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MODERN WORK.

THE MIDDLESEX MEETING.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, to give it its full and dignified title, is among the most "live" of the many active territorial organisations throughout the country, and its success since the time when, fifteen years ago, it was formed by the amalgamation of the two old Middlesex societies has been almost phenomenal. It has maintained a healthy and vigorous growth, without, to any serious extent, infringing upon the "preserves" of the older London societies, its membership having been built up largely by bringing into union the towers in the county that were outside the real circle of metropolitan influence. Where its scope overlaps the sphere of other associations, its genesis promoted a healthy rivalry which has done not a little to stimulate ringing in and around London.

The foundations of its prosperity were laid in the early days by Mr. Arthur King, who served so long in the onerous office of secretary. His energy and his optimism were infectious, and the members with such a leader could not sit idly by. Although he has now put off the harness, and has gone to reside beyond the sphere of the Association, Mr. King still retains his old love for the structure which he did so much to create, and his presence at the meeting at Clapton was warmly appreciated by the members, who were glad once more to have his genial personality among them and to listen to his cheery good humour. In establishing the fortunes of the Association Mr. King was happy in gathering round him men who were enthusiastic in the cause, and, next to the first secretary, the Association owes a big debt to Mr. William Pye for all he has done in the Middlesex belfries.

And when Mr. King sought retirement from executive office the Association was again fortunate in securing in his place two secretaries in Messrs. C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler, who begrudge neither time nor effort in maintaining the prosperity of the organisation. To conduct properly the affairs of a society with over 600 members is no light task, but the Association showed on Saturday that it has the right men in the right place when it declined to listen to Mr. Chandler's suggested resignation and re-elected both gentlemen. The meeting, indeed, was a most harmonious one, and fully in accord with the note struck earlier in the afternoon in the excellent address which the Bishop of Willesden gave in Clapton Church. The Association were fortunate in having the Bishop to preach to them, but, by acceding to the request, he provided only another instance of the readiness with which the clergy and the high dignitaries of the church take the opportunity of showing their appreciation of the work done by the ringers in these days.

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Chelmsford,
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Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TEN BELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE NORMAN TOWER (ST. JAMES' CHURCH),

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MOORE ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT WILDING	6
ARTHUR SYMONDS	2	CHARLES WOODCOCK ...	7
FREDERICK DEWELL	3	WILLIAM DENT	8
WALTER RADLEY	4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON	9
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	5	HARRY A. TURNER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, and Conducted by HARRY A TURNER.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal by all except the ringers of the treble and 2nd. Also the first by the Association on tower bells.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt., in D.

HENRY DAY	...*Treble*	FRED CHAMBERLAIN... ...	6
JOHN HARRIS	2	TOM COX	7
DAVID THOMAS	3	ALLEN ROWLEY	8
WILLIAM B. BISS	4	WILLIAM COOMBES	9
SIDNEY DAWE	5	WILLIAM BOLTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by W. COOMBES.

First peal of Royal by all except W. Biss. Rung on the occasion of the ninteenth anniversary of the marriage of W. Bolton.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES;

FRED G. MAY	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM WHITE	6
*ALFRED E. REEVES... ...	2	*FRANK K. HOWELL	7
ALBERT STOWELL	3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE ...	8
FREDK. W. WADE	4	ISAAC LONG	9
*CHARLES PERRY	5	URIAH BRAVEN	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal of Erin.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES GILES ...	...*Treble*	*FREDERICK NEWMAN ...	6
*FREDERICK ALEXANDER ...	2	ALBERT E. REEVES	7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	3	ERNEST W. MENDAY ...	8
†CHARLES COX	4	FRANK HOPGOOD	9
‡RICHARD N. RUNHAM ...	5	HENRY TUCKER... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN NELMS, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Edward Bailey, of Reading, who was interred in the Reading cemetery the same day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 3, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23¼ cwt.

GEORGE B. SELBY ...	...*Treble*	JAMES HEASMAN	5
ARTHUR J. LEWIS	2	*EDWARD J. HOAD	6
ALBERT BELTON	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ...	4	HENRY J. SELBY... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss D. L. Warde, daughter of Lieut.-Col. C. A. M. Warde to Mr. A. H. Streatfield, both of Westerham.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS	...*Treble*	ALFRED FUNNELL	5
FREDERICK J. WHITHAM ...	2	GEORGE POYNTZ	6
FRANK COPEMAN...	3	JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	7
JOHN F. WILSON	4	WILLIAM STEELE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

Rung with the bells half muffled.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN HOUGH	...*Treble*	WALTER HAIR	5
W. W. WORTHINGTON ...	2	GEORGE ROBINSON	6
WILLIAM J. SMITH	3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ...	7
*DAVID L. COTTON	4	REUBEN STEVENSON...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. First attempt for a peal by the ringer of the tenor who was elected a member previous to starting. Rung at the request of the Rector, Canon H. E. Worthington, with the bells half-muffled.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM FISHER ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HUGHES	5
ARTHUR BAKER	2	HENRY W. WILDE	6
WALTER GRINSELL	3	FRANK W. PERRINS... ...	7
WILLIAM BAYLISS	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

Rung with the bells half muffled. The ringers wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank the Vicar of Wombourn for the use of the bells, also to thank Mr. Rowland Cartwright for his kindness in meeting them, and having everything in readiness.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5,120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	...*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
WILLIAM HEWETT	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
HENRY RANZETTA	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES... ...	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the ssociation

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*WILLIAM A. HEMPEL	*Treble*	†JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	5
GEORGE H. CROSS	2	GEORGE HOWCHIN	6
ALBERT G. WARNES	3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	4	WILLIAM STEELE	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

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

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM STEELE	5
ALFRED FUNNELL	2	FREDERICK J. WHITHAM	6
JOHN F. WILSON	3	JOHN ALDIS	7
*FRANK COPEMAN	4	GEORGE POYNTZ	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

* First peal in the method.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE	*Treble*	THOMAS W. STEDMAN	5
WILLIAM WEATHERBY	2	ALFRED FULLICK	6
ERNEST JONES	3	FRED W. TAYLOR	7
E. R. TREVOR CORBETT	4	HARRY HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED W. TAYLOR.

First peal as conductor.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt., in E.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	5
JOHN EVANS	2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	3	RICHARD BUCKLAND	7
*HERBERT COX	4	†ARTHUR F. ASHMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE MURTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK BRUNNING	5
CHARLES NUNN	2	WILLIAM ROSE	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	FREDERICK DAY	7
LEONARD LAST	4	ERNEST POPPY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ERNEST POPPY.

First peal on eight bells by the ringers of 3rd and 4th to whom great credit is due for the way in which they rang their bells.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF WATERLOO MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
FRANK I. HAIRS	2	WILLIAM HEWETT	6
HENRY RANZETTA	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal accomplished in this method, and the conductor's 700th peal.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

*ARTHUR E. HIBBERT	*Treble*	JOSEPH MILNER	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	FREDERICK J. HARDY	6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	3	ARTHUR D. BARKER	7
ROBERT W. GREEN	4	THOMAS WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM B. SMITH	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. DIXON	5
HARRY C. WALTERS	2	FRANCIS BARKER	6
ARTHUR WALKER	3	ARTHUR GILL	7
GEORGE W. STEEL	4	FRANCIS WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM B. SMITH	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. DIXON	5
ARTHUR WALKER	2	FRANCIS BARKER	6
HARRY C. WALTERS	3	ARTHUR GILL	7
FRANCIS WOODHEAD	4	GEORGE W. STEEL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

UGBOROUGH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*WARREN HORNBROOK	*Treble*	WILLIAM RICHARDS	5
WILLIAM G. HISCOCK	2	ERNEST W. MARSH	6
*REV. E. S. POWELL	3	G. HARRY MYERS	7
WALTER H. MARSH	4	WILLIAM D. JAMES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

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

GUISELEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

WILLIAM DIXON	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. DIXON	5
ALFRED HARDWICK	2	WILLIAM B. SMITH	6
JOSEPH WAITE	3	CHRISTOPHER STEPHENSON	7
CHARLES E. WAITE	4	JOHN B. JACKSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. H. L. Bell, who is leaving this church for South Africa.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM HODGETTS	5
FRANK T. MARTIN	2	*GEORGE E. HOWCHIN	6
HENRY HODGETTS	3	GEORGE N. PRICE	7
HUBERT EDEN	4	*ALFRED B. PECK	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

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

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25 cwt., in E flat.

*HARRY G. SPRINGATE	...*Treble*	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK	5
GEORGE W. RIORDAN	2	FRANK BELSEY	6
*HARRY HOGARTH	3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	7
*CORPL. J. BENNETT, R.M.L.I.	4	*GEORGE R. LAWRENCE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BELSEY.

* First peal. All the ringers are members of the local band.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN	...*Treble*	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	2	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	6
*ALFRED KNIGHT	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
E. MAURICE ATKINS	4	ALBERT V. INNS	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Norwich with an inside bell.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE	...*Treble*	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE	5
JAMES L. WRIGHT	2	EDWIN BLACKWALL	6
HENRY GREGORY	3	WILLIAM TAYLOR	7
HUGH W. GREGORY	4	GEORGE COOK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
ARTHUR CHAPLIN	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
GEORGE H. JAYE	3	WESLEY WATSON	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, April 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

JOSEPH J. PARKER	...*Treble*	HENRY H. CHANDLER	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	2	*JAMES BLACKMORE	6
EDGAR HANCOX	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN	7
JOSEPH J. PRATT	4	THOMAS SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the Easter Festival. Birthday greetings to the ringer of 3rd.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. REEVES	5
CHARLES GILES	2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	6
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE	3	ALFRED WATMORE	7
ERNEST W. MENDAY	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Arranged for Mr. A. H. Pulling, who was on a visit to Reading.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING	...*Treble*	WALTER A. WEBB	5
RICHARD RUNHAM	2	JOHN SWAIN	6
ALFRED T. REEVES	3	CHARLES COX	7
CHARLES GILES	4	REUBEN SAWYER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM	...*Treble*	FRANK HALL	5
WELHAM H. BRADLEY	2	BENJAMIN GODDARD	6
ROBERT WALKER	3	JOHN HARROP	7
JOHN J. PEMBERTON	4	JOSEPH GODDARD	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Edward Chapman, formerly of Hill End, Mottram.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

		Tenor 13 cwt.	
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	*Treble*	PERCY TAYLOR	5
T. R. DENNIS	2	GEORGE TAYLOR	6
PERCY WEBB	3	B. B. BUTTRESS	7
REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE	4	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

REVELSTOKE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(CHARLES' SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 17¾ cwt.	
WILLIAM HOOPER	*Treble*	REGINALD DOBSON	5
ERNEST W. MARSH	2	WALTER H. MARSH	6
WARREN HORNBROOK	3	WILLIAM D. JAMES	7
*REV. E. S. POWELL	4	JOSEPH WOODLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal on the bells.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt., in F sharp.	
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	*Treble*	CHARLES TRIBE	5
ALFRED JOHNSON	2	GEORGE JOHNSON	6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	7
*ALFRED DAW	4	ALFRED BLACKMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.
* First peal of Triples.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

		Tenor 15 cwt.	
THOMAS B. KENDALL	*Treble*	JOSEPH BROADLEY	5
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD	2	JOHN JOYCE	6
*EMMANUEL WICKHAM	3	JOB A. ROSS	7
WILLIAM JOYCE	4	GEORGE A. O. NETTLETON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. W. Taylor & Co. The "go" is excellent and reflects great credit on the firm. Rung on the occasion of the re-election of the churchwardens, Mr. F. C. M. S. Rhodes and Mr. Albert H. Horne. * First peal away from the treble.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
THOMAS J. SALTER	*Treble*	ROBERT MATTHEWS	5
GEORGE PIGOTT	2	JOHN BARBER	6
JOHN BASS	3	WILLIAM SHORT	7
WILLIAM SHILVOCK	4	SAMUEL GROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.
Samuel Grove's 200th peal.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs.	
†WALTER G. DARLINGTON	*Treble*	GEORGE MAXIM	5
FRANK JELF	2	HENRY G. ROWE	6
GEORGE RADLEY	3	WILLIAM SABAN	7
HENRY CORNWELL	4	*ROBERT SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of the 3rd and 7th belong to Broxbourne, the rest to the local band.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 23 cwt.	
WILLIAM LETTY	*Treble*	WILLIAM HOLMES	5
JAMES BAXTER	2	†WILLIAM BROADLEY	6
*THOMAS BECKWITH	3	THOMAS METCALFE	7
JOHN GEORGE HALL	4	‡SAMUEL LEYBOURNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡ First peal in any method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

		Tenor 19¼ cwt.	
JAMES ARMSTRONG	*Treble*	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE	5
E. R. MARTIN	2	FRED HARWOOD	6
JOHN BAILEY	3	*RICHARD BROUGHTON	7
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG	4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL and
Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. This composition contains 4, 5 and 6 the extent in 6ths, the 2nd never in that position and is now rung for the first time.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

		Tenor 16¼ cwt., in F sharp.	
ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	FRED. H. DEXTER	5
JOSIAH MORRIS	2	HARRY ARGYLE	6
DUGLAS H. ARGYLE	3	THOS. W. CHAPMAN	7
CHARLES H. FOWLER	4	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by ARTHUR ROBERT ALDHAM.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
RAYMOND WOOD	*Treble*	PERCY H. DOICK	5
STEPHEN STONE	2	ALFRED GREENFIELD	6
WILLIAM H. HOLLMAN	3	WILLIAM STANFORD	7
JAMES BURDFIELD	4	HARRY J. DOICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Bushey Society.)
On Monday, April 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*William Seeley	*Treble*	Bertram Prewett	5
*Richard Darlow	2	Frederick Edwards ...	6
Thomas R. Scott	3	Joseph J. Allen	7
Francis A. Smith	4	Maurice F. R. Hibbert...	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

* First peal in the method.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

CAPEL, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Violet, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, College Exercise and Oxford.

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Albert Hills	*Treble*	Oliver Sippetts	4
John Akehurst	2	Arthur W. Tullett ...	5
*Percy F. Weller	3	Fredk. R. Tullett, Senr.	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick R. Tullett, Senr.

* First peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Harry Jewiss	*Treble*	William E. Spice	4
Frederick S. Macey ...	2	William H. B. Wilkins	5
Thomas Jull	3	Albert J. Day... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert J. Day.

Rung for the early service.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*Spencer Marshall ...	*Treble*	George H. Spice	4
Frederick S. Macey ...	2	William Spice	5
Albert J. Day...	3	William H. B. Wilkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. B. Wilkins.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the evening service.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

William B. Meadows ...	*Treble*	Pearl Inskip	4
Joseph Saddington	2	Harry Meadows	5
George Lines	3	Charles W. Clarke ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles W. Clarke.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Bowdon and Stockport Branch.)
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob, and three 720's each of Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

John Webb	*Treble*	John Johnson	4
James Hamman...	2	Sidney Hough	5
Fred Cockram	3	Arthur Gidman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Hough.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells, which were cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1748. The above ringers are all members of the local band.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called in ten different ways.

Frank Smith	*Treble*	Charles Quantrill ...	4
Ernest Footer	2	Arthur Rolfe	5
George Sparrow	3	Alfred Ely	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Smith.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. J. S. Pratt for the use of the bells.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*John Spencer	*Treble*	John Larter	4
*Albert J. Naunton ...	2	*Edward Nunn	5
†Francis W. Naunton ...	3	†Norman R. Bailey... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by N. R. Bailey.

First peal of Minor as conductor. * First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor. The ringer of the 2nd is 68 years of age, and has been a member of this association for 33 years.

CAPEL, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Kent, Woodbine, Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and College Exercise.

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Albert Hills	*Treble*	Fredk. R. Tullett, Junr.	4
John Akehurst	2	Arthur W. Tullett ...	5
Percy F. Weller	3	Fredk. R. Tullett, Senr.	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick R. Tullett, Senr.

NEWTON LINDFORD.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Groby Branch.)
On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 36 six scores of Grandsire and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

James Spencer	*Treble*	Victor Geary	3
Edward Geary	2	Fred Ball	4
George H. Geary	*Tenor*		

Conducted by George H. Geary.

First peal on the bells.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford and one 720 each Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

*CHARLES BAILEY ... ...*Treble*	*ARTHUR BLYTH... 4
CHARLES CHENERY 2	GEORGE BAILEY 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	ARTHUR BAILEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR BAILEY.

* First peal. Arthur Blyth was elected a member previous to starting, and the peal was rung by the local company.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ...*Treble*	WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
ALBERT J. GREEN 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Edwards and A. J. Green.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Single Court, Double Oxford, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROLAND O. POLLARD... ...*Treble*	WALTER J. HORTON ... 4
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 2	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 5
ROBERT C. CLIFFORD ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. SALTER ... ...*Treble*	ALFRED TURNER 4
ALFRED MACRO 2	WILLIAM STANNARD... ... 5
PERCY FORDHAM... 3	THOS. FITZJOHN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOS. FITZJOHN.

This is thought to be the first peal on the bells.

BENGEWORTH, EVESHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores.

THOMAS MIDDLETON ... ...*Treble*	JAMES HEMMING 4
JOHN HAMPTON 2	WILLIAM GISBORNE ... 5
SAMUEL CHURCHLEY 3	WILLIAM HARRIS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

First peal by all the band except the conductor.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Bob Minor.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... ...*Treble*	*REV. EDWARD J. TEESDALE 4
CHARLES VARO 2	†WILLIAM DENT... 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3	ROBERT JOHN POULSON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, of Chelsworth Rectory.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 18 cwt., in D.

*HARRY FLEET ... ...*Treble*	*REV. ALBERT RUST 4
*EDMUND HOBBS 2	CYRIL HERBERT 5
*HORACE SMITH... 3	MARK LANE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since the recasting of the tenor and rehanging by Messrs. John Taylor & Sons.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently.

ROBERT WILDING ... ...*Treble*	CECIL WOODCOCK 4
FREDERICK DEWELL 2	GEORGE BAILEY 5
OLIVER BULLMAN 3	ARTHUR BAILEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR BAILEY.

First peal on the bells. Robert Wilding was proposed a member previous to starting for the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE RECTORY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3—4	*WALTER PERKINS ... ... 7—8

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by the Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.
Umpire: W. C. LEWIS.

* First peal in hand.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUNR. 1—2	WALTER S. WISE ... ... 5—6
ACKLAND J. PERKINS ... 3—4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SENR. 7—8

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUNR.
Umpires: THOS. H. COLBURN and SYDNEY S. ROPER.

* First peal as conductor on handbells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. DYKE, 156, WYGGESTON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

CHARLES SANDERS ... ... 1—2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... 5—6
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF ... 3—4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ... 7—8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
Umpire, GEORGE BULL.

First peal in the method by all, and first handbell peal by the conductor.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 14, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. F. ALEXANDER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

MERVYN DUCK ... ... 1—2	ALBERT COATES ... ... 3—4
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... ... 5—6	

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.
Umpire, JOHN W. LOWTHER.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, April 14, 1912, in Two Hours,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.
Witness, MRS. OSBORN.

This is the first peal in seven methods ever rung in hand.

LATE PEAL.

REIGATE, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

EDWARD DEWEY ... ...*Treble*	†WILLIAM BASHFORD... ... 6
HENRY A. HOAD 2	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
HENRY F. EWINS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 8
*HARRY JORDAN 4	GEORGE H. CROUCHER ... 9
†THOMAS BROWN 5	HARRY W. EDWARDS ...*Tenor*

Composed by T. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. Great credit is due to Mr. T. Brown for the able way in which he rang throughout the peal, he being in his 69th year.

We record this week an interesting wedding, one of the lady ringers having entered the bonds of matrimony. Miss Frankum, who was a member of the Oxford Guild, has now become Mrs. Philip Byles, the bridegroom being a member of the Oxford Constabulary. It is quite in accord with the fitness of things that a ringer and a "peeler" should be united.

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On March 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: E. Holman 1, H. Tomsett 2, G. Tomsett 3, A. Tomsett (conductor) 4, F. Willie 5, H. Attree 6. Longest length by E. Holman, who belongs to the local band The rest hail from Lindfield. First quarter on the bells since being rehung and a new treble added. The "go" is excellent.

WATERLOO MAJOR.

A NEW AND MUSICAL EIGHT BELL METHOD.

The first peal of Waterloo Major was rung on Easter Monday. Its claims to musical qualities are unchallengable, and it is new in so far that it has just been rung for the first time, although it has been in existence for several years, and Mr. J. A. Trollope, the composer, used it as an illustration in the Central Council "Methods Report" (vide Rules and Decisions," page 24). It is the first legitimate Major method to be rung with a bell in the hunt, Grandsire Major being, of course, a mongrel. As there are six working bells, there is a six lead course.

12345678	
21436587	Bob.
24135678	41263857
42316587	14268375
43261578	14623857
34625187	41268375
43652817	
34568271	Single.
43658721	41623857
46385712	14268375
64835172	14263857
46381527	41628375
64318257	
46132875	Course Ends.
41623857	Middle 43652
14268375	Wrong 52436
12463857	Right 34256
	3rd's & 5th's 25364

The lead ends are alternately odd and even, so that out-of-course course ends can be got without singles.

Although the course is short, it is full of work. Some of it is rather tricky, and it takes a good bit of ringing, the band that rang it being of the opinion that it is at least as hard as, say, Superlative. It has been called "Waterloo" Major, after St. John's, Waterloo Road, where it was first practised, and where it was intended to have rung the first peal. The band, however, being out on a ringing expedition on Easter Monday, rang it at Erith after having rung Norfolk Surprise at Swanscombe earlier in the day. It is also an interesting fact that it was the conductor's 700th peal. The composition (5088), which is as follows, has only the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place.

23456	M	W	R	24365	M	W	R
24536		—	—	43265			—
25346		—	—	42635		—	—
53246			—	25634	—		—
32546			—	56234			—
35426		—	—	52364		—	—
54326			—	23564			—
43526			—	35264			—
45236		—	—	32654		—	—
52436			—	26354			—
26435	—		—	63254			—
*64235			—	62534		—	—
*36245		—		24356	—	S	—
32465		—	—	43256			—
*24365			—	32456			—

Repeat the whole, omitting courses marked *.

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THE BAND THAT RANG THE LONG PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE.



J. Thomas (5), G. Irvine (4), F. White (6), H. Hodgetts (3), G. N. Price (7) Conductor, H. Eden (2), R. T. Hibbert (Tenor), C. F. Winney (Treble).

The long peal of Bristol Surprise is now an accomplished fact, and the 12,160 rung at Knebworth on Easter Monday stands to invite competition. There is, among the experts, divergence of opinion as to whether Bristol is really as difficult to ring as London, the points allotted to it by the Central Council putting the methods upon equality in this respect, but whatever may be the relative value of the two, the fact remains that the peal at Knebworth was a great performance. From beginning to end the striking was good, and the peal was never in doubt. The chief anxiety in connection with the attempt seems to have occurred the night before, when Mr. Tom Hibbert missed the only train from King's Cross, owing to the Great Western train, by which he had travelled to London, being an hour and a half late. Eventually, however, he got on by telephone to the remainder of the party at the hotel where they were staying, and a conveyance was sent to meet him at Hatfield, eight miles away. The explanation of his absence, received, thanks chiefly to the kindly perseverance of a post office clerk who, curiously enough, came from near Knebworth, and the promise of his speedy arrival, acted as a tonic to the spirits of those gathered together in anticipation of the morrow's task.

A start was made at 9 a.m. exactly, and at 4.18 p.m. the welcome 13254768 (which had been toasted overnight) rolled up, followed by the pleasing words "That is all." As an example of the regularity of the ringing we may quote the remark of the treble man, that "right through the peal

there was always a bell ready to dodge with him on coming into a dodging place"—and that is saying something in a complex method like Bristol.

THE COMPOSITION.

12,160. By the Rev. H. Law James.

23456	M	B	W	H	25634	M	B	W	H	46253	M	B	W	H
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52364		—			65243	—	I			53462	I	—		
26543		—			54632	—				36524		—		
64235		—			43526	—				62345		—		
64352		—		I	32465	—				24653		—		
45623		—			26435	I	—			24536		—		I
52436		—			63254	—				43265		—		
56234		—	I	I	35642	—				36452		—		
63542		—			54326	—				32654		—	I	I
34562	I	—			54263	—		I		42356		—	I	
34625		—		I	46532	—				25463		—		
23645			I		63425	—				23564		—	I	I
34256		—			65324	—	I	I		36245		—		
45362		—			52643	—				56342		—	I	
56423		—			32546	—	I			64523		—		
62453	I	—			24365	—				42635		—		
25634		—			46253	—				23456		—		



Knebworth Church, where the Long Peal was Rung.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT HUNTINGDON.

The Ely Diocesan Association held its annual general meeting at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, when a good muster of members and friends attended from Cambridge, Ely, Chatteris, Thetford, St. Neot's and Eynesbury, Mildenhall, Sutton, Wilburton, Raunds, and Kettering, together with the local ringers. The towers of All Saints' and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, and Godmanchester were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicars, the Rev. W. R. Gardner and Canon A. Sloman. During the morning ringing was confined to the two Huntingdon towers, where touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob on All Saints', and Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich at St. Mary's, were rung until time for service, which took place at All Saints', and was conducted by the Rev. W. R. Gardner (the Vicar), a short and eloquent address being given by the Venerable Archdeacon of Huntingdon, who took for his text, Psalm 122, verse i., "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord."

ARCHDEACON'S ELOQUENT ADDRESS.

In the course of his address, the Archdeacon referred to the appropriateness of the words of the Psalm as a motto for their thoughts that day when the Association met, not only to carry out the objects for which it was founded, namely, for the promotion of change ringing and of belfry reform, but to worship together as well as to ring together, and at least once in the year to grasp the hands of old friends whom a common love for bellringing had drawn together. It was, he continued, the power of association which they awakened within them which was the chief attraction of church bells. Even before a child was old enough to go to church he got accustomed to the sound of the bells, knew to what they belonged, and, perhaps, why they rung—his earliest thoughts of churchgoing would almost certainly be associated with them, and though he might have little knowledge of the importance of the services to which they summoned, it was the bells which first told him to be ready to go up unto the House of the Lord. And so it was the sound of the bells which in later life recalled the days of childish innocence—which brought back such a flood of recollections—sweet now to cherish. They spoke of companionships almost forgotten, of events of sorrow, and of joy, now faded into the dim distance. Those same old bells which ushered in the happy Christmases of former days, which tolled out solemnly to the wild sky the departing year, and with joyous peal welcomed in the new, might well lead a man, as he heard them once again, to pass in review the years that had fled, and to breathe to himself the Psalmist's prayer, that he might so be taught to number his days that he may apply his heart unto wisdom. Once those same bells rang out for his sister's wedding, or, perhaps, for his own, they tolled when the spirits of those who made home dear to him were called away—and thus—associated with the Sundays of youth, with the prominent events of family life, changing their musical voice of sympathy as to rejoice with those that do rejoice, and to weep with those that weep—they preached a sermon which might well be laid to heart by those who were not deaf to it—which fell upon the ears of all, whether they would hear or whether they would forbear. As an old friend, added the preacher, who still remembered the days when he was reckoned at Great St. Mary's as one of the "Cambridge Youths," he asked them on that festival day to consider whether their love for bells and their skill in ringing should be allowed to lead than no further than the practice of the Art. "Let us go up unto the house of the Lord" could not for them mean that they should not go beyond the belfry. Their peal on Sundays was intended to draw the worshippers together. Could that duty, which they had taken upon them be said to be satisfactorily performed when they and their fellow ringers descended the belfry steps not to join the rest in the service to which they had summoned them? The ringers, like the minstrels of old time, had their part to take in the service of the church, and if they bade others to come unto the House of the Lord they should surely be the last to turn away from it themselves.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual dinner and meeting were held at the George Hotel, a company, numbering 44, sitting down. Those present included: Ven. Archdeacon Vesey, in the chair, the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, H. S. T. Richardson, W. R. Gardner, J. M. Clarkson, K. H. Smith, and Messrs. T. R. Dennis, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, W. B. Kempton, E. M. Atkins, A. E. Pilgrim, G. D. Coleman, S. J. Coleman, A. J. Abrams, F. Rowlinson, and others.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the Chairman regretted his inability to stop for further proceedings, as both he and the Rev. W. R. Gardner had a funeral to attend. He rejoiced to see the Association visit Huntingdon once more, and was always pleased to be of any service he could. He was particularly pleased to notice that the Association had instituted a service in connection with its meetings, and hoped the practice would be continued. He also made some interesting remarks in connection with the Cambridge Youths, of which he had the honour to be a member.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the clergy for their kindness that day, and this was carried with acclamation.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey was unanimously voted to the vacated chair, and business was proceeded with.—The General Secretary and Treasurer gave their annual reports, which were entirely satisfactory, and showed an increase of the balance in hand of over £3, compared with 1911.—It was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, on Easter Monday.

The following officers were elected: General secretary, T. R. Dennis; treasurer, the Rev. K. H. Smith; district secretaries: Hunts Archdeaconry, Rev. J. M. Clarkson; Archdeaconry of Ely, P. Webb; Archdeaconry of Sudbury, the Rev. R. L. Gardner; Isle of Ely, F. Rowlinson; auditor, H. A. Turner.—New members from Ingham, Livermere, Worlington, Timworth, Barrow, Lavenham, Chatteris, Cambridge, Wilburton, numbering 16, were also elected.—Votes of thanks to the Vicars for the use of the bells terminated the meeting. The company then distributed themselves to the various churches, where ringing was kept up till nearly 8 p.m., various methods being practised.

It is hoped the meeting will be the precursor of greater things throughout the county, especially in the restoration of one or two of the peals. Although Godmanchester bells are at the present time ringable, there are abundant signs that the presence of the bellhanger is required. The fine peal of eight at St. Neot's is at the present time unringable, and it is to be hoped a movement may be set on foot to put them in order.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.—Yorkshire and Sheffield District Associations.—On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, a date touch (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins., consisting of 40 changes of Carlisle, 360 each of Chester, Beverley, London, Wells, York, and 72 of Durham: F. Parr 1, H. Greaves 2, T. Howes Smith 3, G. Burnham 4, H. Turton 5, C. Seven 6.

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,, 18	,, 5⅜ ,,	G	3 5 0	4 5 0	4 15 0	6 0 0	7 5 0
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ODD CHANGES.

There was a good deal of ringing in London on Saturday, and no fewer than three twelve bell peals were attempted. But, alas, it was evidently not a twelve-bell day for neither of the attempts was successful. The first start was as Cornhill, where under the auspices of the Hertfordshire Association, Stedman Cinques was rung for two hours before a mistake brought the peal to grief. Miss Edith Parker was the conductor.

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At St. Saviour's, Southwark, the Kent Association attempted Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Mr. Tom Groombridge being the conductor. The ringing, however, was very short lived, but afterwards a fine touch of Stedman Cinques was rung, and then a course of Bristol Surprise Major on the back eight, Mr. Ernest Pye turning in the magnificent 50 cwt. tenor.

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The greatest disappointment of all, however, was at St. Paul's Cathedral. It is seldom indeed that this majestic ring of bells can be got for a peal, and since they were put into the tower in the year 1878 only seven peals have been rung upon them. The last was for the late Dean Gregory's 90th birthday nearly three years ago.

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The excellent band of the College Youths which started for the peal of Stedman Cinques on Saturday had every prospect of success, and for nearly 4 hours, so far as listeners outside could glean, all went swimmingly. Then, almost without warning, the 62 cwt. tenor refused to go any longer; there was a clash as she dropped among the other bells, and a great attempt was frustrated, only a course and a half from home. Naturally, after having rung such a length, the loss of the peal was a grievous disappointment to the ringers, but to none more than to Mr. Walter Prime, who had so gallantly rung the great bell, and to Mr. Frank Dawe, the conductor, to whom the signal honour of calling a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral has been a cherished ambition for more than a quarter of a century.

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To be beaten with the goal so nearly achieved is indeed galling, and the band received the commiseration of a large body of listeners who had assembled in the hope of hearing the end of the peal. This company included many who had taken part in the other twelve-bell attempts on Saturday, and others who had come from the Middlesex annual meeting at Clapton. The regrettable failure serves, to our mind, to emphasise the need for lubricators on the gudgeons of big bells, which, however much attention they may receive before starting, are almost certain to run dry before the end of a peal.

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Out of the peal of 5019 changes, only 200 remained to be rung, the peal coming to grief after 3 hrs. 53 mins. The ringers were E. Horrex 1, E. Gibbs 2, H. Springall 3, S. E. Joyce 4, F. J. Hardy 5, C. S. Burden 6, F. E. Dawe 7, C. F. Winney 8, H. Langdon 9, T. H. Taffender 10, A. B. Peck 11, W. Prime 12.

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A party of ringing clergy are meeting next Monday and two following days at Cheltenham, Painswick and Stroud, when they hope, if fortune favours them, to bring off the first clerical peals of Surprise, Stedman Cinques, and Royal. Success to their efforts!

It is a long time to wait for the first peal on the bells, 1748—1912. The first peal on Knutsford bells, cast by A. Rudhall, of Gloucester, 164 years ago, was rung on Easter Monday.

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At the Easter Vestry, at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., the Rector (the Rev. R. Meddings) was asked why the bells had not been rung on the last two Sundays. He replied that he had desired that they should be rung for evening service as well as morning, but his request had been refused. He had therefore no course open but to terminate all existing arrangements. It was his intention to seek for a team of ringers who would ring both morning and evening on Sundays, and who, after ringing the congregation to church, would themselves attend the services.

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The Rector has since appointed Mr. Edward E. Richards, of 8, Maidenstone Hill, Greenwich, to the care of the tower and bells, and it is hoped that ringers attached to neighbouring belfries will assist him occasionally in his endeavours to form and educate a young band.

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St. Mary's Church, Waldron, Sussex, possesses a ring of eight bells with a tenor 10 cwt. The peal is a mixed lot of variable quality. The 2nd and treble were cast by Wm. Mears in 1779 and 1780 respectively; the 3rd and 6th by Thos. Janaway in 1773; the 4th and 5th by Richard Phelps in 1732. The tenor and 7th were originally cast by Richard Phelps, but were recast by John Warner and Sons in 1887 to commemorate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The bells thus represent the work of four different founders, each of whom cast two bells. The bells are now to be recast into a new ring of eight with a tenor to weigh 12½ cwt., and hung in a modern steel frame. The work of restoration has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of The Spitalfields Foundry, London, and the new bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Lewes on June 27th.

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Mr. W. E. Appesley, formerly of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, is leaving this country, with his wife, for Melbourne, Australia, on April 26th. They take with them the good wishes of a large circle of friends. On his arrival Mr. Appesley might look up Mr. A. E. Bames, 118, Hodgkinson Street, Clifton Hill, Melbourne, who welcomes ringers from the old country with open arms.

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Last year some correspondence was published in our columns as to who holds the record for Sunday service ringing. The performance at Tunstall, Kent, last Easter Day, will, however, take some beating. A peal of 5040 in seven Minor methods for early service, two 720's for 11 a.m. service, another 5040 for evening service, and touches of 360 and 120, making a total of 12,000 changes rung for the three services. Mr. A. J. Day wants to know if this is a record? We should think it is.

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Mr. Fewell, of St. Albans, one of the ringers at St. Peter's Church, met with a serious accident on Saturday. On the top of Holywell Hill he was knocked down by a motor-car, and was removed to hospital suffering from severe concussion. He has since had periods of consciousness, but his condition gives cause for grave anxiety.

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Congratulations to the Lincoln Guild band, who have rung the first peal on handbells in seven methods. It is a smart performance.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CLAPTON.

A BISHOP AND BELLRINGERS.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, and despite the fact that Clapton, the venue of the gathering, is by no means centrally situated, there was a large and representative gathering. During the afternoon there was ringing both at St. John's, Hackney, and St. Matthew's, Clapton, and the members attended service at the latter church. The arrangements for the service had been made by the Vicar (the Rev. O. R. Dawson), and in addition to the attendance by the choir, the Association were honoured by having as preacher the Bishop of Willesden. The service was intoned by the Curate (the Rev. W. A. Rundall), himself a ringer, and special Psalms, appropriate to the occasion, were sung. The Bishop took for his text the words, "Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed do it in the name of the Lord," and his discourse, thoroughly practical as it was, was followed with the closest attention. He first welcomed the ringers to the service, and went on to say that fifty years ago such a service would have been impossible. They were constantly told by people, who were always drawing the black side of things, that everything was so miserable and wretched, and going to pieces in the Church and State. He did not believe all the stories that were told about the belfries of years gone by. Like everything else, they were sure to be exaggerated, but to compare the conditions of things now in regard to ringing and what they could imagine was the State half a century ago, matters were far better than they seemed to be in some people's judgment. Proceeding, the Bishop took three points in regard to ringing, and applied them to spiritual life—physical strength, practice, and harmony. Without physical strength a man could not possibly undertake the strain of ringing a bell, and a good bellringer, therefore, had to take care of his bodily health. Any breach of God's law with regard to the body brought its punishment sooner or later. To be a good bellringer a man need not necessarily be a teetotaller—as he had been for the last 40 years of his life—but he must be a sober man. If their bodies were to be kept fit and proper for the physical exercise of bellringing they must be kept in temperance, soberness and chastity. Moreover, they wanted to be not merely strong physically for their work, but they wanted to be strong Churchmen, to stand up in these days, when everybody seemed to be starting something ill, and to be satisfied with the old order of the Church which, rightly and properly carried out, produced the best results. As they rang the bells for the services, let them be themselves strong in the faith as delivered to the Saints. Then, those who would be good bellringers must have an immense amount of practice. A man who was slack in his practice was bound to bring dishonour upon the whole of the bellringers. They could not attain to anything without practice, and equally if they would succeed in their spiritual life it could only be attained by practice. He could imagine nothing more beautiful than a set of bellringers who, when they were ringing peals for the service of the church, realised God's presence and prayed to God, asking for his help for themselves and for others. Lastly, harmony was essential to ringing. They would have no harmony if each ringer thought only of his own bell. Spiritually, also, they all had their work to do not merely in the salvation of their own souls, but in doing their work and their duty just where it lay, at home, in the workshop, or in the office, each bearing his own burden, and so helping to bear one another's burdens. So let there be no discord among those who rang the bells in the parish, but rather a true spirit of harmony, endeavouring to help each other, everywhere and onward in the battle of life. Thus would their Association receive its highest blessing.

The service concluded with a special ringers' hymn, and an offertory was taken on behalf of the bell restoration fund of St. Matthew's Church.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At tea in the Parish Institute, at which the wants of the ringers were attended to by a numerous party of ladies, the Rev. H. G. Bird (President of the Association) was in the chair, supported by the Bishop of Willesden, the Rev. O. R. Dawson, the Rev. W. A. Rundall, Mr. A. T. King, Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. sec.), etc.—Before the Bishop left, the President expressed the deep gratitude of the Association to him for his presence, and for his sermon.

At the subsequent business meeting, the report and balance sheet were presented, the latter showing that the balance on the general fund had increased by £1 14s. 8d. to £19 13s. 3d.

The report was in the hands of the members in printed form, and was of a voluminous nature. It reviewed at length the events since September, 1910, to the end of 1911, the additional period being included by the change in the date of the annual meeting from September to Easter week. Between the annual meeting in September and the end of 1910 25 peals were rung.

	No. of Peals.
Grandsire Triples	2
Bob Major	2
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	1
Superlative Surprise Major	5
Bristol Surprise Major	3
Stedman Triples	4
Stedman Caters	5
Stedman Cinques	3
Total	25

of which two were rung on handbells, viz.:—Stedman Caters one, Stedman Cinques one.

The successful peals rung during the year 1911 were 83 in number, and are classified as follows:—

	No. of Peals.
Kent Treble Bob Major	4
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2
Grandsire Doubles	1
Grandsire Triples	5
Grandsire Caters	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1
Bob Major	2
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	1
Superlative Surprise Major	12
Cambridge Surprise Major	4
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2
London Surprise Major	6
Bristol Surprise Major	9
Cambridge Surprise Royal	5
Stedman Triples	16
Stedman Caters	6
Stedman Cinques	6
Total	83

Of which four were rung on handbells, viz.:—

	No. of Peals.
Grandsire Triples	1
Stedman Triples	1
Stedman Cinques	2
Total	4

The report recorded the regret of the Association at the death of the late Master, Mr. J. Basden, and other members, and referred to the various works of restoration carried out among the bells of the county during the period covered by the report.

MANY NOTEWORTHY PEALS.

The report added:

During the year we rang many noteworthy peals, and we congratulate the band to whom fell the honour of ringing the 1,000th peal by the Association, a peal of Superlative at St. Mary Magdelene, Enfield, on April 29th, conducted by Mr. Sidney Wade. It is also a great pleasure to once more congratulate Miss Edith Parker, this time upon being the first lady to conduct a peal for the Association, a peal of Stedman Triples, at Waltham Abbey, on March 4th. Nor must we omit to mention three peals of London Surprise, conducted by this gifted young lady, during the month of December. Our congratulations are also due to those who rang the handbell peal of Grandsire Triples at Pinner on May 26th, after great perseverance and many disappointments, conducted by Mr. Frank Martin. The peal of Cambridge Royal at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on December 16th, was the 1,000th peal by the conductor, Mr. William Pye, the highly esteemed Master of the Association. We congratulate him most heartily on his wonderful achievement, and we take this opportunity of placing on record our thanks to him for the great service he has rendered to the Association during his long and memorable connection with it. Another great achievement, viz., the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Southwark Cathedral on the 25th November, 1911, enables us to congratulate Mr. Ernest Pye on having rung his 800th peal, and what we say of one of these talented brothers applies to them all, that the high standard they set as ringers to the ringing world at large may be equalled, but cannot possibly be surprised.

In addition to five peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal, we have gone far in an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, most coveted, because most intricate. Out of ten courses to ring, the band had completed seven courses and nine leads in 2 hours and 52 minutes, when the peal had to be stopped owing to the difficulty of persuading the tenor to be on its best behaviour. This happened on February 25th, at St. Giles', Cripplegate.

We should like very much to have rung a complete peal in celebration of the Coronation of our beloved King and Queen, but the attempts unhappily failed. Much good ringing, however, was done at the different towers up and down the county, and if, as ringers, we failed in our aim, we by no means fell short in our loyalty.

The number of meetings held in 1911, exclusive of the annual meeting, was 17, and the attendances, with one or two exceptions,

were quite satisfactory. During the period covered by this report we elected three honorary members and 88 ringing members, and after allowing for deaths, resignations, etc., we close the year with a satisfactory total membership of well over 600.

Four elections of members were confirmed, and 20 new members, including the St. Giles' in the Fields' band, were elected

Mr. A. T. King eulogised the work of the officers during the past year, and proposed the re-election of the President (the Rev. H. G. Bird) and the treasurer (Mr. Milne), and the Master (Mr. W. Pye). Referring to the latter, he said all the work he had done for the Association had been done in the most cheerful spirit. He did it out of his own heart and con amore for the Association.—These elections were seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, and carried.

Mr. King then proposed the re-election of the joint hon. secretaries, Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. H. C. Chandler, and spoke of the very valuable services which both had rendered to the Association. Mr. Chandler had expressed a desire to retire, but they must retain his services.—Mr. J. Armstrong seconded, and the motion was carried.—The auditors (Messrs. W. Pickworth and J. E. Miller) were re-elected, and Messrs. A. T. King, J. R. Sharman, J. H. B. Hesse and W. Pye, were elected representatives on the Central Council.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

At the suggestion of the Central Committee, it was decided to abolish the title of patron, except for the Bishop of the Diocese, and that the existing patrons should become vice-presidents.—Mr. King explained that the reason why they had the two offices was that when the amalgamation of the two old societies took place one had patrons and one vice-presidents, and the arrangements were not changed.

It was resolved that the Association peal books should remain for the year in the tower of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, and that a strong box be provided for their preservation.

On the recommendation of the Central Committee, the Hon. Secretary introduced the subject of a scheme for recording Sunday service touches, on the lines now adopted by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, with the provision of an illuminated certificate to the tower scoring the most points.—The matter was referred back to the committee to bring up a report at the next annual meeting.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. O. R. Dawson) for arranging the service, and the use of the bells at St. Matthew's; to the Rev. H. Moseley, Hackney; C. E. Andrew's, Homerton, and the Rev. C. D. Lampen, Walthamstow, who placed their bells at the disposal of the members, and to the ladies who assisted at tea.—The motion having been carried by acclamation, the Rev. O. R. Dawson responded, and expressed the greatest pleasure at meeting such a stalwart body of church workers. He acknowledged the services rendered by his own ringers, and remarked that while he sometimes got complaints about the bells, these complaints were dying down, as he did not encourage them (hear, hear). He hoped to be able to welcome the Association again in the future.

The meeting then terminated, and the ringers returned to the towers, where, during the day, touches in various methods from Grandsire to Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol, were rung.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Wolverhampton on Easter Monday, when more than 70 members assembled from Birmingham, Bloxwich, Coseley, Haughton, Netherton, Pulford, Rushall, Sedgley, Smethwick, Tamworth, Tettenhall, Tipton, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Wolverhampton, Wombourn, Wood Green, and Wordsley. The bells at St. Peter's and St Luke's, Wolverhampton, and St. Michael's, Tettenhall, were made good use of in such methods as Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Erin Triples and Cinques, Plain Bob Major and Maximus, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. There was a fairly good attendance at evensong at St. Peter's, after which a substantial tea was provided at Fleming's Restaurant.

At the general meeting, which followed, Mr. S. Reeves was voted to the chair. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the President (the Rev. Archdeacon Blakeway), and the Rev. Preb. Alfred Penney (Rector of Wolverhampton).—The report and balance sheet were passed—the former indicating that the Society was making headway, while the latter showed a balance in hand of £19 17s. 9d. The committee, the Rev. W. Solly, the Rev. O. W. Steele and Mr. W. W. Worthington, were re-elected, as were also the clerical secretary-treasurer (Rev. E. V. Cox) and the lay secretary (Mr. H. Knight). Mr. G. Hughes was appointed ringing master, in the place of Mr. T. J. Elton (retired). Messrs. R. Curtwright and S. Reeves were re-elected as representatives on the Central Council.—Two honorary, fourteen ringing and one life members were added to the list, and the following places were selected for the coming meetings: Brewood in June, Wombourn in September, Perry Barr in January, and Walsall for the annual. Cycling meetings are to be revived, the first to take place on April 27th, to Norton Canes.—Votes of thanks to the Rector and the other incumbents for the use of the bells, to the retiring ringing master and honorary secretaries for services rendered, and to the chairman for presiding, concluded the business.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EVESHAM.

For the first time in the history of the Association, the annual meeting was held this year south of Worcester, Evesham being visited on Easter Monday. Although the town is at any time worthy of inspection for its archæological interest, yet at this season of the year, with the surrounding country a mass of blossom on the thousands of fruit trees with which the land is covered, a visit is particularly pleasurable, and makes one realise that the district is one of the most productive in England. Notwithstanding the inconvenient train service, and the distance the majority had to travel, the meeting was very well attended, and most successful in every way. No sooner had the local men finished ringing a peal of Grandsire Caters than several who had arrived had the bells in the Campanile going to the tune of Stedman Caters. This tower is a splendid example of Abbot Lichfield's work of the purest perpendicular style, and is, with one or two small exceptions, all that remains of the magnificent Abbey, which made Evesham a place of such great importance in olden times.

The usual service was held in the Church of All Saints, the organist and some of the choir being kind enough to attend and assist in making it enjoyable.—The Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Walker, delivered a most useful address, and afterwards remarked upon the way in which those present joined in the singing. Following the service, the meeting was held in the interesting old Church House, at 2.30. Owing to a wedding, the Vicar was unable to take the chair, but the Rev. Sidney Phillips, for many years clerical secretary, and whom everyone was pleased to welcome, consented to preside.—It was proposed that a belfry repairs fund be formed, but after some discussion, the matter was deferred for twelve months.—At the last meeting, the secretary had been delegated to arrange a peal of Double Norwich Caters, and as the peal has not yet been rung it was decided to attempt it again.—The next annual meeting was fixed for Stourbridge.—Messrs. T. J. Salter and J. R. Newman were elected Central Council representatives.—It was decided to admit life honorary members at a subscription of two guineas.

The President and Vice-Presidents were re-elected, but, with much regret, it was found necessary to elect a Master in place of Mr. T. J. Salter, who wished to resign the office, and Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, was elected in his place.—The Chairman also wished to resign the position of clerical secretary, which he had held for a good many years, and on his proposal, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, of Martley, was elected. The hon. secretary and treasurer were re-elected, and Mr. H. Mason was elected on the Central Committee. The auditors were re-elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, to the Rev. Walker, the organist and choir boys, and Mr. T. J. Salter.

Those present then partook of an excellent tea, which had been made all the more substantial by the help of local friends, and the arrangements for which had been made by the enthusiastic local secretary, Mr. G. Nind.

While the business portion of the meeting was in every way successful, it was by no means the only reason members attended, for the opportunity to obtain practice in new methods was fully taken advantage of, and the bells in the Campanile, one of Rudhall's magnificent peals of eight which have recently been augmented by the addition of two trebles, together with the rings of six at Great Hampton and Bengeworth, were kept going in a variety of methods from Royal to Doubles, both before the service and during the evening, until a move had to be made to the station. The visitors, on their departure, took with them pleasant recollections of their visit to Evesham.

THE SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.

The April meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Norton (Derbyshire), on Easter Monday, and proved very successful.

The Church of St. James', an interesting old building, situated amidst pretty surroundings, is noted as the burial place of Chantry, the famous R.A. and sculptor, whose tomb is within the shadow of the tower, which contains a beautiful ring of eight bells (tenor about 16 cwt.).

The attendance was good, about 40 ringers turning up from Bolsterstone, Dore, Eastwood (Rotherham), Eckington, North Wingfield, Norton, Pitsmoor (All Saints'), Ranmoor, Sheffield Parish Church, St. Marie's (R.C.), Treeton and Worksop. The methods rung during the day were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise Major, and some good striking was heard.

A committee meeting was held in the Parish Room, Mr. J. P. Tarlton (vice-president) in the chair, and Mr. S. Thomas kindly performing the secretary's duties. The fixtures for the forthcoming year were settled upon.

A general meeting followed, at which 12 new members were elected, including ten from Worksop.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and Parish Room, and to the local company for making all arrangements, was carried unanimously, Mr. W. Biggin suitably replying.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT FOR MANCHESTER.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S GENEROUS GIFT.

The dedication of a new ring of eight bells, with a tenor, 12 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lbs., took place at St. John's Church, Miles Platting, Lancs, on Saturday, in the presence of a good congregation. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Anderton) conducted the service, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Lancs Association, was the preacher. He based his discourse upon 1 Corinthians, xiv., 10, "There are so many kinds of voices in the world." He spoke of the voice of the street traffic, the railway traffic, the voice of the children at play, and also of the voice of the bells heard for the first time that day.

After the service the bells were run round by the local company, and were then thrown open to the visitors, who numbered about 40. The first touch was Stedman Triples, rung by J. Shaw 1, W. H. Shuker 2, W. Holbrook 3, W. H. Idle 4, E. D. Taylor 5, J. T. Bottrill 6, R. Davies (conductor) 7, H. Eckersley 8. Touches of Bob Major and Minor, Kent, Superlative, and Grandsire, were brought round, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., conducting several touches. The visitors were invited by the Vicar to the Schools after the service, where an informal "Five o'clock tea" was partaken of.—Sir Arthur said a few words suitable to the occasion, expressing the hope that the ringers would keep together, and that the congregation would bear with them when they were talking together in their special language.

The bells were kept going till after 9 p.m. by members from Duffield, Bolton, Loughborough, Newchurch, Pendleton, Prestwich, Worsley, Hyde, Oldham, Manchester Cathedral and Town Hall, Rusholme, Leyland, Ashton, Reddish, Kelvedon, and other towers. The bells were warmly praised, both as regards tone and "go." Originally they were a peal of six put in in 1872, but the tower shook so badly that it had to be repaired and strengthened. While the work was being done, Sir Arthur Heywood generously offered to have the bells recast and increased to eight and rehung in a new iron frame, the result being another credit to the firm of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday last, the picturesque village of Mapledurham was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Miss "Belle" Frankum (a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the "St. Peter's Society," Caversham), was united to P.C. Phillip Byles, of the Oxford County Constabulary. The bride, who has rung one peal of Doubles at St. Margaret's, Mapledurham, and one peal of Grandsire Triples at Caversham, has not been able to do much ringing recently, owing to business obligations. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. St. John Thackery, and the organist, Mr. C. Ford (a cousin of the bride), played the party into church, and then the hymn, "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," was sung. After the signing of the register, the organ pealed forth Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," and the bells were raised by six of the bride's fellow members of St. Peter's Society, a fine 720 of Bob Minor was rung, and the bells fired by A. D. Cullum, J. Hands, G. Essex, E. J. Menday, H. Hatto, and R. T. Hibbert. The company, after partaking of an excellent repast, were invited to walk through the beautiful grounds and gardens of the Vicarage. The evening was spent by the guests in tripping the "light fantastic toe," the dances being interspersed by songs, duets, etc., until the witching hour of midnight brought to a close a most enjoyable evening. The thanks of all were tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Frankum and family for their lavish hospitality, and the stalwart "Bobby" and his wife were the recipients of good wishes from all present. The St. Peter's Society especially tender their best wishes that the "Great Conductor" of human destinies may allow the future of the happy couple to roll on in smooth long courses, and their troubles to be few and as short as plain couses of "Original." —R. T. H.

BANK HOLIDAY IN SOUTH DEVON.

On Easter Monday, nine members of the Devonshire Guild met at Ugborough, bent on testing the bells of South Devon, after the usual manner of ringers. Ugborough possesses a good ring of eight, but while they go well, they sorely need retuning. Bob Major was on the programme, and after three and a half hours' good ringing, the welcome "That's all" was heard. After lunch the band walked two or three miles to North Huish, where a light ring of five was found. Owing to the bad go, it was with difficulty that some six scores of Grandsire could be rung. "Diptford one mile," said the map, but the intricacies of country lanes proved our downfall, and it was a good hour and a half before the tower hove in sight. Tea having been partaken of, the belfry was visited, and a pretty ring of six by Mears, found. The majority of the bells were discovered to have broken stays, but in spite of that difficulty the bells were raised, and Grandsire, Stedman, and a course of Bob Minor accomplished before they were lowered. Two and a half miles saw us at Brent, where we were rewarded by finding a splendid peal of six. After some trouble with the lighting arrangements, "Go, Treble Bob," was called, and a well-struck 720 seemed certain, but a broken rope in the last course dashed our hopes. Time not permitting another attempt the day was wound up with courses of Grandsire Triples and a six-score of Doubles on handbells. So ended a successful trip that will long be remembered by all who took part.—W. D. J.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Wrexham on Easter Monday. There was a splendid gathering considering the curtailed railway service, members representing the following towers being present: Wrexham, Portmadoc, Rhyl, Bangor, Llangollen, Gresford, Buckley and Hawarden, whilst many non-residential members attended. Lunch was supplied at 12 o'clock by the Wrexham ringers. The business meeting was held in the ballroom of the Wynnstay Hotel, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Bangor, presiding. In the absence of the general secretary, Mr. H. Moore, junr. (Wrexham district secretary) read the annual report, which stated that a total number of six peals had been rung during the year., viz., Stedman Triples, at Bangor (W. T. Pegler conductor); Stedman Caters, at Wrexham (C. R. Lilley); Grandsire Doubles, at Portmadoc (J. Owen); Stedman Triples, at Llangollen (H. Moore, junr.); Kent Treble Bob Major, at Llandudno (W. T. Pegler); Stedman Triples, at Buckley (C. R. Lilley). The standard of quality of the peals was being well kept up.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Bangor; master of ringers, Mr. A. E. Pegler, Bangor; hon. treasurer, Mr. Edward Rowland, Wrexham; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Moore, junr., Wrexham. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bangor, and the half-yearly meeting at Rhyl.—The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.—A short service was held in the Parish Church for the ringers at 2.30, when an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. J. R. Evans, M.A. Tea was supplied by the local ringers at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel.—During the day, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Southwold-on-Sea, on Easter Monday. The towers of the surrounding district were well represented, and the ring of eight in the Parish Church was kept going in various methods throughout the day. Dinner was served in the Parish Room, under the presidency of the Rev. Wm. C. Pearson, supported by Messrs. G. Moy, F. C. Lambert, and A. J. Naunton (district secretaries), Mr. H. Hopson, and Mr. C. E. Borrett (secretary). The usual loyal toasts were honoured after dinner, and a vote of thanks passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Parish Room.

The Secretary announced that the new report was ready for distribution, and would be in the hands of members within a few days. He also mentioned that a pageant was to be held at Norwich, in the grounds of the Bishop's Palace, on June 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th, in connection with the church and parish of St. Peter Mancroft. The members of the Ringers' Guild desired it to be made known that the bells of St. Peter Mancroft would be open to the use of any visitors on those dates. Particulars could be obtained from the hon. secretary of the Guild, Mr. F. H. Phillips, 67, Carrow Road, Norwich.—A number of new members were elected before the close of the meeting, after which both handbells and tower bells were kept going until the end of the day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South and East district was held at Widford on Easter Monday. After ringing in the afternoon, a service was held, conducted by the Rev. F. R. Thurlough (Rector), who gave an address, in which he accorded the members and the Association a most hearty welcome. It was the first meeting of its kind held at Widford, and, coming in the Jubilee year of the church and bells, he was delighted to meet the ringers there that day. Mr. A. S. Firman, organist of Stock, kindly officiated at the organ.

Tea was served at the White Horse, the Rector being in the chair, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master). At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Edwards (District Master) presided.—Messrs. G. Camp, W. Green, E., G. and P. Sitch, of Fryerning, were elected members.—It was decided to hold a meeting in the Shenfield district in June, and the next quarterly meeting in August, at Rayleigh.—The Secretary read a letter asking for support for the fund for the restoration of Shoreditch bells, and this was referred to the annual general meeting on Whit-Monday.—On the motion of Mr. Kirton, seconded by Mr. Wiles, and supported by Mr. Howard, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for the enjoyable and instructive service.—The Rector suitably replied.—Members attended from Baddow, Boreham, Braintree, Bentley (South Weald), Chelmsford, Dagenham, Fryerning, Writtle, and Widford, and during the afternoon Writtle bells were in great demand. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire Doubles (by the newly-formed Fryerning Company) to Superlative Surprise.

A meeting of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild for combined practice was held on Saturday last at Wargrave, thirteen members being present, representing Binfield, Hurst, Easthampstead and the local band. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Several courses of Triples were also rung on the handbells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT MITCHAM.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Mitcham on Easter Monday. Between 60 and 70 members attended from various towers, and it was a pleasing feature having both towers available for ringing, both in the afternoon and evening. At 5.15 a choral service was held in Christ Church, and a very impressive address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Donald McDonald). A splendid meat tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, presided over by the Vicar, who welcomed the ringers in a few well-chosen remarks. At the business meeting, which followed, Dr. A. B. Carpenter thanked the Association for the honour the members had done him by electing him as Master, and explained that, as the election took place at Kingston in his absence, this was the first opportunity he had had of referring to it.

The report and financial statement for 1911 were adopted, and it was reported that since the last meeting six peals had been rung in towers and three on handbells.—Eleven new members were elected, including the band at Egham.

Notice was given by Mr. C. F. Johnston of a motion to be brought forward at a special meeting, which would be convened at the conclusion of the next quarterly meeting, to rescind rule X., which deals with peal booking fees; and it was agreed that a committee meeting should be called previous to the next meeting to consider the motion, and to enable representatives to discuss it with their respective members.

It was suggested by the Chairman that, in future, arrangements be made for one of the peal books to be on view at quarterly meetings, and a further suggestion was made by Mr. Jones (Guildford) that all the peal books be kept in a special case at the Croydon Parish Church. The committee were instrusted to consider the matter

A vote of thanks was then moved by the Master, seconded by the secretary, to the Vicars and wardens of SS. Peter and Paul and of Christ Church for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Drewett and Lambert of the former church, and Mr. Broadbridge of the latter, for having everything in readiness in the belfries; also to the Vicar, wardens and ringers of Christ Church for the service, and for their hospitality in entertaining the Association to tea.—This was carried, with applause, together with votes of thanks to the organist for his ready assistance at the service, and to the ladies who assisted at the tea.

The Vicar suitably responded, and conveyed the members' congratulations to Mr. H. Brooker (South Croydon) on his restoration to health, and being able to be present that day.—The business over, a move was made to the two towers, where more ringing took place. Handbell ringing was also indulged in, and among the ringing in this direction was a course of Kent Treble Bob Major by A. F. Shepherd 1—2, A. J. Perkins 3—4, W. Shepherd 5—6, S. R. Roper 7—8.

A NORTH YORKSHIRE DAY OUT.

On Easter Monday about 20 members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association met at Sharow for a day's ringing, ringers being present from Sharow, Ripon, Middleham (including three ladies), North Ormesby and Pateley Bridge. Ringing commenced about 10 a.m., and the bells were set going to Grandsire Triples, of which four very good touches were scored, also a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. An excellent dinner was provided at the Half Moon, and a very enjoyable hour was afterwards spent with songs by the "musical" members of the company, while Mr. H. Collinson, of Middleham, produced roars of laughter with his comic recitations. During the afternoon the tower was again visited, and some more very good touches were scored. The ringers from Middleham were most unfortunate on their journey home. Owing to their train leaving Ripon an hour and a half late, they lost their connection at Northallerton, where they had to spend the night in a waiting room, taking the 4.40 a.m. mail train for Leyburn. This train ran half an hour late, but the ringers at last reached home, tired, but none the worse for their long wait. The day's ringing was a huge success, and it is such meetings as these that makes one glad that they are ringers.

MIDDLESBROUGH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Easter Monday, ringers from Middlesbrough Parish Church had their annual outing, and visited Middleham, where a new peal of eight from the Loughborough foundry have recently found a home. The party, which numbered 15, on arrival at noon found everything in readiness for an early start, and the bells were kept running merrily at intervals for the rest of the day, at the conclusion of which it was found that touches of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Major, had been brought round, Dr. and Mrs. Pauli taking part in the Bob Major, and Mr. Sykes, of the local band, in the Treble Bob Major, and Superlative. The catering, which is one of the principal items in a ringers' outing, was satisfactorily carried out by Host Beswick, of the Commercial Hotel. Although the weather was of such a very tempestuous nature, the outing proved in every way thoroughly enjoyable, and the bells (tenor 18 cwt.), which are of a rich and mellow tone, were greatly admired. The best thanks of the party are due to Dr. Pauli, for the part he took in arranging for their enjoyment, and to the Rector for the use of the bells.

NOTICES.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Cycle run April 20th. Quarterly meeting, Horsell, May 4th. Visitors gladly welcomed. Kindly apply for full details of the above to G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on April 20th, 1912. Peal attempt at 2.30, and business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 20th, 1912. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Short service 5 o'clock. Meat tea at the George Inn 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All members intending to be present for tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 16th. A charge of 3d. per member will be made to ensure better tea.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Election of committeeman.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Bull's Head Hotel at 5 o'clock, 1s. each, followed by business meeting. A trustee will be elected in place of Thomas Reynolds, deceased.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 20th. Tower open at 3.30, meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, April 20th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 30th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m. Also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SAINT MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.—A very important business meeting will be held in the tower on Friday, April 26th, at 8.30 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend.—James E. Davis, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea can only be arranged if members let me know by April 20th of their intention to be present.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, The Parsonage, Shottery.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector) at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Kingswood Hall, the Rector presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. —T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on April 27th. Bells available from 3.30.—Tea, 6d. each, at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Eckington on Saturday, April 27th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. The Vicar, the Rev. W. Ismay, will kindly provide tea for those only who notify me of being present not later than Monday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m.—J. Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Norton Canes on Saturday, April 27th. Ringing from 3.30. Cannock Station 2½ miles. All ringers welcome.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th, 1912. Service in cathedral 4.45 p.m., with address by the Bishop. Tea at Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.45 p.m. Meeting immediately after tea For further particulars see circular.—J. W. Seamer, Honorary Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield on Wednesday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea by the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Matthews) at the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by April 27th.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Saturday, May 4th. Tea at the Parish Institute 5.30 p.m., 9d. each, will be provided for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 4th, St. Peter's tower open from 11 to 1 and from 6 to 8 p.m., St. Nicholas' from 6 to 8 p.m. Luncheon at Unicorn Hotel, North Street, at 1.30. Members' tickets 1s. 6d. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside at the luncheon and at the business meeting which follows. Ringers' service at St. Nicholas' Church at 4 p.m. Preacher Canon Southwell. Half railway fares with a maximum of 2s. will be allowed members attending the meeting, but it is hoped that if possible they will avail themselves of the cheap fares. Those intending to be present should notify same to me not later than Tuesday, April 30th.—G. Watson, St. Leonards, Honorary General Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Bird) at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Ringing will be held at Heston on the second Sunday afternon of each month from 2 till 3, when all ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Chesterfield Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints; 10 bells (tenor 24½ cwt.), available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The business meeting will be held about 6 p.m. either in the vestry, or (if numbers warrant it) in St. James' Mission Room, Vicar Lane. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secretary's report, etc., and a good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Chorley, with Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, May 11th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Liverpool branch was held at Grassendale on Saturday, members attending from Liverpool, Garston Widnes, Farnworth, Luebrook and Walton, together with the local company. Tea was kindly provided by Mr. Theo. Garnett, who presided over the business meeting, and was supported by the Rev. T. P. Hyatt and Mr. C. Hanson (churchwarden). Mr. J. Allen, junr., was elected a member, and the Rev. T. P. Hyatt and Mr. C. Hanson, life members of the Association.—The Rev. T. P. Hyatt welcomed the members to Grassendale, and afterwards a collection was made towards the fund to enable the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards to add another bell to the four at his church at Kington Magna.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for use of bells, and also to Mr. Garnett for the tea.—The methods rung on the tower bells during the day were: Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The Tunstall ringers (Kent) have received a shock by the tragically sudden death of one of their number, Mr. Albert J. Day, who was well-known, and much respected by all who knew him. He was in his usual place on Easter Day, rang and conducted a peal of Minor before the early service at 8.30 a.m., received the Holy Sacrament, rang again for the 11 o'clock service, and another 5040 for the evening service, which proved to be his last peal, for on Wednesday, April 10th, he had a paralytic seizure, was carried home, and died within a few hours, not being able to speak to his wife. He was buried on Monday last, being borne to the grave by his sorrowing brother ringers at Tuntsall. The coffin was covered with many beautiful wreaths from ringers in the district, some of whom attended the funeral, together with members of the C.E.M.S., of which the deceased was a member.

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