126 Stedman Triples, and the New Year welcomed with 288 Kent Treble Bob, and a plain course each of Superlative and Double Norwich. The ringers taking part were: F. Edwards, J. J. Allen, R. E. Stavert, J. Bates, W. I. Oakley, W. Seeley, M. Hibbert, T. R. Scott, F. A. Smith R. Darlow and B. Prewett, the conducting being shared by F. Edwards, B. Prewett and R. E. Stavert.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, for evening service, on Dec. 31st, the last 1008 of Thurstans' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Coley 1, J. Porter 2, T. J. Bratton 3, W. F. Webb 4, G. A. Taylor 5, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 6, J. B. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8. For the watch-night service, several touches of Bob Minor, conducted by W. F. Webb and J. B. Collett. Ringers: S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, J. Porter, W. H. Carrod, J. B. Collett, W. F. Webb, and G. A. Taylor.—On Dec. 9th, 504 Grandsire Triples, for morning service: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 2, G. A. Taylor 3, W. F. Webb 4, J. T. Perry 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. B. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8.

BRIDGWATER.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — At St. Mary's Church, in 45 mins. of the first hour in the New Year, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. C. Sweet (conductor) 1, A. O. Major 2, W. Evans 3, C. Evans 4, A. E. Coles 5, B. T. Jeanes 6, Geo. Seward 7, S. Chiron 8.

WARWICK.—On Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. Hall 1, W. Lynes 2, A. Hobbs 3, T. Male (conductor) 4, H. Fathers 5, W. Hope 6.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first session of the Eighth Council (twenty-second annual meeting) will be held in London on Whitsun Tuesday, May 28th, 1912. Nominations for the office of president and for that of honorary secretary and treasurer, as also reports of committees, notices of motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, April 27th.

Honorary secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of each elected representative of their associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the agenda.

A remittance of 2s. 6d. is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.—Charles D. P. Davies, Honorary Secretary, Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January, 1912.—Postal orders should not be made payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles from Fretherne.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at St. Martin's-in-the Fields. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in the St. Martin's Vestry Hall at 5.30. —F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The Annual Meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill), at Isleworth on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill, in the Hartlands Road Mission Room at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at St. Margaret's. Westminster tower open from 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, January 20th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening.—B. H. T. Drake, Honorary District Secretary, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on January 20th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30. Good attendance essential. Important business.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—The Bishop of Barking will dedicate the bells in Cheshunt tower on January 20th (Saturday) at 3 p.m. The six old bells have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and two new bells by the same firm have been added. During the service itself the bells will be rung round by the Cheshunt ringers. Afterwards, until 4.30, a band of change ringers from the bell foundry will ring; while after 4.30, for two hours, the tower will be open to visiting ringers.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's (Parish Church), Eastbourne, on Saturday, January 20th. Members wishing to be present at tea (which, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. W. C. Streatfield, M.A., R.D, will take place in the Pitman Institute, opposite the church) must let me know not later than the 16th. Ringing from 3 to 5.30. Service 5.30. Tea six o'clock; meeting to follow.—George H. Howse, Honorary Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly branch meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, January 20th, 1912. Service 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting after. Bells (8) available.—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on January 23rd, and Southwark Cathedral on the 30th. A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on March 2nd.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at six o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30 (1s. each), both in the Church Schools. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, London Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, January 24th. The committee will be much obliged if those members who have not paid their subscriptions up to end of 1911 will do so at or before this meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, January 27th, 1912. 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 St. Nicholas New Church on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Kingston on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45., to be followed by business meeting, at which the Vicar will preside. Will unattached members intending to be present kindly let me know on or before Wednesday, January 26th.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at Parish Church at 5.30. Tea at Temperance Hotel at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 24th inst.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, January 27th. Bells at 3.30 p.m. Service, with address, by Rev. Arthur Hart (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, in the Albany Institute. Business meeting to follow. As important business will be brought forward, I hope for a good attendance. Subscriptions should be paid now. Only those sending their names to me by Wednesday, January 24th, can be admitted to the tea. — T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham on Saturday, January 27th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and meeting following (tea 9d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Holbeck, Leeds, on Saturday, January 27th, when a presentation will be made to Mr. William Snowdon, late president. Service in St. Matthew's Church at 4 p.m. For full arrangements see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, January 27th. St. Nicholas' tower (8) will be open from 4 to 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. St. Mary's (10 bells) will be available after the business meeting. Tea will be arranged, if a sufficient number signify their intention of being present by Tuesday, 23rd. Will conductors of peals kindly bear in mind Rule 15 whenever a peal is rung.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Shottery, Honorary Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Harlestone on January 27th, Desborough on February 3rd, Woodford on February 10th, and Wellingboro' on February 17th. All subscriptions should be paid at these meetings, as they are now due.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Isle of Ely District.—A meeting will be held at Ely on Saturday, January 27th. Bells of St. Mary's available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30. Will those intending to be present please notify before January 25th.—A. Pilgrim, District Secretary, Church Lane, Ely.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on February 3rd. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Golden Lion Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

NOTICES (continued).

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at Bolsover, Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence, eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance, as there is some special business to be transacted.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Rd., Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at the Castle Inn at 4.15. Special service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by general meeting. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. Arrangements can be made for conveyances to meet trains at Penshurst Station at a reasonable charge, if sufficient members wish to be conveyed. All members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary, also stating by what train they will arrive if they require to be met, not later than Wednesday, January 31st. Members are requested to make an effort to attend this meeting, as a matter of great importance will be discussed.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and eight bell contest will take place at Earlsheaton on Saturday, February 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m., at the Commercial Inn, Tram Terminus. Tea to be ordered from me by Monday, February 5th.—George Naylor, Honorary Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S (DEPTFORD) SOCIETY.—Practice discontinued during rehanging.

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