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MODERN WORK.

THE ANALYSIS.

We publish this week the full table of analysis of the peals rung during 1911, compiled by the Analysis Committee of the Central Council, and the record will be perused with interest. There are still some ringers who profess to have no liking for the Analysis, but their number is few, for even those whose associations seldom get high up the table, but who nevertheless are doing splendid work among their members in laying the foundations of the Art, are glad of the opportunity of studying in compact form the doings of the Exercise during the year. Without a table such as that compiled by the Central Council's Committee any comparison of the various association's doings would be impossible to the average ringer, and the Exercise owes a debt of gratitude to those gentlemen who from year to year collect and tabulate the statistics. Begun as a private effort by Mr. G. F. Attree, in the days when peal ringing was far from the standard, numerically at any rate, to which it has now attained, the Analysis was eventually officially undertaken by the Council, and the labour now involved is really colossal, for the committee are not content with the mere table, but enumerate many interesting facts which would be lost to sight but for their careful work.

Without repeating a lot of statistics which are already contained in the report, there are one or two points to which attention may be directed. First of all there is the fact that the number of peals rung during 1911 was greater than in any previous year, being 14 more than the record 1725 established in 1910. The total points, however, were 369 less, and the average points per peal were, therefore, also less. This, however, cannot be counted as indicating a lower standard in the methods rung—there were even more Surprise peals rung in 1911 than in 1910—rather, we think, it is evidence that more ringers have reached the peal ringing stage.

It is somewhat curious to notice how the first eight associations of 1910 were again first in 1911, with very little alteration of order, except that the Winchester Guild jumped to the front from the eighth place. This is the first occasion on which the Winchester Guild have occupied the premier position, and, as we have before pointed out, it is largely due to the handbell peals that have been rung. Indeed, one of the features of the year's ringing was the great increase in the number of handbell peals, no fewer than 119 being rung, compared with 56 in 1910. Winchester, of course, claims more than any other association, but quite a number of bands seem to have taken up the interesting practice who before had done no peal ringing on handbells.

Another remarkable feature of the year was the extraordinary number of peals rung in December. There were no fewer than 260, which, we should think, establishes a record for one month.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	...*Treble*	*EDWIN J. RIDLER	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	8
WILLIAM TRUSS	3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN	9
FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	4	HERBERT LANGDON	10
*JAMES SCHOLES...	5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ...	11
ARTHUR D. BARKER ...	6	THOMAS LANGDON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE...*Treble*		*JOHN GRANSBURY	6
RALPH COLES	2	*ROBERT H. YOUNG... ...	7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	3	JAMES W. WILKINS ...	8
RICHARD BUCKLAND	4	*BENJAMIN PAGE	9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5	FRANK W. BOXALL... ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WATKIN ...	...*Treble*	FRANK A. SMITH	6
WILLIAM J. DEAN	2	ERNEST A. REEVE	7
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	3	ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN	8
HAROLD BURTON	4	GEORGE SPENCER	9
WALTER G. MATTHEWS...	5	HARRY MANCE	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT, and
Conducted by H. MANCE.

First peal of Bob Royal by all the band and by the Association.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER ...	...*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	2	REUBEN SANDERS	7
ISAAC G. SHADE...	3	*FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ...	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	9
GEORGE R. PYE...	5	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal; also 200th peal. This peal was rung as a compliment to the Rev. Edgar Rogers, M.A., Vicar of the above church, on the eve of the eighth anniversary of his induction.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt., in F.

JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr. ...*Treble*		FRANCIS A. KENNETT ...	5
WALTER ALCOCK...	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
GEORGE H. HOWSE	3	GEORGE WATSON	7
FRANK MEDHURST	4	HARRY DENMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung for evening service on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Gerald W. Douglas as rector of the church by the Lord Bishop of Chichester. F. Bennett was re-elected a member of the Association prior to starting the peal.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23¾ cwt.

W. NAPPER	...*Treble*	F. JAMES	5
T. EAST...	2	J. BOWER	6
A. YATES	3	J. S. NAPPER	7
J. NAPPER, Junr.	4	A. WOODLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. EAST.

A. Woodley and A. Yates were made members of the Guild before starting for the peal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SAMUEL MILLERSHIP	...*Treble*	HARRY FYLES	5
THOMAS JENNION	2	JOHN ALLEN	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	3	EDWARD CAUNCE	7
GEORGE WOODHALL... ...	4	†THOMAS W. GILMOUR	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

SAMUEL PEARCE	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
ARTHUR BAKER	2	SAMUEL BAKER...	6
WALTER GRINSELL	3	WILLIAM FISHER	7
JOSEPH ROBERTS	4	ALBERT E. LAW ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. W. Spencer, M.A., who for 28 years was the highly esteemed vicar of the above parish.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. G. PERRIN ...	...*Treble*	FRANK HAIRS	5
ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE ...	2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	6
FREDK. J. HOLDEN	3	THOMAS LANGDON	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*ROBERT H. YOUNG ...	...*Treble*	*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS. ...	6
*JOHN C. TRUSS...	3	RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	7
*JOHN EVANS	4	*REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method by the branch.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER GAMMAGE ...	...*Treble*	TOM HAYNES	5
TOM TEBBUTT	2	FRED WILFORD	6
JOHN MACKAY	3	JOHN METHERALL	7
BERTIE O. SODEN	4	WILLIAM ROGERS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

This is the quickest peal rung on the bells, and Mr. F. Wilford's 100th peal for the Association.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

PETER ETHERIDGE ...	...*Treble*	STEPHEN KENWARD	5
JOSEPH KENWARD	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
THOMAS WHITMORE	3	ALBERT LONGHURST.., ...	7
GEORGE ILLMAN	4	CHARLES OSBORNE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the back six.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 2, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT GASCOIGNE ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY BARRON	5
HAROLD BROWN	2	FIRTH HOPWOOD	6
SMITH COLLINSON	3	FRANCIS BARKER	7
GEORGE BARRON...	4	WALTER TOTHAM ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

This peal was the 100th on the bells and the conductor's 100th peal. This is the first peal of bells on which the Yorkshire Association have rung 100 peals. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20¾ cwt.

*JAMES W. TRAPPITT...	...*Treble*	ROBERT GRIMWOOD	5
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ...	2	†WILLIAM GROVES	6
*WILLIAM H. JOINER ...	3	ALFRED T. JONES	7
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ...	4	WILLIAM S. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by R. FLEMING, and
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

GUISELEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.
On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ...	5
WILLIAM WOODHEAD... ...	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ...	6
JAMES A. TEALE	3	JOHN B. JACKSON	7
WILLIAM B. SMITH	4	CHARLES E. WAITE...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. NIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. E. Waite. It was W. Woodhead's 50th peal, his first having been rung on these bells 21 years ago.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

*THOMAS REED	...*Treble*	CHARLES WOODCOCK ...	5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	2	WILLIAM FAIERS	6
GEORGE LAMBERT	3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON	7
JOHN SPARROW	4	ARTHUR SYMONDS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers were entertained to tea by Dean Carter after the peal.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED H. MARTIN ...	5
*JOSEPH S. WHITE	2	FREDERICK SAWFOOT ...	6
CHARLES BIRD	3	DAVID NICHOLS...	7
*WILLIAM FAREY	4	FRED WILFORD... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by F. WILFORD.

* First peal in the method.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS HUGHES... ...	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
ARTHUR BAKER	2	SAMUEL BAKER...	6
GEORGE HUGHES	3	WILLIAM FISHER	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4	HORACE BELCHER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. W. Spencer, M.A., Vicar of Coseley.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.
On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY G. ROWE	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	5
FRED G. PERRIN...	2	ERNEST BRETT	6
WILLIAM HEWETT	3	HARRY FLANDERS	7
FRANK HAIRS	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

SWANSEA.
WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MORGAN ...	...*Treble*	JOHN DAVIES	5
PHILIP KNEATH	2	CHARLES HOARE	6
CHARLES MORSE	3	JAMES HOARE	7
FRANK MORGAN	4	HARRY WILLIAMS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES HOARE.

First peal of Stedman rung in West Wales Diocese. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman for all, except ringers of treble and 4th. Arranged for A. E. Morgan who hails from Newport, and who was elected a member before starting.

STOKE COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*OSWALD J. HUNT ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COX	5
†JOSEPH H. WHITE	2	FRANK E. PERVIN	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...	3	†CHARLES FREEMAN	7
‡EDWARD H. JOHNSON ...	4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal in the method in the city of Coventry by a local band. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Smallwood, who is leaving Coventry, for Staveley, Westmorland.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SWINDON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN M. BRINKWORTH ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	5
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND ...	2	LOUIS A. WILSON	6
ROBERT W. HYNER... ...	3	ERNEST J. OLIVER	7
*FRANK LOOKER...	4	RICHMOND ROBERTS...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNER.

* First peal. Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Triples.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD ...	...*Treble*	RICHARD DRAGE	5
ALLEN R. HICKTON	2	*JOSEPH HALL	6
EDWARD C. GOBEY	3	JOSEPH BAILEY	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Beatrice Bailey, daughter of the conductor.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lbs.

HARRY WILSON	...*Treble*	HARRY SHUKER...	5
GEORGE E. TURNER	2	JOHN T. BOTTRILL	6
ALFRED CROSS	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
JOHN POTTER	4	HARRY CHAPMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lbs.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	5
JOSEPH J. PRATT	2	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ...	6
GEORGE SPENCER	3	ARTHUR HARDING	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. E. E. Charles, it being the first peal during his incumbency; also as a birthday compliment to Ferris J. Shepherd.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. DONALDSON...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR J. NEALE	5
ALBERT A. HUGHES	2	HAROLD W. CLARKE ...	6
*ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...	7
REUBEN SANDERS	4	DALBY HODGSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLAWAY	...*Treble*	THOMAS ED. HEPWORTH...	4
GEORGE B. BOLLAND ...	2	EDWARD ODDY	5
GEORGE LAMBERT	3	SAMUEL ODDY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE B. BOLLAND.

Rung, with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. Fred. W. Hargreaves, who was some time a ringer at the above church, and who died, at the age of 41 years, at Cleethorpes.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON	...*Treble*	HERBERT PRATT	4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	2	THOMAS CRANE	5
JAMES SPALDING	3	CHARLES MOSS... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. BARTON.

Rung on the festival of SS. Philip and James.

THORPE MALSOR, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lbs.

ERNEST W. LENTON ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK C. WOOLLEY	4
ALBERT E. WYKES	2	PERCY J. LENTON	5
GEORGE HOLLAND	3	HORACE W. SHARMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)
On Friday, May 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Plain Bob, Single Court, Oxford, Kent, Woodbine and Merchants' Return. Tenor 9 cwt.

*SIDNEY KIRK	*Treble*	ADAM MARSLAND	4
HENRY KIRK	2	REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	5
FRED HOLT	3	CHARLIE WHITTAKER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

* First peal.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung for the festival of St. Philip and St. James. First peal in seven plain methods by all the band, on the bells and by the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MAURICE SMITHER... ...	1—2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Umpire: S. RADFORD.

EDMONTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. THOMAS, 120, CROYLAND ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILBY J. HAZELL	1—2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER...	5—6
JOHN THOMAS	3—4	*THOMAS LAWRENCE	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Umpire: J. PARKER.

* First peal.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thursday, May 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT 14, TRUMPINGTON STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

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

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire: FRANCIS R. WHITE.

* First peal on an inside pair of bells.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

†GEORGE A. JOWETT ...	1—2	PERCY J. JOHNSON	5—6
FRANK R. CUNDALE ...	3—4	*JAMES R. KEMP	7—8

*WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 9—10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.
Attested by JOHN R. MOGER.

* First handbell peal and first peal on ten bells. † First peal away from the tenors. First peal of Caters as conductor.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, May 5, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. S. PROCTOR,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Single Court and three 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HARRY THORPE	1—2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	3—4
SIDNEY PROCTOR	5—6		

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.
Umpire: LAWRENCE E. MEARS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Thorpe and A. Taylor, members of the local band.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, March 10th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: J. Plumb 1, F. Ringrose 2, W. Dixon 3, A. Howell 4, A. Jacob (conductor) 5, C. H. Ross 6.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Jacob (conductor) 1, F. Ringrose 2, C. H. Ross 3, A. Howell 4, W. Dixon 5, F. Fensom 6.

KENSINGTON. — On Sunday evening, March 10th, at St. Mary Abbots', 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal: F. G Symonds 1, J. Hayward 2, C. J. Dobbie 3, W. G. Matthews 4, *R. Congreve-Pridgeon 5, W. A. Garrard 6, *Dr. Flaxman 7, A. V. Selby 8, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 9, H. G. Miles 10.—On Easter Sunday, in the evening, 1263 Stedman Caters: J. R. Mackman 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, G. B. Edser 3, F. G. Symonds 4, H. G. Miles 5, A. E. Bradley 6, W. A. Garrard 7, *Dr. Flaxman 8, A. F. Harris 9, F. J. Redknap 10. * First quarter-peals in the method.

CONDOVER.—The Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—On Tuesday, March 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): J. Gurney 1, W. T. Ashton 2, G. J. Taylor (conductor) 3, W. Pasmore 4, E. Jones (St. Chad's, Shrewsbury) 5, L. R. T. Corbett 6, T. W. Stedman 7, H. Davies 8.

SHREWSBURY.—The Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, at St. Chad's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the back eight (tenor 43 cwt.), in 52 mins.: G. Scarratt 1, G. Tipton 2, W. R. Stockdale 3, W. J. Taylor 4, A. Teckoe 5, E. Jones 6, F. W. Taylor (conductor) 7, J. T. Wall 8.—On Friday, March 29th, at St. Alkmund's Church, 504 Stedman Triples and two courses Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Jones 1, G. Byolin (conductor) 2, G. J. Taylor 3, E. R. T. Corbett 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, W. J. Taylor 6, A. Fullick 7, F. W. Taylor 8.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 14th, for the afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: T. Burgess, F. C. Cowell 2, G. Jennings 3, P. Almond 4, G. A. Andrews 5, W. J. Nevard 6. After the service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. C. Cowell 1, G. Jennings 2, A. Andrews 3, P. Almond 4, G. A. Andrews 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. These touches were rung as an introduction to Mr. G. A. Andrews, who was elected at the Easter Vestry meeting, church clerk and sexton.

READING, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild, Reading Branch.—On Wednesday, April 10th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 53 mins.: L. Osborne 1, Miss E. Goodship 2, H. Osborne 3, C. Higgs 4, A. Bailey 5, G. Goodship 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. H. Burgess 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. H. B. Blandy, the interment taking place at Wokingham on this day.

WESTON FAVELL.—The Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, each six-score called differently: W. Law 1, F. Rollings (conductor) 2, C. Haines 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Law 5.—On Easter Monday, April 8th, to celebrate the marriage of Mr. C. Haines (one of the local ringers) to Miss F. B. Kilpen, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Law 1, G. Luck 2, A. Richardson 3, F. Rollings (conductor) 4, T. Law 5.

THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

BENEVOLENT FUND SUGGESTED.

The Benevolent Fund suggestion is finding increasing favour among ringers, and there is every prospect that the Winchester Guild will consider the establishment of such a fund for its members. The matter was brought forward at a meeting of the Yorktown District, held at Horsell, Surrey, on Saturday, when a resolution in the following terms, moved by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and seconded by Mr. Nye, was carried unanimously: "That this meeting of the Yorktown District request Mr. Fairey to move at the annual meeting of the Winchester Guild that it be an instruction to the Central Committee to consider and report to the next annual meeting as to the practicability of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the assistance of necessitous members of the Guild."—Mr. Fairey promised to do all he could both at the annual meeting and on the committee to further the suggestion.

The other business at the meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. N. Pares (Vicar), included the presentation of the Ringing Master's report. Mr. W. Shepherd stated that two combined practices had been held during the quarter, and one cycle run. The latter was the first of the kind held by the district, and such a good start was made that, given fine weather, he believed future runs would be a huge success. During the quarter, also, two peals (both Bob Major on handbells) had been rung, and five quarter peals in various methods.—The report was accepted, and arrangements were made for the ensuing quarter's combined practices and cycle runs.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Pares for their kindness in entertaining the visitors, who numbered nearly 30, to tea, was proposed by Mr. Fairey, and the Rev. N. Pares, in responding, welcomed the Guild to Horsell, and spoke of the fact that not only he, but his wife also was an honorary member of the Guild.

Representatives were present from Hersham, Walton, Old Woking, Guildford, Bagshot, Camberley and Horsell.

During the afternoon and evening touches in a variety of Minor methods were rung, and the ringers attended evensong in the church. Both before and after the business meeting members of the Yorktown and Guildford districts rang Stedman Cinques on handbells.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

Members of the Winchester district held a most enjoyable quarterly meeting at Hursley, on Saturday. Some good touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung on the church bells during the afternoon and evening. An excellent meat tea was provided in the Parish Room, at 5.30, at which the Diocesan Guild Secretary (the Rev. W. E. Colchester) presided.—The Rev. E. W. Suart apologised for the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. R. Pughe), who was engaged in a Missionary Mission in the Exeter Diocese.—Several new members were elected to the Guild, among them being two very enthusiastic and promising young lady ringers, viz., Miss Grace Russell and Miss Harman, who were admitted as members of the Winchester Cathedral band.—Mr. W. C. Lampard reported that he had completed a course of instruction to the Bishop Sutton band, and expressed his satisfaction with the progress they had made.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Parish Room. Evensong was attended at 6.30.—Although Hursley is several miles from any railway station, there was a good attendance of members from Winchester, Southampton, North Stoneham, Twyford, and Dibden. The local band was also well represented.

MASTER ENTERTAINS MEMBERS.

By kind invitation of the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Titchfield on Wednesday week. The bells were placed at the disposal of the visitors during the afternoon, and the ringers then assembled for a short service, which was conducted by the Master. The visitors were entertained to a meat tea in the Parish Room, 29 sitting down.—The usual business meeting followed, the Master presiding. He first of all gave the ringers a most hearty welcome to his parish, and hoped before very long to have them again. He specially welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, who had cycled from Cranleigh, Surrey, to attend the meeting. It showed their keenness in ringing, he said, to cycle 50 miles.—Two full members and nine probationers were elected.—It was decided to hold an extra meeting at Wickham early in July, to accept the kind offer of Col. and Mrs. Farquhar to tea.—Mr. A. T. King moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. E. Matthews for his kind hospitality.—Members were present from Wickham, Fareham, Bishops Waltham, Swanmore, Portsea, Portsmouth, North Stoneham, and Titchfield. The bells were kept going during the evening, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, being rung. Three lady ringers were present and took part, and all the visitors spent a very enjoyable time.

A VISIT TO UPHAM.

On Wednesday, April 24th, at the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Tew), the ringers from Wickham spent a very enjoyable evening at Upham, three 720's being scored on the bells, viz., 720 Bob Minor, 720 Oxford Bob and 720 College Single. Afterwards the Rector kindly entertained the visitors at his house, and gave them a welcome to Upham.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for his hospitality, and to the ladies for so kindly waiting upon the visitors. — The members taking part in the ringing were: Messrs. G. E. Chappell, W. F. Churcher, N. Welch, W. Singleton, H. J. Smith, H. W. Merrett, and H. Beckett. Grandsire Doubles were also rung with the local band.

SUCCESSFUL SALISBURY GUILD MEETING.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at All Saints' Church, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday week. The Vicar of Westbury (the Rev. W. T. B. Hayter) occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. Hy. Brownlee West, of Devizes, the hon. branch secretary. Ringing members were present from the towers of Devizes (St. John and St. Mary), Bradford-on-Avon, Southbroom, Upavon, Urchfont, Chirton, Westbury, Keevil, Hilperton, Potterne, Trowbridge, Bath, Beechingstoke and Seend, and 39 sat down to an excellent tea in the Parish Room, which was kindly lent for the occasion by the Vicar.—A short business meeting followed, at which Mr. West proposed, and Mr. Hooper seconded, the election to the Guild of 10 new members from Edington; the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett proposed, and Mr. England seconded the election of eight new members from Bishop Cannings; and Mr. O'Leary proposed, and Mr. Ludlow seconded, the election of two new members from Keevil.—It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Upavon, on June 1st, and the following quarterly meeting at Bradford-on-Avon, on July 6th.—The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of the Parish Room for the tea and meeting, and also for the use of the church bells.—Mr. Hayter replied in a short but kind and effective speech, saying what pleasure it gave him, to welcome the Guild to Westbury.—The bells were kept going to various methods from 3 o'clock till nearly 8 p.m., thus bringing to a close a very happy and successful meeting.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Bishopstone, Wilts, on Saturday week. There was a very satisfactory attendance from Christ Church, Swindon; Stratton St. Margaret, Wootton Bassett and Wroughton, besides a few of the local ringers, and a very cordial welcome was received from the Vicar (the Rev. H. Ault), who readily granted permission to ring. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were successfully accomplished. Tea followed at the "True Heart," where a short business was afterwards held, Mr. Ernest Bishop (branch president) being in the chair. New members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Castle Eaton, on Saturday, May 18th.—The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ault for his kindness and courtesy, and this was carried.—Further ringing during the evening concluded the proceedings of a pleasant gathering.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Eastern District was held at Mistley on Saturday, the towers of Harwich, Mistley, Tendring, Great Bentley, Bromley and Bocking being represented.—Tea was provided in the Parish Institute, and followed by the business meeting, over which the District Master (Mr. D. Elliott) presided.—Thanks were accorded to the Rector of Mistley (the Rev. Canon Norman) for use of bells, and to Mr. Honeywood (leader of the local ringers) for making the necessary arrangements. Unfortunately a number of those present had to rush away to catch the last train home, while others visited the towers of Tendring and Great Bentley, thus leaving a very reduced number to continue the ringing at Mistley during the evening.

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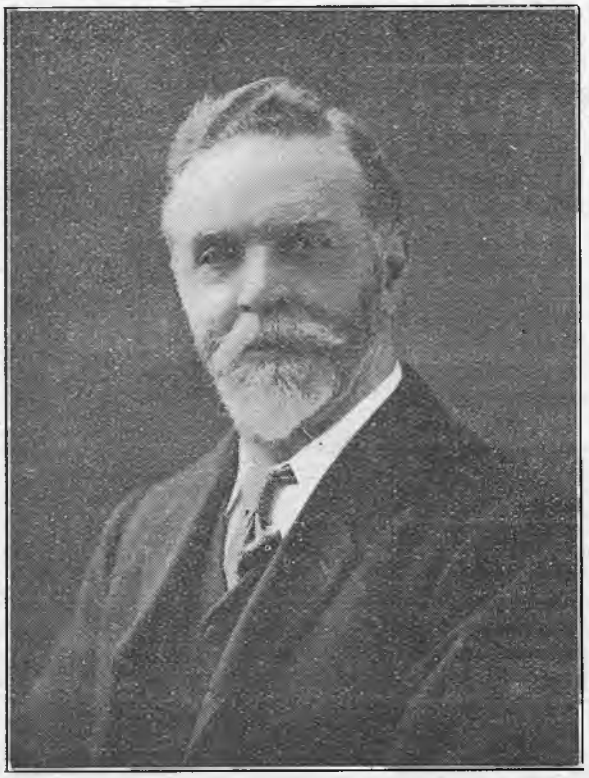
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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

Without being prominent among the peal ringers, there are many men who are nevertheless doing very excellent work by encouraging and helping beginners, and in other ways furthering the associations with which they are identified. These men who do not work in the limelight are of the backbone of our ringing organisations. Such an one is Mr. George Watson, of Hastings, the honorary secretary of the Sussex County Association. Mr. Watson had reached middle age before receiving his introduction to the Exercise, and the progress of ringing in his part of the county has always meant uphill work. It says not a little for his enthusiasm, therefore, that he has remained to be of great service to the Association.



MR. G. WATSON.

Mr. Watson was born at Whittlesea, Cambs, on January 22nd, 1855, and entered the scholastic profession, being a pupil teacher and a Sunday School teacher in his native place. After two years at St. Peter's College, Peterborough, he became assistant master in London, and, then, in October, 1877, was appointed head master of Christ Church Boys' School, St. Leonards, a position which he still occupies. In those days Christ Church was in an unfinished state, and the tower, spire, clock and bells have since been added, the work being completed in December, 1894. The first band of ringers was formed there in 1895, Mr. Watson being among them. All were novices, and they received instruction in managing the bells from Messrs. S. Saker and F. Lock, of Blacklands. Mr. Watson was appointed captain by the Rector, and from Snowdon's "Grandsire" and from articles published by Mr. John Carter he learnt something of method ringing and composition. In those early days he always pricked his own touches and quarter peals. In June, 1898, he rang and called his first peal—Hollis' six-part of Grandsire Triples. This was the first peal rung in the borough of Hastings, and six of the company were members of the local band. His next peal was Holt's Original, which he also conducted, and he has called this composition from four different bells. After this Mr. Watson induced the St. Leonards men to learn Stedman, and the start thus made had a good effect upon some of the neighbouring towers. Treble Bob followed, but Double Norwich practice has been handicapped by that all too frequent trouble, the migration of ringers. Although his opportunities for peal ringing have not been great, Mr. Watson has always endeavoured, from the love he bears for the Art, to help onward those who are making a start in change ringing—a modest but none the less useful vocation.

His official connection with the Association dates from 1897, when he was elected on the committee of the Sussex Association. He afterwards served as auditor, and in May, 1905, was elected as honorary secretary of the Eastern Division, when Mr. Saker retired from the office. In May, 1898, he was elected honorary general secretary of the Association in the place of Mr. A. B. Bennett, and he naturally finds that the work connected with an Association numbering over 800 members takes up a great deal of his leisure time. Mr. Watson has been largely responsible for placing the Association upon a sound financial basis, the balance in hand on the current account having been raised from £16 15s. 8d. in 1909 to £43 8s. 8d. in 1911, while the Reserve Fund also amounts to £31 16s. 9d. To attain this much "nursing" has been required. Old members have been retained, new subscriptions sought and great economy on the part of the management practiced. The time now appears to be ripe for establishing another fund for the benefit of those members of the Association who may be in need of assistance, and at the annual meeting of the Association last Saturday, when Mr. Watson was again elected honorary secretary, he had the pleasure of piloting through a scheme for establishing a Benevolent Fund.

Mr. Watson, who is also a member of the Peterborough and District Association, has represented the Sussex Association on the Central Council for six years. His peals have been as follows:—

Grandsire Triples	8	Conducted	7
Stedman Triples	34	,,	3
Bob Major	7	,,	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	5		
Total ...	54	Conducted	11

THE BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.

We have much pleasure in announcing that next week we shall begin a series of articles upon the bells of the English Cathedrals, which Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, an eminent authority on the subject, is kindly writing specially for "The Ringing World."

The articles, which will be illustrated, will be of special interest to those who are fond of bell archæology, and will, we hope, serve to awaken in those who have not had the opportunity of studying this subject a desire to acquire some knowledge of the history of the bells they ring. Some of these ancient instruments of the churches are centuries old, and are treasured relics which have survived the turmoil, strife and spoliation which scarred the civil and religious life of the country in days of old.

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		Total Peals.	Maximus: Cambridge Surprise.	Maximus: Treble Bob.	Cinques: Stedman.	Cinques: Erin.	Cinques: Grandsire.	Royal: Cambridge Surprise.	Royal: Treble Bob.	Royal: Duffield.	Royal: Forward.	Royal: Plain Methods.	Caters: Stedman.	Caters: Erin.	Caters: Double Norwich.	Caters: Grandsire.	Major: London Surprise.	Major: Bristol "	Major: Cambridge "	Major: New Cambridge Surp.	Major: Superlative Surprise.	Major: Norfolk "	Major: Yorkshire "	Major: New Cumberland Sur.	Major: Forward.	Major: Duffield.	Major: Double Norwich.	Major: Treble Bob.	Major: Plain Methods.	Triples: Stedman.	Triples: Erin.	Triples: Grandsire.
	POINTS PER PEAL		60	16	28	20	11	50	14	20	20	10	24	16	22	9	50	50	30	30	30	30	30	30	20	16	16	12	8	24	12	7
1	Winchester Diocesan Guild	123	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33 *a*	—	—	3	2	4	2	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	5	1	9	35	—	14
2	Middlesex County Association	83	—	—	6	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	1	6	9	4	2	12	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	2	16	—	5
3	Norwich Diocesan Association	181	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	8	6	9	1	—	—	—	2	21	39	17	5	—	9
4	Midland Counties Association	158	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	5	—	—	6	1	—	1	2	9	1	—	—	—	—	17	14	8	23	—	31
5	Kent County Association	99	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	5	—	—	1	—	—	9	8 *e*	7	16	1	23
6	Yorkshire Association	80	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	7	21	11 *d*	9	1	12
7	Sussex County Association	62	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	8	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	7	6	1	12	—	17
8	Worcestershire and Districts Association	58	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	4	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	2	9	—	9
9	Lancashire Association	72	—	5 *e*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	24 *f*	3	5	1	17
10	Oxford Diocesan Guild	65	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	3	8	1	16
11	Essex County Association	54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	11	9	11	1	—	3
12	Central Northants Association	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	8	6	—	6
13	Hertfordshire County Association	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	8	—	3
14	Llandaff Diocesan Association	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	1	3	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	—	15
15	Chester Diocesan Guild	56	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	19	6	2	—	15
16	Ancient Society of College Youths	21	1	1	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	5	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	—
17	Lincoln Diocesan Guild	60	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	8
18	London County Association	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	10	—	9	—	—
19	Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	32	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	7	—	13
20	Royal Cumberland Youths	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
21	Durham and Newcastle Association	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	6	1	2
22	Salisbury Diocesan Guild	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	6
23	Gloucester and Bristol Association	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	—	9
24	Bath and Wells Association	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	—	12
25	Surrey Association	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	3	6	—	4
26	Warwickshire Guild	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	2	—	5
27	Devonshire Guild	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	7
28	Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	3	—	6
29	Stoke Archidiaconal Association	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	4
30	Bedfordshire Association	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	3
31	St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	10	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
32	Hereford Diocesan Guild	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	1
33	Ely Diocesan Association	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	—	3
34	North Wales Association	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—
35	Cambridge University Guild	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	—	—	—
36	Salop Archidiaconal Guild	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
37	Towcester and Districts Association	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
38	Liverpool Diocesan Guild	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
39	Irish Association	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
40	Truro Diocesan Guild	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
41	North Notts Association	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
42	Cumberland Association	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
43	Peterborough and Districts Association	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	Independent Societies	53	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	4	2	—	8	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	1	4	—	10
	TOTALS	1739	1	9	16	1	1	7	13	1	2	3	81	2	1	47	21	25	35	19	72	4	1	1	2	3	120	200	116	232	5	302

NOTE.—*a* Includes 7,023 and 7,777 both on handbells. *b* 10,080 in four Minor methods. *c* 8,000 K.T.B. Major. *d* 13,440 Bob Major on handbells. *e*

OTHER STATISTICS.

The 53 peals rung by Independent Societies were thus distributed, viz.: Cambridgeshire, 3; Cheshire, 3; Derbyshire, 5; Gloucestershire, 10; Lancashire, 2; Leicestershire, 2; Lincolnshire, 1; Middlesex, 9; Staffordshire, 5; Surrey, 1; Sussex, 1; Warwickshire, 3; Worcestershire, 6; Yorkshire, 1; and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, 1. —Total, 53.

The 222 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: In the Kent Variation: Maximus, 9; Royal, 12; Major, 159. In the Oxford Variation: Royal, 1; Major, 38; Albion Treble Bob, 2; and Rose of England Treble Bob, 1.

The 302 peals of Grandsire Triples may be sub-divided as follows: Holt's Original, 27; Holt's Six-part, 1; Holt's Ten-part and Variations, 65; Parker's One-part, 7; Parker's Five-part, 2; Parker's Six-part, 17; Parker's Twelve-part and Variations, 69; Carter's Twelve-part and Variations, 17. Other peals by Carter, 10; Taylor's peals, 27; Hollis' peals, 15; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals, 10; Vicar's peals, 7; Rev. E. B. James' peals, 3; Moorhouse's peals, 3; Lindoff's peals, 2; Day's Six-part peals, 2; Bruerton's Twelve-part peals, 2; Biddlestone's Twelve-part peals, 2. Other peals, including five unnamed, 14.

The 128 peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Royal, 3; Bob Major, 109; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; College Single Major, 1; Little Bob Major, 3; Saint Clement's Bob Major, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 7; Plain Bob Triples, 1; Saint Clement's Bob Triples, 1.

The 77 peals of Doubles are shown in the following statement:—

Association.	No. of Methods. 1	2	3	4	5	6	11	12
Bath and Wells	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bedfordshire	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Central Northamptonshire	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Devonshire	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ely Diocesan	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Hereford Diocesan	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hertfordshire County	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lincoln Diocesan	3	1	—	1	—	1	—	—
Llandaff Diocesan	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Middlesex County	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
North Wales	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norwich Diocesan	2	4	5	1	—	1	—	—
Oxford Diocesan	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salisbury Diocesan	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salop Archidiaconal	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sussex County	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Towcester and District	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worcestershire and Districts	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Independent Societies	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	1
	50	10	8	2	2	3	1	1 Total 77

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ISH BELL RINGERS.

Surprise Methods.	Treble Bob.	"	"	Plain Methods.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Doubles.	Total Value in Points.	Average Value in Points per Peal.	
7	14	8	7	16	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
36	30	17	15	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2			
5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	2718	22·097	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2393	28·831	2
—	—	—	12	—	1	—	—	—	—	10	—	1	—	5	4	12	13	2388	13·193	3
—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	2	6	5*b*	3	2	3	1	2224	14·075	4
—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1186	15·010	5
—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1145	14·312	6
—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1028	16·580	7
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	1	6	1	3	996	17·172	8
—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	4	—	900	12·500	9
—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	1	6	3	816	12·553	10
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	794	14·703	11
—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	1	1	2	1	2	6	791	12·169	12
—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	671	17·657	13
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	644	16·512	14
—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1*g*	—	—	2	1	—	—	2	1	1	—	625	11·160	15
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	549	26·142	16
1	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	5	—	1	4	12	1	7	6	501	8·350	17
—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	465	17·884	18
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	455	14·218	19
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	442	31·571	20
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	413	19·666	21
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	351	15·954	22
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	338	14·695	23
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	13	326	5·150	24
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	298	14·900	25
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	223	13·937	26
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	220	11·000	27
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	201	11·166	28
1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	185	13·214	29
—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	160	9·411	30
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	158	15·800	31
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	1	—	—	1	3	5	154	7·333	32
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	—	1	2	134	7·444	33
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	110	18·333	34
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60	10·000	35
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	51	6·375	36
—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	47	5·875	37
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31	15·500	38
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	11·500	39
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	7·666	40
—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	11·000	41
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	12·000	42
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	3·000	43
—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	5	629	11·698	—
9	1	2	41	1	2	1	1	1	1	81	6	15	20	33	19	70	77	26197	15·064	—

210 K.T.B. Maximus. *f* 9,056 K.T.B. Major. *g* 7,200 in ten Minor methods.

The 232 peals of Stedman Triples comprised: Thurstans' One-part, 2; Thurstans Four part and Variations, 194; Carter's peals, 9; Sir Arthur Heywood's peals, 12; Washbrook's peals, 5; Lates' peals, 3; Bulwer's peals, 3; Wilde's peals, 2; Dr. A. B. Carpenter's peal, 1; Unnamed peal, 1.

A NEW RECORD CREATED.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was 13,440, viz.: Bob Major rung on handbells by the Yorkshire Association. A peal, on tower bells, of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung by the Lancashire Association, and a performance in four Minor methods by the Midland Counties Association reached a total of 10,080 changes.—Other long peals consisted of 9056, 8000, 7777, 7200, and 7023 changes respectively. Under 6000 changes, there were 1731 peals rung. The number of peals rung on Church bells were 1620; on handbells, 119; total, 1739 peals.

The peals rung are 14 more than last year, and create a new record. They were rung in the following months, viz.: January, 147; February, 143; March, 104; April, 137; May, 134; June, 155; July, 91; August, 68: September, 120; October, 179; November, 201; December, 260.

Ten ladies have taken part in successful peals during the year, 1911, viz.: Miss Elsie Bennett took part in two peals of Bob Major, and one of Grandsire Triples, all on handbells. Two of the peals were rung for the Kent County Association, and one for the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Miss Gillingham took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Bath and Wells Association

Miss Jukes rang in and conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Bath and Wells Association

Miss Sarah Pigott took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford; while, for the Worcestershire and Districts Association, she rang in no less than three peals, a peal of Doubles in eleven different methods, a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, and a peal of Bob Major.

Miss Edith K. Parker has surpassed her brilliant performances in 1910, by an even more brilliant record for 1911. She rang in no fewer than 21 peals, of which she conducted 17.

The list is as follows, viz.:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
London Surprise	8	6
Superlative Surprise	6	5
New Cambridge Surprise	3	3
Stedman Triples	3	3
Forward Royal	1	—
Total	21	17

The peals were distributed among the following Associations: Royal Cumberland Youths, 10; Middlesex, 5; Midland Counties, 3; Hertfordshire, 2; Salisbury, 1. Miss Kate Stanford took part in a peal of Bob Minor for the Norwich Diocesan Association. Miss Evelyn Steel took part in two peals for the Bedfordshire Association, one in seven methods of Minor, and the other Grandsire Triples. Miss May Thompson took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Midland Counties Association. Miss Alice White took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Miss Lilian Willson rang in the following peals for the Midland Counties Association, viz.: Two of Kent Treble Bob Major, one of Grandsire Triples, one of Superlative Surprise Major, and one of Stedman Triples. One of the peals of Kent Treble Bob was conducted by her.

THE CONDUCTORS.

The conductors of four peals and upwards were: A. H. Pulling, 67; W. Pye, 43: B. Prewett, 30; F. Bennett, 29; C. F. Bailey, 25; G. Williams, 24; J. Motts, 21; C. W Clarke, C. Glenn and Keith Hart, 20; Rev. H. Law James, 18; C. R. Lilley and Miss Edith K. Parker, 17; T. H. Taffender and E. M. Atkins, 16; F. R. Borrett, J. E. Davis and Wm. Shepherd, 15; S. Grove, 14; R. Matthews and A. H. Ward, 13; B. Thorp, 12; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 11; J. E. Groves, F. C. Lambert, F. G. May, D. J. Nichols, W. Steel and Sam Thomas, 10; R. T. Houlding, senr., E. W. Marsh, George N. Price and George F. Williams, 9; E. J. Buesden, A. Coppock, J. Flint, F. Manser, W. Sawyer, E. Harry Stoneley, A. G. Warnes, G. Wightman and Challis F. Winney, 8; Edwin Barnett, senr., Rev. C. Carew Cox, T. T. Gofton, Joseph Griffin, T. Groombridge, senr., B. A. Knights, J. W. Lake, A. E. Moore, W. S. Smith, R. Sperring and A. Y. Tyler, 7; W. Bellamy, Rev. E. V. Cox, W. G. Ellis, A. Fallow, E. C. Gobey, Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, E. H. Lewis, W. Perkins, G. R. Pye, J. D. Scamer, Isaac Sidebotham, H. Springall, R. E. Stavert, S. H. Symonds and A. P. Wakley, 6; J. H. Blakiston, L. Bullock, T. W. Chapman, C. T. Coles, G. H. Cross, A. J. Day, R. F. Deal, D. Elliott, J. B. Fenton, W. Fisher, J. Goodman, junr., F. A. Holden, J. B. Hallifax, J. Hough, W. D. James, Arthur Mackears, Thos. Metcalfe, James Morgan, Joseph Pigott. E. Reader, William Short, Albert Simpson, J. Thomas, C. A. Valentine, William Watts and Samuel Wood, 5; G. T. Alexander, John Austin, Fred Bennett, Geo. Cattermole, W. H. Corbett, F. W. Dixon, A. W. Gravett, John G. Hall, Harry Hampson, Frank Holder, F. J. Howchin, Robert W. Hyner, T. B. Kendall, Arthur Knights, J. A. Lambert, William Latter, W. Lincoln, E. H. Lindup, W. Mallinson, Ernest Mann, H. J. Mansfield, Harry Page, W. J. Paice, W. H. Porter, W. Poston, F. W. Rice, R. Richardson, Joseph Ridyard, J. Souter, Geo. E. Symonds, William Taylor, F. Watkinson, H. W. Wilde, Edward Whiting, William Willson, and Albert Wright, 4. In addition to the above, 46 persons conducted three peals each; 101 two peals; and 295 one peal. Three peals were published without a conductor's name, and one peal was rung unconducted, viz., a peal of Minor in seven methods, by members of the Hertfordshire County Association, at Great Munden. Three ladies appear in the list of conductors: Miss Jukes, who conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples; Miss Edith K. Parker, whose peals as conductor having been referred to elsewhere, it need only be mentioned here that she conducted London Surprise and New Cambridge Surprise for the first time in 1911: and Miss Lilian Willson, who conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

The following peals were rung on handbells, viz.: Stedman Cinques, 4: Stedman Caters, 32; Stedman Triples, 26; Grandsire Caters, 6; Grandsire Triples, 15; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 24; Minor, 7; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; total, 119. The above handbell peals were rung for the following Associations: Ancient Society of College Youths, 1; Cambridge University Guild, 4; Central Northamptonshire, 7; Cleveland and North Yorkshire, 2; Essex, 5; Ely, 5; Hertfordshire, 3: Kent, 2: Lincoln, 4: Llandaff, 1; Middlesex, 4; Midland Counties, 4: Winchester, 64; Warwickshire, 2; Yorkshire, 8; Independent, 3; total, 119.

Note.—In reckoning points for peals, those over 7,000 and under 10,000 changes count as two peals; 10,000 and under 12,000 count as three peals, and so forth. Points were first used, to ascertain the relative position of ringing associations, in the analysis for the year 1895.

The following table gives the first twenty Societies and their positions since 1897:—

	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	
Winchester Diocesan	14	12	15	10	13	16	23	18	15	10	9	9	12	8	1	1
Middlesex County	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	2	2	2
Norwich Diocesan	5	9	5	6	6	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	3	3
Midland Counties	8	6	6	13	11	13	10	5	5	5	4	1	1	3	4	4
Kent County	7	8	3	3	4	4	6	9	3	3	3	4	5	4	5	5
Yorkshire	9	11	8	14	12	12	9	3	4	4	7	5	4	5	6	6
Sussex County	1	1	2	5	3	7	3	7	7	17	10	7	7	6	7	7
Worcestershire & Dis.	6	3	10	15	18	21	20	23	17	14	8	14	9	14	8	8
Lancashire	4	5	7	7	8	14	19	22	9	8	6	8	8	11	9	9
Oxford Diocesan	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	8	8	6	5	6	6	7	10	10
Essex County	11	10	12	9	10	9	8	6	6	7	11	11	10	9	11	11
Central Northampton.	10	14	14	16	15	22	14	14	16	22	20	16	20	16	12	12
Hertfordshire County	19	13	18	20	14	8	12	12	13	16	12	13	13	17	13	13
Llandaff Diocesan	33	30	28	—	33	33	37	41	36	35	35	32	37	33	14	14
Chester Diocesan	24	22	23	21	20	19	22	28	20	9	23	19	19	15	15	15
Ancient Society of College Youths	2	4	4	2	5	5	5	4	10	11	16	21	22	22	16	16
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	32	32	29	26	26	26	26	25	29	25	17	18	17	17
London County	34	37	35	27	34	32	28	21	19	20	18	17	24	21	18	18
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	21	17	13	19	19	17	18	25	21	21	13	18	18	19	19	19
Royal Cumberland Y.	17	23	24	22	23	20	25	19	23	18	19	20	15	23	20	20

The number of peals rung year by year from 1881, to the present time, are as follows:—

1881	156	1886	556	1891	878	1896	791	1901	1194	1906	1313	1911	1739
1882	224	1887	646	1892	802	1897	905	1902	1313	1907	1389		
1883	330	1888	759	1893	705	1898	1002	1903	1469	1908	1474		
1884	419	1889	797	1894	859	1899	912	1904	1512	1909	1628		
1885	500	1890	699	1895	766	1900	924	1905	1519	1910	1725		

Grand Total .. 29,875

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HEADINGLEY RINGERS' LOSS.

DEATH OF MR. L. FLINT.

The Headingley St. Michael's Society have to record with extreme regret the death, from pneumonia, on April 22nd, of Lomas Flint, or "Tom" as he was always called. He was one of about 18 young men who volunteered to learn to ring when the present peal of eight was placed in the tower some 22 years ago, and ever since he has remained true to the work he then undertook. He was held in high regard by the Vicar and wardens, and his loss to the society will be most keenly felt, not only as a practical ringer, but because his whole mode of life was a valuable example to others, and especially so as a true and loyal son of the Church. His capabilities as a ringer were of a high order, the 23 peals standing to his credit in the Yorkshire Association's records, embracing nearly all the standard methods. He was an excellent striker, and was justly proud of the high quality of the peals in which he had taken part, many of them having been rung without a slip on his part. In the days when four Surprise Methods were regularly rung in the tower he could take an inside bell with any. Double Norwich was his favourite method, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than a well-struck touch for service, which he usually attended. For many years he had charge of the bells, to the entire satisfaction of the authorities and his fellow ringers, who often said that no peal could be better looked after, and they appreciated to the full his cheerful willingness to do all in his power to make a peal successful, and for the general comfort of the band.

Mr. Flint first saw the light in the little Leicestershire village of Shearsby, in 1856, where he spent his boyhood, and where his aged father and mother still live. At the age of ten, he struck out into the world to make his way, and came to Leeds when about 22 years of age. For 32 years he was employed by the Leeds Corporation at their waterworks at Headingley, and he was much respected by the officials and fellow workmen. A number of them attended the funeral.

The first part of the service was held in St. Michael's Church, the Rev. C. Dunn (curate) officiating, in the absence of the Vicar (Canon F. J. Wood). Prior to the service, the bells were rung, deeply muffled. Four of his comrades acted as bearers at the church, and his remains were carried to the grave by his fellow workmen, and laid to rest in St. Mark's Churchyard, Woodhouse, near his wife, who only predeceased him by three weeks, after a long and painful illness. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. Johnson, Talbot, Wood and Williams, a touching farewell to a much-respected comrade. The whole scene in the churchyard, in the afternoon sunshine, with relatives and friends grouped around the open grave, was one of peace and rest, and quite in accord with the peaceful, genial disposition of the deceased, of whom it can be truly said that he never made an enemy and never lost a friend, and that his voice was always on the side of justice and peace, and for the best interests of his fellows. The Society of Oddfellows, to which he had belonged for many years, was represented at the funeral. The bells were rung, muffled, on the Sunday following the interment, and on the Tuesday a touch of Double Norwich (1504 changes) was rung by: W. Talbot 1, F. Cundale 2, R. Thomas 3, W. Wood 4, G. Slack 5, P. J. Johnson 6, H. Lindsay 7, H. Williams (conductor) 8.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

BENEVOLENT FUND ESTABLISHED. SUSSEX LEADS THE WAY.

The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on Saturday, the company numbering nearly seventy. Three towers, St. Nicholas' (10), St. Peter's (8), and St. Paul's (8), were at the disposal of the members at various times during the day, and the methods practised included: Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Stedman Caters, etc.

The annual dinner was partaken of at the Unicorn Hotel, and, in the absence of the Bishop of Chichester (President of the Association), the Master (Mr. F. B. Tompkins, of Chichester) proved to be an excellent substitute. He was supported by the Rev. Canon Southwell, and the Rev. Hugh Horden, of St. Nicholas', Brighton, Messrs. Cyril Johnston (Croydon), Messrs. R. C. Ford (hon. treasurer), G. Watson (hon. secretary), G. H. Howse and H. Evans (divisional hon. secretaries), etc. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Mayor of Brighton (Mr. C. T. Stanford), Rev. Canon Masters, Rev. J. B. Orme, Rev. W. Kelly, Rev. Mr. Fallowes, Mr. R. J. Dawe, etc.

After a splendidly served meal, the Chairman submitted "The King," and, as is customary at the annual luncheon of the Association, the toast of the "Church and State" followed, Mr. Cyril Johnston proposing it in felicitous terms.

Canon Southwell, in response, said that "Church and State" was a very noble toast, because he thought that anyone would agree with him when he said that "Church and State" were responsible for all laws passed in England, and that was a matter for them to think about. He sincerely trusted the two would always go together, for alterations to that method of procedure would mean harm to England. As regards the position of ringers on the question, he asked them to assist in keeping the two intact. His experience of ringing was not very successful, but he had a recollection of trying to learn to ring about four or five years ago. The clergy owed a great debt of gratitude to their ringers, who were indeed Church workers. It was a very great pleasure to him to be present that day, and he thanked them for so enthusiastically receiving the toast.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The business meeting was then proceeded with, and the following new members were elected: The Rev. Gerald W. Douglas, of Christ Church, St. Leonard's, a life member; Canon Southwell, an honorary member; Messrs. G. H. Davey (Hurstpierpoint), James Segden and Thomas Farrier (Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings), E. W. Pickell, Charles Wood, C. Smith and L. Sheppard, active members; and Mr. A. W. Holly (Battle), an independent member.

The Rev. Hugh Horden moved that the Bishop of the Diocese be re-elected President, remarking there was no one more suited to occupy the position.—Mr. Norris seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation.—The General Secretary proposed that all the vice-presidents, which include many clergy and prominent members of the laity, from all parts of the county, be re-appointed, with the addition of the Rev. Canon Southwell, the Rev. Gerald W. Douglas, and the Rev. Hugh Horden.—On being seconded, this was approved of.

On the proposition of Mr. H. Evans, seconded by Mr. W. Franks, Mr. F. B. Tompkins was unanimously chosen Master for the ensuing year.—In reply, Mr. Tompkins thanked them for the honour they had again conferred on him. He did not think he had much to address them upon, but the Association was certainly in a distinctly flourishing condition at the present time. With regard to the Central Council, he thought it would be a good thing for them to have discussions at their divisional meetings on matters they wished the delegates of the Association to place before the Council. By so doing more interest would be created in ringing. One thing worthy of consideration at the divisional meetings was the value of peals. This question had been before the Central Council for many years, and one vital point in connection with it was that six-bell peals were of larger value than eight-bell peals. A very large majority of the peals rung in Sussex were in eight-bell towers, so such a matter was bound to effect the Association. In the circumstances, he was desirous of seeing the question brought before the divisional meetings, so that they could instruct their delegates what they required done. In conclusion, the speaker said he would like to hear something about the question, and he again thanked them for re-electing him Master.

The following officers were also re-elected: Hon. treasurer, Mr. R. C. Ford; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Watson; divisional secretaries: Messrs. G. H. Howse (Eastern) and H. Evans (Western). Owing to the resignation of Mr. R. J. Dawe, who intimated that he could not stand again as hon. secretary of the Central Division, Messrs. Stalham and A. D. Stone were nominated for the vacancy, and on being put to the vote, Mr. Stone was chosen.—The names of Messrs. A. R. Miles, Geo. Baker and Arthur Gravett were submitted as hon. auditors, the voting resulting in the two former being appointed.—Messrs. F. B. Tompkins, G. Watson, G. H. Howse and K. Hart, were appointed Central Council Delegates.—The Hon. Secretary announced that Mr. F. Lock had decided to resign his post as a member of the general

committee, and of the committee of advice. Mr. H. R. Butcher was appointed in his place on the general committee, and Mr. F. Medhurst on the advisory committee. There was also another vacancy on the general committee, and Mr. F. Morris Bacon was appointed.

THE REPORT.

The adoption of the report and balance sheet followed. The report, which was for 1911, said that in submitting the 27th annual report, the committee again were able to congratulate the members upon the financial position of the Association, which was continuing to improve, and now warranted, in their opinion, the starting of a fund from which necessitous ringers might receive temporary assistance. The cordial co-operation of all the members was earnestly solicited in the effort to make that fund of real practical help to those in need. One very effectual way of doing this would be to induce some of those towers not yet affiliated to the Association to join it as soon as possible. Ten meetings had been held during the course of the year, and again it was the pleasant duty of the committee to thank the clergy of the towers visited for the very kindly welcome accorded the members, and in several cases for the hospitality shown in addition. The number of peals rung during the past year was not so great as the previous year, but the average number of points per peal was slightly higher, thus proving them to be of a higher quality. The two Brighton towers—St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's—headed the list, the former winning the challenge bell for the first time in the history of the competition. For their success, the ringers of that tower deserved the heartiest congratulations of all their brother ringers. The thanks of the members were again due to Mr. Penfold for the very efficient manner in which he had prepared the peals' analysis and allotted the points to the various towers. The bell founders had been fairly busy in Sussex during the past year. At Barcombe the three old bells had been re-cast, three new ones added, the whole being hung in an entirely new frame, and the work accomplished in a highly satisfactory manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. At Heene, Messrs. Warner and Sons had rehung the bells, new boxes and spindles being provided. At Waldron, the bells were being recast and rehung in a steel frame by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £43 8s. 8d., and the reserve fund totalled £31 16s. 9d.—On the proposition of Mr. W. Alcock, seconded by Mr. K. Hart, the report and balance sheet were unanimously passed

The General Secretary moved the following resolution: "That a sum of £18 be taken from the general fund and paid into the reserve fund, so as to make the balance of that fund up to £50." Speaking in support of the motion, he referred to the highly satisfactory balance in the general funds, and said by transferring a portion to the reserve, it would make a substantial sum large enough for any emergency.—Mr. Keith Hart seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

The General Secretary next moved a series of alterations in the rules. Hitherto a rule has existed, although it has not been carried out to the letter, "that practising members and probationers shall be admitted by the committee, or at any meeting of the Association, when a quorum of the committee is present, and they join singly or in bands." The proposed alteration was to omit the words "when a quorum of the committee is present." Another rule has been that a balance sheet and report shall be prepared by the hon. secretary and sent to the members prior to the annual meeting.—The Hon. Secretary moved that the balance sheet and report be presented to the members at the annual meeting. Another proposal by the Hon. Secretary was to make it possible for two members to be elected in a tower previous to starting a peal, instead of one as had been the rule —Mr. A. D. Stone put an amendment, that if there was a majority of the band in the Association they could elect as many members as they desired, thereby making it possible to elect three before commencing a peal in an eight-bell tower.—The Hon. Secretary agreed with the amendment, and intimated he would vote for it.—The amendment was carried, as were the other revisions of rules.

BENEVOLENT FUND SCHEME CARRIED.

The next item was the most important one on the agenda. It read as follows: "That a fund be established to be called the 'Benevolent Fund'; to be composed of all life honorary subscriptions, interest from the reserve fund, and such sums as shall be from time to time ordered to be paid at any general meeting. Grants from such fund (in accordance with a scheme to be prepared by the committee) to be made to necessitous ringers who shall have been members of the Sussex County Association for at least five years."

Two years ago, the Hon. Secretary said he could not have proposed a resolution such as the above, for at that time the financial state of the Association was bad. At one period they were giving greater benefits than they could afford. They had spent a lot at their district meetings, but during the last two years, the expenditure in that direction had been minimised. Now that the Association was in a good financial position, the question was what they should devote their surplus to. Would they all go back to their old rule and allow the members a maximum fare of 2s. for attendance at meetings? He knew how that worked in the past, and thought it would be unwise to adopt that method again. It had been suggested in the "Ringing World" that a Benevolent Fund should be established for ringers. Of course, an experiment of that nature would have to begin in a small way. His proposal was a very modest one, and he did not ask them to put their hands in their pockets at all. They would have to be as economical as possible in the working of the fund, but he thought temporary assistance could be derived from it. It had been the custom to spend money on tuition, and he reminded them that if bands required tuition, the Association were still agreeable to help them in that respect. They did not mind spending money as long as they could see some kind of return for it. That was not always the case, for they had from time to time made grants to bell and repair funds, but he noticed the clergy to whom the grants were given, did not attend to the question of affiliating their ringers to the Association. They must look after their own members more, and in proposing the establishment of a benevolent fund, he thought that would be the means of doing so.

The Master, in seconding, said it was the first time anything of the sort had been brought forward. A Benevolent Fund had been spoken extremely highly of in the "Ringing World." He could remember bringing forward the idea at a meeting of the Central Council many years ago, but he met with defeat. He did not want to take any credit for the resolution he was seconding, and he congratulated Mr. Watson on his proposal, which did not ask them to contribute one halfpenny. It appeared to him to be a good scheme, and well worth trying.

On being put to the vote, it was carried unanimously, and with applause.

Mr. H. Stalham proposed and Mr. W. Hart seconded, the following resolution, which, after being discussed, was out-voted: "That one member of the committee from each division shall retire annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election under three years."

Eastbourne, Lewes, Horsham, and Chichester, were the places submitted for the next annual meeting, and the show of hands proved to be in favour of Lewes.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to Canon Southwell and the Rev. Hugh Horden for arranging a service, and to the clergy for the use of the bells at the churches the members were visiting that day.

The Hon. Secretary seconded, and the passing of the vote of thanks concluded the business.

THE SERVICE.

Subsequently a service was held at St. Nicholas.

The Rev. Hugh Horden intoned the prayers, and the hymns, "We love the place, O God," and "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven," were sung, while the 150th Psalm was chanted.

The Rev. Canon Southwell occupied the pulpit, and took for his text, Exodus xxviii., 34, "A golden bell and a pomegranate." In the great church, said the reverend gentleman, during the past 50 or 60 years, he rejoiced in the recognition that had taken place, largely, no doubt, due to an Association of their kind, of bellringers as church-workers, and as a part of the church. No doubt a good many there that day could remember that in years gone by the belfry was a dirty and untidy place, not like a part of God's building, and the ringers disappeared outside the tower after they had finished ringing for service. That was the old state of things, and such a gathering as they had held that day, followed by a service in church, would have been a most unlikely thing years ago. But now a change had been brought about, and he rejoiced at the change. If one was travelling through England by train or by road, one of the most characteristic things was the church, which, in city, town or village, the traveller could see standing up, with its tower or spire pointing up to Heaven. The call of the bells, if anything, was even more characteristic, and took a very essential part on a Sunday. If they looked back through the history of church bells in the past, they would find clear intentions of them as far back as the sixth century. Later, towards the end of the seventh century bells were used for calling people to prayer, and the first set of bells, a sweet, harmonious peal, were put up at Croyland. In the old Saxon towers, there was clear evidence they had been erected for the reception of bells, a proof of this being the curfew bell that was rung at the time of the Norman Conquest. The ringers, themselves, in the very early days, were clerks in minor orders, and held their own places in the Church. He placed those facts before them, not because they were interesting, but because they would serve to show the real purpose of bells and the privilege of ringers, which was to remind people of their duty of worship. Bell-ringing was not simply a pleasant, interesting occupation, but was instituted for calling people to prayer. What did the bells of to-day remind them to do? They sent forth the message for them to join in the prayers of God's Church. The first thing, therefore, for them to remember was that bells were used in God's service as a call to prayer. Quite true they were used for other purposes, and were rung for public rejoicings, and on the other hand in times of sorrow. To turn one's back upon the bells was to neglect the service to God, and if that be true, ringers had a high duty and privilege in their work. Church workers indeed they were, and workers together with Christ, each one in place and turn, dependent on each other for those peals of fellowship and harmony. It was most important that an Association like theirs should hold together its members, who should not only be Church workers, but communicants, and when ringing should remember their duty before leaving was to take part in public worship.

An offertory, realising an appreciable sum, was devoted to the Benevolent Fund.

The gathering was considered to be a most satisfactory meeting.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The sad circumstances under which the death of Mr. A. J. Day took place at Tunstall, Kent, appeals with pathetic force to ringers. The deceased, it may be recalled, rang in two peals on Easter Day, and died suddenly on the following Wednesday. Unfortunately, for four months previous to his death, he was out of employment through no fault of his own, and consequently his widow and three children are left in very straitened circumstances.

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We are glad to learn that efforts are being made among the members of the Kent Association, of which Mr. Day was an active member, to assist the widow. Mr. Spice, of 4, Pond Cottages, Tunstall, Sittingbourne, has, with the permission and support of the honorary secretary of the Kent Association, issued an appeal to the various bands in union with the Association, and, in addition, contributions from all ringers will be gladly welcomed. The following sums have been forwarded through "The Ringing World": Pulborough (Sussex) band, per Mr. P. H. Doick, 5s.; Rev. N. Pares, Horsell (Surrey), 5s.; Mrs. Pares, 5s.; Anon, 4s.

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The death has occurred at Cleethorpes, of Mr. F. W. Hargreave, who was formerly a member of the Tong branch of the Yorkshire Association. The deceased, who was 41 years of age, took part in the longest length on six bells by the Association, viz., 10,440, at Tong in April, 1896. He also rang in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Association, which was achieved at Drighlington in 1899. He removed to Cleethorpes about twelve years ago. His old colleagues at Tong on Wednesday week rang a muffled peal to his memory.

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A most interesting book upon the history of St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, has been published by Mr. Ernest Morris, a young Leicester ringer. The tower and north side of the church are undergoing restoration and some £500 is still needed to complete the work. All the profits on the book are to be devoted to the fund, and it is hoped, when the renovation of the fabric is completed, that the rehanging of the bells, which are now in a very bad state, may be taken in hand.

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The book is very artistically produced, and is packed full of information, written in interesting fashion, about the historical church, the forerunner of which was built between 653 and 737, A.D. The story of the bells, of course, comes in for special treatment. Ringers should find much to interest them in the little volume, which can be obtained post free for the small sum of 1s., from Mr. E. Morris, 11, Devonshire Street, Leicester.

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A stroke of bad luck met the Irthlingboro' men on Saturday, when, after ringing 2 hrs. 58 mins. for a peal of Bristol Surprise Major, they lost it ten leads from home.

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Ringing is now suspended on Lavenham bells, as they are being overhauled by Messrs. Day & Sons, of Eyre.

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In stating last week that the claim of the Midland Counties Association to the first peal in seven Minor methods on handbells could not stand, we perhaps made a statement that was rather misleading. The M.C.A., we gather, has made no claim to the first performance, their peal only being mentioned as proof of the fact that one had been rung before the peal at Bourne.

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A peal of Stedman Cinques is to be attempted at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday by the members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

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The peal of Bob Major at Staveley on April 27th was rung to celebrate the 51st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. W. Price, one of the Eckington ringers.

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The death has occurred at Otley of Mr. John Nunn, formerly one of the company at the Parish Church, and on Sunday last the bells were rung half muffled as a last tribute of respect to the deceased.

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At the vestry meeting at Staunton-on-Arrow a special vote of thanks was accorded to the ringers of the Parish Church for their regular and constant attention to their duties. The captain (Mr. J. Preece) has been able to maintain for many years a good belfry team, despite leakages and removals, and we believe he has the distinction of training more "new hands" than any other leader in the Herefordshire Guild. Mr. J. Charlton Parr, of Staunton Park, is a warm friend of the ringers, and is always ready to supply a new set of ropes when the old ones, through constant usage, show signs of wear.

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Mr. J. Beams' reply to Mr. Corrigan on the subject of the variation of Grandsire compositions is unavoidably held over.

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Mr. C. W. Clarke sends a record of 720 Bocking Treble Bob rung at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Thursday in last week by J. Bates 1, P. J. Cooke 2, C. W. Clarke 3, C. Stapleton 4, C. A. Robinson 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6. This method, says Mr. Clarke, is published in the new edition of "Standard Methods" as College Bob IV, while in the Central Council's "Collection of Legitimate Methods" another method is given as College Bob IV. Give credit where credit is due. The one in "Standard Methods" I have had in a collection 20 years or more as Bocking Treble Bob, by A. Huckson, of Braintree.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

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

Owing to pressure on space this week my usual article is unavoidably held over.

W. M.—I do not know the methods you mention, but am trying to get the figures for you.

"Doubtful."—With common bobs and singles only I do not think a composition such as you name is possible, but I will verify this and give you a definite answer later.

BISHOP RYDERS, BIRMINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, March 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: S. Coley 1, G. A. Taylor 2, A. T. Scrivens 3, W. F. Webb 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. B. Collett 7, T Pearce 8.—On April 14th, Thankoffering Sunday, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1344 changes), in 48 mins.: S. Coley 1, J. B. Collett 2, A. T. Scrivens 3, W. F. Webb 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, *W. H. Carrod 6, G. A. Taylor 7, J. Porter 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On April 12th, touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Also three courses of Grandsire Triples: E. Hills 1, W. J. Nevard 2, A. Pye 3, L. A. Pye (first touch inside) 4, P. Almond 5, W. A. Pye 6, J. Bowell 7, G. Humm 8.

St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.



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STOCKPORT BRANCH MEETING AT MOTTRAM.
INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

Interesting associations, not the least so to ringers, cluster round Mottram and its Parish Church. Here William Harrison lived, a giant in ringing and composition in his day; and here he is buried, and over his remains stands a fitting monument to his memory, erected by his brother ringers. The church, too, standing on high ground overlooking the surrounding country on all sides, is most interesting from the points of view of antiquity and judicious restoration; and the bells, to those who know them, are a real attraction, inasmuch as they are a brand new ring of Taylor's, possessing all the qualities valued by ringers, for the production of which the firm is deservedly noted.

And last Saturday's meeting of the Stockport branch proved to be, and certainly will always remain, of great interest to all who were present, particularly to one who was brought into prominence without his being previously made aware of what awaited him. The branch meetings invariably commence with a service in the church, which on this occasion was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a short address. About 50 members were present. This number had swelled to upwards of 90, when all had seated themselves round the tea-tables. Needless to say, the reputation of ringers at the meal table was fully maintained. No doubt, atmospheric conditions contributed to this, as did a walk across the moors of six or seven miles by a number of members who apparently had anticipated their visit with much interest.

Tea over, the usual routine business, together with a few special items connected with temporary circumstances, was transacted, and the usual opportunity of bringing forward any matter of local or other interest by any member was announced by the Chairman, the Rev. F. C. L. Hamilton, of Northenden. He was the first to avail himself of the opportunity, and did so in order, as he said, "to spring a surprise on the hon. secretary." He then proceeded to speak of the splendid work done by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and ended by asking him to accept a gold watch subscribed for by the members of the branch as an expression of their appreciation of his services during the past eight years.—In gratefully accepting the present, the Hon. Secretary expressed himself as being "jiggered" by the extraordinary development which had taken place at the meeting. He had rung peals, he said, in a large variety of Surprise Methods, but this was his first serious experience of a surprise of this kind. He assured his hearers he keenly appreciated their handsome gift, and regarded it as a sign that he had, unconsciously to himself, succeeded in winning their kind thought and goodwill, which was indeed something of which any man could be justly proud. His work as secretary had always been one of love and real pleasure, and while he could not promise to do more for them in the future than he was doing, he could promise to do as much as he had in the past, so long as they were pleased to entrust him with their affairs (applause).

The watch, a gold hunter, has a monogram inscribed on the outside, and a bell on the inside of the case, within the lines of which is the following inscription:—

Chester Diocesan Guild.
Stockport and Bowdon Branch.
Presented to the
Rev. A. T. Beeston
for services as Secretary to the above Branch by the Members.
May 4th, 1912.

The meeting did not close without a further item of interest being introduced, viz., a presentation to one of the local ringers, who is leaving the district. At the request of his colleagues, the Hon. Secretary presented the gift—a case of cutlery—to Mr. Charles H. Marsland, as a token of the value they set on his past companionship and co-operation, and of their regret at his departure; and in doing so he was glad to seize the opportunity of referring from his own knowledge to Mr. Marsland's sterling qualities as a comrade and a change ringer, and expressed a hope that his future home would not be so far distant as to necessitate his complete severance from the branch.

The Chairman was thanked for his services in the chair, and thus ended a meeting which is a record in attendance in the history of the branch, and certainly one in respect of the nature of the matters which were brought under consideration.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Market Drayton last Saturday, about 40 members being present from Shrewsbury, Shifnal, Coalbrookdale, Condover, Malins Lee, Dawely, and Crewe. During the afternoon various touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the chair being taken by the Rector of Market Drayton (the Rev. Dr. F. W. T. Greenwood). —Mr. J. Bradney, of Shifnal, was re-elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council for another three years.—Tea was held at Bell's Temperance Hotel, at 6.30, 35 sitting down.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Dr. Greenwood for the kind use of the bells.

VETERAN RINGER'S DEATH.

A REMARKABLE CAREER.

"Such an one goes not unhonoured to his grave."

It is with very deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. John Coales, who had been a member of St. Andrew's Society of Change Ringers, Rugby, since its formation in 1895, and verger at the Parish Church for upwards of 22 years. He had been in failing health for some time, and passed peacefully away on Monday, April 29th, in his 82nd year, from heart failure, following a painful illness, borne with characteristic fortitude and courage. He leaves a widow, three sons and one daughter to mourn his death.

Mr. Coales had a remarkable career—a career any man might truly be proud of. He was born at Titchmarsh, near Thrapston, and as a young man assisted his father in his business as a blacksmith. Village life, however, did not appeal to him, for at the age of 21 he joined the Metropolitan Police Force, being on duty at the opening of the Crystal Palace. When the Crimean War broke out he enlisted in the Commissariat Department, going over the town of Sevastopol, after the famous siege, and being on the field of Balaclava and Inkerman. He received the English and Turkish service medals, which are now fondly cherished by members of the family.

He was then for a number of years a sorter in the Post Office, travelling between Rugby and Carlisle, retiring on a pension in 1886, when he became curator of the Art Museum at Rugby School. In 1890 he was appointed verger at the Parish Church, which position he held almost to the time of his death.

Mr. Coales was of a quiet, unassuming, but jovial disposition, always ready with his kindly advice and help, and most attentive to his duties. To know him was to love him, and his loss will be keenly felt, his place hard to fill. He learned to handle a bell when quite a lad, but it was not till the year 1895, when a new peal of eight bells was opened at Rugby, that he commenced to learn change ringing with the newly formed band, under the instruction of Mr. James George. He belonged to that old school of perfect strikers, which the present generation would do well to follow; a very safe ringer, and rarely absent from service or practice ringing.

Opportunities for peal ringing were very few, and he had only rung one 5000—Grandsire Triples, but it is worthy of note that he learned to ring Bob Major and Stedman after his 75th year. He was Deputy Ringing Master of the St. Andrew's Society for a number of years, and although he had not been able to ring for some months prior to his death, he retained his interest to the last.

The funeral took place on Friday last, the remains being conveyed to the Parish Church, where the first part of the service was read by the Rector, Canon Baillie, who also officiated at the interment. Several ringers attended to represent the St. Andrew's Society, and after the committal prayers, and the coffin had been lowered to its last resting place, a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung over the grave by: J. W. Chandler 1—2, J. B. Fenton 3—4, A. J. Hessian 5—6, and H. O. White 7—8. A floral tribute in the shape of a bell was also sent by the St. Andrew's Society.

In the evening, as a last mark of respect to their departed comrade (time not permitting a quarter-peal), 1008 Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, by the eight oldest members of the society, conducted by a very old friend of the deceased, Mr. James George, the band standing as follows: A. J. Hessian 1, R. Watson 2, H. O. White 3, J. W. Chandler 4, J. B. Fenton 5, A. Bramall 6, J. George 7, R. Clarke 8.

"Though lost to sight to memory ever dear." May he rest in peace.—A.J.H.

FOSTERING THE ART IN YORKSHIRE.

The ringers of Fishlake Goole, Snaith, and surrounding villages, journeyed to Thorne on Saturday, with the object of holding their first combined practice in change ringing. Touches of Bob Major and Minor were rung by mixed bands. During an interval, the Convener (Mr. S. Smith) gave a brief account of the inauguration of the scheme. He stated that the idea originated in Goole with the object of fostering a spirit of good fellowship amongst change ringers in the district, and of advancing the art of change ringing.—Mr. H. Ludkin, of Goole, was appointed instructor for the year. He expressed a hope that every band would do its best, not only at the practices, but at home, and he had no doubt that eventually everyone there would soon be eligible for membership in the Yorkshire Association, and that, with perseverance and practice, would soon be ringing the more advanced methods. He went on to say that striking was the thing that mattered. A man might be able to ring any of the methods, but if he was a bad striker he was, in the speaker's opinion, a bad ringer.—Ringing was again indulged in, and although the ringers from some of the villages had not attempted anything further than "set" changes, the way they got through the plain hunting course demonstrated very clearly that with perseverance a good standard of efficiency will soon be reached in change ringing. About 9 p.m. the bells were lowered, and a very profitable and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.—It is proposed to hold these combined practices the first Saturday in each month.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD DISTRICT FIRST MEETING.

Through the kindness of the Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins, the newly-formed district held its first meeting at Elstow on Saturday week. There was a very fair attendance, and good instruction was given to a number of ringers; the strangers to the tower expressing great pleasure at ringing on the historic bells. Had it been possible for the immortal tinker, ringer, and writer to have paid a visit to the tower, we feel sure he would have said that the ringing community was rapidly leaving Vanity Fair. Certainly in our ringing we have the Hill of Difficulty and sometimes get into Slough of Despond, but with a Great Heart with us we never despair. Some of the ringing that took place was what may be termed "meeting ringing," and some was change ringing. Among the latter was a 720 of Kent, also a 720 of College Bob IV (Standard Methods), in which each ringer rang his first 720 in the method.

The business meeting was held in the grand old vestry within the church, Mr. R. Gardner (Bromham) being elected to the chair.—Mr. J. W. Barker, as convener of the meeting, gave a brief resume of the events which led the parent society to divide the county area into districts, and also explained the power that was put into the hands of ringers resident within the districts.—The Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins was elected president for the ensuing year; Miss Evelyn Steel, vice-president, and power was given to future meetings, if necessary, to add to the list.—Mr. J. W. Barker was elected hon. secretary, and, in thanking the members, he strongly appealed for a good attendance at the meetings. Nothing, he said, was more disheartening to officials than that they should go to the trouble of arranging meetings, to send out invitations to companies and to ringers, and then find only a few attending. Each tower should always make a point of sending one representative at least.—It was decided that every tower should be represented on the committee, and that each should elect its own representative. It was decided to hold the meetings monthly, and at the invitation of the chairman, the society decided that the next meeting should be held at Bromham, on Saturday, May 25th.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins and to Mr. R. Gardner concluded the business, and the ringers adjourned for tea. More ringers desired tea than had been anticipated, and in the delightful confusion that ensued the desirability of lady ringers was most emphatically pronounced. The ready manner in which the Misses E. and D. Steel adapted themselves to the circumstances and assisted to provide for the wants of their fellow ringers raised a feeling of thankfulness in the heart of even the most stern misogynist.—After tea, the bells were kept going, and altogether a happy half-day was spent.

A VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE.

On Wednesday week, the ringers of St. Mary Magdalen Church, Harlow Common, a party of fifteen, visited Cambridge for their annual outing. Calling on the way down at Sawston and Stapleford, touches of Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung at the former place, and Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob Minor at the latter. These bells are a pleasing little ring of six, although the tenor is only seven cwt. Arriving at Cambridge, and having negotiated a splendid dinner at the Old Castle Hotel, the party found the bells of Great St. Mary at their disposal for an hour during the afternoon, thanks to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey. Here Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung on the back eight, and rounds on ten, which number several of the company heard for the first time. Chesterton was next visited, and the fine ring of six were soon going merrily. Returning to Cambridge for tea, left only a short time in which to hastily glance round the exteriors of its many historic buildings, but the visitors did not forget to snatch a view of St. Benet's ancient tower, of such interest to ringers from the fact that the Stedman method was first rung there. A 640 Kent on the majestic bells of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, in which they were assisted at the heavy end by some of the Cambridge Youths, ended a typical ringers' day.—Thanks are extended to the various incumbents who placed the bells at their disposal, to the ringers who met the party, and especially to Mr. T. R. Dennis, who took such an interest in the visit, and whose hearty assistance did so much to make the outing a success.

MR. F. A. HOLDEN'S 200 PEALS.

London Surprise Major, 7; Bristol, 4; Cambridge, 4; New Cambridge, 1; Cambridge Royal, 1; New Cumberland Major, 1; Superlative, 15; Forward Royal, 1; Oxford Bob Major, 1, conducted, 1; Double Norwich, 25 (including 10,080), conducted, 4; Stedman Cinques, 5; Caters, 15, conducted, 2; Triples, 21, conducted, 5; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Royal, 4; Major (including 8000), 11, conducted, 5; Bob Royal, 1; Major, 17, conducted, 12; Grandsire Caters, 4, conducted, 2; Triples, 34, conducted, 22; in seven methods on six bells, 5; in five methods, 1, conducted, 1; in four methods, 1; in three methods, 2, conducted, 1; in one method, 1, conducted, 1. On handbells: Stedman Caters, 6; Triples, 1; Bob Major, 7, conducted, 4; Grandsire Caters, 3. Total, 200, conducted, 60. Rung in 95 towers and 13 counties.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—James H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 11th. The bells of St. Stephen's (8) and St. Dunstan's (6) will be available from 3 till 9 p.m.; of St. Alphege (6) from 3 till 4 p.m., and of the Cathedral (10) after 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 3d. each will be made, will be taken in St. Peter's Parish Hall at 5 p.m. The usual business meeting will be held after tea. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid before the meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

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.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Magor, Mon., on Saturday, May 11th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., Caerphilly; John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Honorary Secretaries.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A special invitation meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 11th, for the purpose of opening a new peal of eight. Ringing will commence at 3.30. A dedication service will be held at 5 o'clock, the Rev. W. Templeton King, the Rural Dean, officiating. Members and friends will be heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley, on May 11th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Sun Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Leonards Church, Old Warden, to-morrow (Saturday), May 11th. Bells ready at 6 p.m.—F. Blood, Honorary Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at the Half Moon at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Sedgley on

Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. G. Swindell. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Scorton on May 18th. Conveyances will be arranged for from Preston if desired. All ringers heartily welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 18th, 1912. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Business meeting after the service. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 23rd; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 14th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 15th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 18th. For full particulars see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Church Eaton (3.30 p.m.) and Haughton (6 p.m.) on Saturday, May 18th. A free conveyance has been offered from Penkridge Station (return by train from Haughton) to those who notify me by first post on the previous Tuesday.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Meeting at 6.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. The president (Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.) will unveil a peal boad, and a good attendance is desired.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ditcheat on Saturday, May 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided free in the Church Schools 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Whitsun-Monday, May 27th. At this meeting four representatives on the Central Council of church bell ringers are to be elected. Candidates must be nominated by two members, and their nomination papers forwarded to the honorary secretary before May 13th. For dinner tickets, etc., apply to Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, The Precincts, Canterbury.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Counties Branch.—The next general meeting will be held at Gosberton on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Divine service in the church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at the Public Hall at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner. Bells available all day.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next meeting of this society will be held at North Wingfield on Whit-Monday, May 27th, Church of St. Lawrence, 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.). Available 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Rector, with his usual generosity, has offered to provide tea in the schoolroom about 5 p.m., but only to those who inform me by p.c. of their intention of being present not later than May 22nd.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Bells available from 10 a.m.; service in the Parish Church at 12 noon; luncheon and business meeting at the Royal Hotel at 1 o'clock. As a definite number has to be given for lunch, will all those coming kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, May 21st.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

SITUATIONS VACANT & WANTED.

FIRST CLASS BELL MOULDER, used to modern methods, required. Good wages and permanent situation.—Apply Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

IMPROVER, used to constructional ironwork, wanted. Must be good change ringer.—Apply "Sandblast," "Ringing World" Office, Woking.

UPHOLSTERER, Mattress and Blind Maker, all round hand seeks situation. Change ringer on 6 or 8 bells. Good references.—J. H. O., "Ringing World" Office, Woking.

WRAGBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 28th, 720 Tulip Treble Bob: O. Hewitt 1, J. Easter 2, G. Harrison 3, F. Atkinson 4, J. Adams 5, A. Adams (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the first visit of the Archbishop of York (Dr. Lang) to the church.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday, March 24th, at the Parish Church, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Pickering 1, C. Pollard 2, J. H. Jones 3, F. Laverick 4, W. Pollard 5, J. Wedgewood 6, J. H. Blakiston (conductor) 7, T. Lancaster 8. First touch in the method by all except Messrs. Blakiston and Jones.—On Tuesday, March 26th, for practice, 520 Double Norwich, 336 Stedman Triples, and 384 Superlative Surprise, in which Messrs. C. Laverick, Passman, Rudd and Titchiner, took part.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Sunday evening March 17th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Hogsflesh 1, R. E. Waterson 2, J. H. Odey 3, A. E. Alexander 4, C. Goodenough 5, A. E. Seers (composer and conductor) 6, R. J. Cousins 7, C. Densley 8. This quarter is now rung for the first time, on the occasion of the conductor's birthday.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—For evening service, on February 18th, 720 Oxford Bob, in 22 mins.: *Rex Buswell 1, William C. Lewis 2, Albert E. Fourt 3, Frank Talbutt 4, George A. Blaxley 5, Frank S. Andrew (conductor) 6.

STAMFORD HILL, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Ann's Church, on Sunday, March 10th, 720 Plain Bob: E. Davidson 1, T. Ringrose 2, F. Ringrose 3, A. Howell 4, F. Hull 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to F. Ringrose on his 18th birthday.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

REV. B. DARLEY RETIRES FROM SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual general meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford on Saturday, when there was a very good attendance of members, nearly all the towers being well represented. In the absence of the Vicar, the chair was taken by the Rev. C. Leeper, who also conducted the service, preached the sermon, and presided at tea. Other clergy present were: The Revs. Canon Gray, R. D. Foster and B. Darley, hon. secretary.

The financial statement displayed a credit balance of £9 11s. 9d., and the report showed an accession of a dozen new members. So far good; but on the other hand, one tower and five individual members had dropped off, and the last act of the retiring secretary was to strike off the names of 16 unattached members who had failed to pay up. The membership roll now contains the names of 12 honorary and 116 performing members. From the report it appeared that the Anston band, besides a 5040 in seven Surprise Methods, had accomplished 17 new methods in the course of the past year. We understand that this indefatigable company can ring eighty different Minor methods, and we hardly suppose that any band of ringers can have a more extensive repertoire.

After the passing of the balance sheet and report, the President (the Bishop of Southwell), the vice-presidents and committee were re-elected.—The Hon. Secretary, after holding office for 17 years, placed his resignation in the hands of the members on account of pressure of work in his own parish of Harthill, Sheffield.—Mr. Haigh (Worksop) said that after Mr. Darley's explanation they did not like to press him to accept office again. He had served the Association faithfully and well, and during the last 17 years had put in some good spade work. Mr. Darley had gone about a great deal, and had been at a great deal of trouble in shepherding not only honorary, but performing members for their subscriptions.

Mr. S. Tallents proposed, and Mr. J. H. Hind seconded the election of Mr. Haigh as hon. secretary, and it was unanimously carried.—Mr. Haigh, in accepting the office, explained that he had twelve months of hard work before him in connection with other matters, but he would do his best to carry out the duties (applause).

Mr. Wilson (Worksop) was elected a member of the committee, in place of Mr Haigh.—The next meeting in July was fixed to take place at East Markham.—Nine new members were elected, viz., six from Misson, two from East Retford, and one from Worksop.—Mr. Haigh was re-elected for three years a member of the Central Council.—It was decided in future to appoint a ringing master at the quarterly meetings, the same as is done in other Associations.—Mr. Haigh, in moving a vote of thanks to the Rev. B. Darley for his services to the Association, spoke of the splendid work he had done.—The Rev. B. Darley suitably responded.—After a capital tea, at which 67 members and friends sat down, the party dispersed for ringing at the three towers of East Retford (10 bells), West Retford and Ordsall (six bells each), and touches in various methods were rung, including a 720 London Surprise by the Anston team

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BRADFIELD.—Oxford Diocesan Guild (Bradfield Deanery Branch).—On March 6th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Wigmore 1, Miss M. Chillingworth 2, G. Parris 3, J. Abery (conductor) 4, S. Chapman 5, G. Abery 6.—On March 20th, 720 Oxford Bob: F. Wigmore 1, S. Chapman 2, Miss M. Chillingworth 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Abery (conductor) 5, G. Abery 6; and 720 Bob Minor: F. Wigmore 1, Miss M. Chillingworth 2, S. Chapman 3, C. Hunt (first 720 inside) 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6.

BARKING.—St. Margaret's Society.—On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Jackson 1, W. Beard 2, T. Faulkner 3, R. Fenn 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, J. Norris 6, G. Cottis (conductor) 7, C. Fenn 8.—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins.: G. Cottis 1, T. Faulkner 2, G. W. Faulkner 3, C. Fenn (conductor) 4, D. Simons 5, J. Norris 6, A. C. Hardy 7, E. A. Davies 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. A. Davies.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday evening, March 17th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Hart 1, H. Ranzetta 2, J. Cornford 3, H. Dains 4, G. Charge 5, A. Baynes 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, W. Pateman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.—On Sunday morning, March 24th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 45 mins.: *A. Baynes 1, *A. Hart 2, R. Charge 3, *H. Dains 4, A. Dew (conductor) 5, A. Turner 6, *G. Charge 7, H. Flander 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

WARMLEY, Near Bristol.—720 Plain Bob Minor: *F. Harnell 1, *S. Kilmaster 2, Charles H. Gordon 3, *W. A. Cave (conductor) 4, C. Harnell 5, W. Sims 6. * First 720 of Plain Bob.

HURST.—Oxford Guild.—On March 9th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, and a touch of Forward Major: A. Pierce 1, J. North 2, W. Horne 3, J. Rance 4, J. White 5, H. Bungay 6, W. J. Paice 7, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—On March 20th, at the Parish Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: G. Stringer 1, T. Stringer 2, H. J. Gravett 3, G. Tomsett (conductor) 4, H. Tomsett 5, A. Tomsett 6, F. Willie 7, E. Patching 8.—On March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Belton 1, A. Tomsett 2, R. Holder 3, H. J. Gravett 4, H. Tomsett 5, G. Tomsett (conductor) 6, F. Willie 7, H. Attree 8.

CIRENCESTER.—Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, March 3rd, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 528 Grandsire Cinques: W. Curtis 1, W. C. Minchin 2, F. W. Bond 3, H. Lewis 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, J. C. Eden 7, F. Protherough 8, H. C. Bond 9, H. T. Gardner 10, F. Cole 11, W. G. Cook 12.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Feb. 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Duke of Fife: W. H. Wood 1, A. Andrews 2, J. T. Holmes 3, H. P. Nash 4, A. Dixon 5, W. Houlden 6, W. Dickinson (conductor) 7, T. Wright, junr., 8.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Feb. 25th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), was rung by the following: F. C. Rich 1, G. H. Hill (composer) 2, Alf. Wright (first quarter-peal of Triples) 3, T. F. King 4, J. Taylor 5, C. W. Bell (conductor) 6, W. J. Prescott 7, W. Loxton 8.—On March 8th, with bells half-muffled, in memory of a well-known parishioner, 392 Grandsire Triples: L. P. Smith 1, A. J. Hill 2, A. Wright 3, G. H. Hill (conductor 4), F. C. Rich 5, G. H. Barber 6, W. Bruton 7, W. Loxton 8.—At St. Saviour Church, on March 7th, 336 Bob Major: F. C. Rich 1, S. White 2, T. Grant 3, J. Taylor 4, J. Fussell 5, H. Taylor 6, G. Harding 7, C. W. Bell (conductor) 8.

FRYERING, ESSEX.—On March 25th, 480 Grandsire Doubles (four different callings): E. Sitch 1, G. Camp 2, J. Sitch 3, P. Sitch 4, W. Green (conductor) 5. This touch was rung by a local band, unassisted, after only six lessons by an instructor, Mr. W. Lincoln, of Writtle, to whom much credit is due for the thoroughness of his coaching.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 24th, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Miss Jane Ashford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: T. Buswell 1, B. Ridgway 2, J. Tansey 3, W. Sharpe 4, A. Moore 5, T. White 6, F. Cotton (conductor) 7, H. Sharrad (longest length) 8.

CRANSLEY.—On Sunday, March 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Bellard (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Sharman 2, G. Holland 3, P. Lenton 4, F. Woolley 5, A. E. Wykes (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6. Rung after the unveiling of a peal board, recording the first peal rung on the bells by an entirely resident band.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX. — For afternoon service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: G. Worsfold 1, E. Knight 2, A. Holloway 3, A. Kilner 4, G. Matthews 5, W. Stanford (conductor) 6. — For evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob: W. Short 1, *J. Burdfield 2, *R. Wood 3, W. Stanford 4, *W. Denyer 5, J. Pullen (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Tuesday, March 19th, on the occasion of a visit of the Lord Bishop of Oxford to hold a confirmation service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Allder 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, J. Eldridge 3, J. J. Parker 4, G. Martin (conductor) 5, J. Blackmore 6, W. Henley 7, E. Carter 8. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The ringers represented six different parishes, i.e., Boyne Hill, Burnham, Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, Chalfont St. Peter, and Fulmer.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (30 singles and six bobs): S. Denton 1, H. Deaves 2, A. Smith, senr., 3, W. Mead, junr., 4, A. Smith, junr., 5, F. Smith (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, 360 in the same method, in which T. Smith (Harwich) took part.

BRISTOL.—The Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers. — On March 10th, a course of London Surprise Major and a course of Cambridge Royal.—On March 12th, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major: J. Tyler 1, G. Seward 2, H. Pring 3, J. Wilkins 4, W. Knight 5, G. Condick 6, J. Burford 7, W. Cave (conductor) 8. Also a course of Cambridge Royal: W. Cave 1, J. Tyler 2, H. Brownjohn 3, G. Seward 4, J. Wilkins 5, H. Pring 6, W. Knight 7, C. Horton 8, J. Burford 9, G. Condick 10.—On March 14th, at Clifton Parish Church, a course each of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, by: J. Wilkins, G. Seward, H. Brownjohn, W. Knight, G. Condick, W. Cave, C. Jordon, J. Burford, R. Clarke, W. Thomas.—On March 17th, for evening service, after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Cambridge Royal, a course of Cambridge Major: H. Pring 1, J. Tyler 2, C. Tomkins 3, C. Gordon 4, G. Seward 5, J. Wilkins 6, C. Horton 7, G. Condick 8. Also a course of Cambridge Royal: C. Horton 1, J. Tyler 2, C. Tomkins 3, G. Seward 4, G. Condick 5, J. Wilkins 6, H. Brownjohn 7, C. Gordon 8, J. Burford 9, W. Cave 10. Also several courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples. All the above were rung as a farewell to G. Seward, who is leaving England for Australia.

CARDIFF.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association. — At St. John's Church, on Sunday, 24th March, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1260 chances), in 50 mins.: H. Day 1, D. Thomas 2, J. Harris 3, W. B. Biss 4, S. Dawe 5, F. Chamberlain 6, A. Rowley 7, J. Clutterbuck 8, W. Coombes (conductor) 9, W. Bolton 10. First quarter-peal of Royal by all, except W. Bolton.

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