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Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

RECORD PEALS.

Records are made but to be broken, and we often wonder, in many departments of life where the competitive spirit enters, when the limit will be reached. That is the question that certainly occurs to one when contemplating the prospect of the attempt which is to be made at Guildford next Monday to establish a new record for a handbell peal, and which, if successful, will also make another record, in that it will be the largest number of changes ever rung by one set of men.

Already this year in the ringing world four records have been set up. First came the 13,000 odd of Bristol Surprise at Knebworth on Easter Monday. That stood only for seven weeks, when another band at Hornchurch rang a peal of 15,264 in the same method and thus made a new Surprise record. The longest peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells has just been rung, while not many weeks ago, as we all know, the longest peal in any method "in hand" was recorded, when five members of the Winchester Guild rang 14,031 Stedman Caters. And now this same quintet are to try to eclipse their previous best, and are to attempt something far greater than anything else rung on bells "retained in hand."

If they are successful in their 22,222 they will have done something which, we think, will stand unequalled for a very long time, although in these days it is most unsafe to prophecy. This long peal attempt will require the exhibition of all the best qualities which ringers possess. The skill goes without saying, but in addition there are also necessary powers of patience, concentration and endurance of no mean kind. The task will occupy between eleven and twelve hours, during which the physical and mental strain will be enormous, and if the peal is completed it will deserve to rank in its particular way with that wonderful performance of a few years ago at Loughborough. There is always something fascinating about record making, and we cannot but admire those who have the pluck to face an undertaking demanding such attributes of ability and grit. To the band (Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. Shepherd, W. Shepherd, J. Hunt, and F. Blondell) the Exercise will wish "good luck" next Monday, and it will indeed be a crowning effort to their magnificent handbell performances if they are successful.

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford,
February 19th, 1912.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TEN BELL PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT	*Treble*	ALBERT WRIGHT	6
JOHN WIGMORE	2	*THOMAS CHAPELLOW	7
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	FRED MILLARD	8
WILLIAM HALE	4	FRANK COLE	9
WILLIAM HASTINGS	5	HUBERT HANKS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal. Arranged and rung as a farewell peal for Mr. J. Wigmore on leaving for Australia, his brother ringers wishing him "God speed."

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM FAREY	*Treble*	*HENRY BLUNDELL	5
*BERTIE O. SODEN	2	FRED HOPPER	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	*JOHN METHERELL	7
*WILLIAM J. ALLEN	4	FRED WILFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JOHN METHERELL.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and by a local band.

BLACKBURN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE BLACKBURN AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)
On Tuesday, July 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*HENRY WALKER	*Treble*	FREDERICK HINDLE	5
EMMANUEL DUTESON	2	JOHN WATSON	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	WILLIAM EDWARD WILSON	7
*W. H. IDLE	4	JAMES ASHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. The peal was arranged for W. H. Idle, who was on holiday in the district.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*ARTHUR BYGRAVE	*Treble*	REUBEN BALDWIN	5
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	2	*GEORGE HUXLEY	6
ALFRED JAMES	3	GEORGE DURLING	7
*SPENCER MARSHALL	4	ISAAC EMERY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by G. DURLING.

* First peal of Major. For calling see Kent County Report, 1912 (page 75.)

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT BROWN	*Treble*	EDWIN WHITING	5
*JOHN SNELLING	2	*GEORGE SNELLING	6
HENRY GARNHAM	3	FREDERICK R. BORRETT	7
ERNEST WHITING	4	CHARLES BRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

EASTBOURNE.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 25, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8¼ cwt., in A

GEORGE H. HOWSE	*Treble*	ARTHUR GOWER	5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr.	2	EDWARD W. BRAY	6
JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A.	3	KEITH HART	7
ERNEST GOWER	4	CHARLES GATLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung in honour of the Bishop of Chichester's visit to Eastbourne to consecrate the new church of St. Andrew, in the parish of Christ Church.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Thursday, July 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST STONE	5
*ROWLAND O. POLLARD	2	THOMAS DICKENS	6
WALTER MARTIN	3	HARRY ARGYLE	7
*WALTER HORTON	4	E. HARRY STONELEY	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

* First peal of Major. Rung on the Festival of St. James.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty eight Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

ALLAN R. HICKTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH BAILEY	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	FRANK JOHNSON	6
GEORGE WALKER	3	RICHARD DRAGE	7
ALBERT COPPOCK	4	NEVILLE WIDDOWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY, and Conducted by NEVILLE WIDDOWSON.

Rung, with bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Dr. Bayliss, of Long Eaton, and Mr. John Hickman, for 26 years steeple-keeper of St. Peter's, Nottingham, and 47 years a ringer there.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON	*Treble*	GEORGE HARDY	5
*ALLEN F. BAILEY	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	6
FREDERICK W. BAILEY	3	STANFORD J. WOLFE	7
ERNEST S. BAILEY	4	CHARLES F. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Oxford.

ERITH, KENT.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALAN R. MACDONALD	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
ERNEST PYE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 50th peal.

EAST TYTHERLY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

*LEONARD HARRIS	*Treble*	GEORGE WILLIAMS	5
HENRY W. WILKES	2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	6
JOHN S. RUMMING	3	EDWIN J. HARDING	7
CHARLES H. RUSSELL	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The first peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells. The ringers enjoyed the kind hospitality of the Rector after the peal.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SWINDON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

ALFRED LAWRENCE	*Treble*	LOUIS A. WILSON	5
CHARLES J. GARDINER	2	ERNEST BISHOP	6
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND	3	THOMAS ROBINSON	7
ROBERT W. HYNER	4	JOHN M. BRINKWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. BELL	*Treble*	JOHN ALLEN	5
JOHN WILKINSON	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON	6
THOMAS JENNION	3	JOHN TURNER	7
GEORGE WOODHALL	4	EDWARD CAUNCE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The ringers desire to thank Canon Blencowe for granting his permission, and the local men for having everything in readiness.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

HENRY S. REEVES	*Treble*	WALTER S. INWOOD	5
*THOMAS L. SIMMONS	2	*FRANK T. MARTIN	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	CHARLES CASTLE	7
ALAN R. MACDONALD	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. John Dennis, the genial steeple-keeper, on his 74th birthday.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THENLETHAM.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

ARTHUR REEVE	*Treble*	WALLACE BENNETT	3
ARTHUR BENNETT	2	SOLOMON MOULE	4

JAMES BAKER ... *Tenor*
Conducted by S. MOULE.

First peal by all except the conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Marjorie Olive Mills, niece of the Rev. Canon Sawbridge, R.D., of Thenletham, who was married at St. Thomas' Church, Dodbrook, South Devon.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 18, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

C. BIRD	*Treble*	E. B. CROWDER	4
B. HAM	2	W. WEBBER	5
A. WEBBER	3	W. WEBBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. B. CROWDER.

Rung as a farewell to E. B. Crowder, who is leaving the neighbourhood. First peal of doubles in two methods by all.

[The same name for the ringers of both the 5th and 6th is evidently an error.—ED.]

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods:—Double Oxford, Double Court, Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble, Kent Treble and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CYRIL F. JOHNSTON	*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS	4
J. JAMES JACKSON	2	*ALBAN JARMAN	5
WALTER WHITE	3	WILLIAM WILLSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells, which have been recast into six and rehung in steel frames, by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and rung after the dedication by the Bishop of Leicester.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALLEN GWYNNE	*Treble*	CHARLES L. SADLER	4
EDWARD SUMMERS	2	JOHN CLARK	5
FRANK VOYCE	3	WILLIAM POSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Killamarsh, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

F. PARR	*Treble*	T. A. HOWES SMITH	4
H. GREAVES	2	W. H. TURTON	5
J. EMSEN	3	C. SEVERN	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, in affectionate memory of the late Francis James Metcalfe, who was rector of this parish for 25 years.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM ROSE	*Treble*	GEORGE CATTERMOLE	4
EDWARD YOUNGS	2	*ARTHUR BAILEY	5
*GEORGE BAILEY	3	ALPHEAUS BERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLE.

* First peal of Treble Bob in seven methods.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR BAILEY	...*Treble*	ALPHEAUS BERRY	4
EDWARD YOUNGE	2	LEONARD LAST	5
GEORGE BAILEY	3	WILLIAM ROSE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wednesday, July 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL, 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

HENRY R. NEWTON ...	1—2	JOHN W. GOLDING ...	7—8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	3—4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE	9—10
HARRY R. PASMORE ...	5—6	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	11—12

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.
Umpires: JOHN N. OXBORROW and JOHN ROWBOTHAM.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	†WILLIAM A. WOODROW	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 9—10
Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters on an inside pair.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT...	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	*ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7—8

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: FRANK HAIRS.

* First peal of Major on the bells.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 size, in B flat.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	FRANK BENNETT... ...	7—8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS... ...	9—10
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	11—12

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Umpire: H. J. RANZETTA.

First peal of Bob Maximus by all and by the Association, and the first peal on twelve in which a lady has taken part.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
In this peal 4, 5, 6 have their extent in 6th's place at course ends.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in ten methods, viz.: Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, Double Bob and St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

CHARLES SANDERS	1—2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ...	3—4

WILLIAM SHERCLIFF... ... 5—6
Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.
Umpire: J. T. DYKE.

This is the first peal in ten Minor methods ever rung on handbells, and the first peal with more than one method in a true 720 by the Midland Counties Association.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, July 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN...	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 9—10
Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN.
Witnesses: W. and S. SMITH, of Loughborough.

FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.
THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.
On Monday, July 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	*JAMES W. DRIVER... ...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7—8

*LOUIS ATTWATER ... ... 9—10
Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpires: Messrs. F. G. WOODISS and S. J. COLLINS.

* First handbell peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on handbells by the above society. This composition contains the 6th extent at home.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT 155, WATERLOO STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
Umpire, ARTHUR K. HARRISON.

* First peal with an inside pair. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor.

The number of changes in the peal at Guildford, on July 22nd, was 5077, not 5007 as published.

LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION MEETING.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE LADIES.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association took place at Llanbradach, on Saturday, and was attended by members from Bridgend, Caerleon, Cardiff, Newport, Merthyr, Caerphilly, Machen and Rumney. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Curate of the Parish (the Rev. James Bevan) heartily welcomed each member on arrival, and during the afternoon, touches in various methods were rung on the bells.—The business meeting was held in the parish rooms, adjoining the church, which are said to be the finest suite of rooms belonging to any parish church in Wales.—The Rev. James Bevan presided, and heartily welcomed the Association to Llanbradach. Instructors' reports were presented, good progress being reported at Machen. Application was made for further instruction at Llanbradach, Mr. Stedman, of Merthyr, kindly volunteering his services.

Mr. J. W. Jones next read his report on the Central Council meeting. The question of the proper height to hang bells, relative to the belfry windows, finds one kind of illustration at Llanbradach. When the new ring of bells was put in last year, the noise outside was almost unbearable, but this has now been remedied by bricking up the louvres on the inside almost to the top. The result is that anyone can scarcely credit it is the same ring of bells, and yet, it is stated, the bells can be heard quite as great a distance away as before. New members were elected from Llanbradach and Caerphilly towers.

A vote of congratulation was heartily carried to the ladies, who were successful in ringing the first ladies' peal at Cubitt Town, Miss Parker being specially mentioned for successfully piloting the peal through.

Tea was partaken of in the adjoining room, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar, to whom, at the conclusion, the best thanks of the meeting were accorded, as also to the ladies who so kindly helped.

The tower was then visited, and soon after a party made their way to Caerphilly tower, where the bells had been kindly placed at the members' disposal by the Rector. Those who had not heard these bells before were delighted at the excellence of the "go" and tone. Various methods were rung, and brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Sudbury district was held at Lavenham, on Saturday. Twenty-seven members sat down to tea at the Black Lion Hotel, presided over by the Rector of Lavenham (the Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins).—At the business meeting, which followed, eleven new members were elected.—The Rector welcomed the ringers to Lavenham, and in his speech, gave a short account of the work lately carried out by Messrs. G. Day and Son on the bells and frame.—Regret was expressed at the meeting at the loss of the late secretary, the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, and this was echoed by all present.—The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.—During the afternoon and evening there was some very good ringing by members from Bocking, Bury St. Edmunds (St. James'), Coggeshall, Horringer, Ingham, Lavenham, Long Melford, Mildenhall, and Thetford; among the methods, in which touches were rung, were Oxford, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent and Grandsire Triples.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Middlezoy, on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Bridgwater, Huntspill, Wembdon, Chedzoy, Middlezoy, and Enmore. Service was conducted by the Rev. W. Coney, of Middlezoy, who gave a very suitable address.—Tea was partaken at the schoolroom, and the business meeting followed.—It was decided to hold the next meeting of the branch at Huntspill some time in October.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. W. Coney for his kind welcome to the Association, and for the use of the bells; also to Miss L. Davis who kindly presided at the organ for the service.—The compliment was duly acknowledged, and an adjournment was then made to the tower, when various methods kept the bells rolling for the remainder of the evening.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting was held at Corbridge and Hexham, on Saturday. About 20 members sat down to tea at the Tynedale Hotel, the Vicar (the Rev. Canon H. Lonsdale) being present to welcome the Association. He particularly eulogised the advance ringers had made in church life and work in the last decade or so.—The President (Mr. C. L. Routledge) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and this was carried by acclamation.—The meeting deputed the President to write a letter of sympathy to the Rector of Whitham (the Rev. A. Albrook), an old and staunch supporter of the Association, on his protracted and very severe illness.

The Vicar afterwards showed the visitors over the very ancient church, parts of which, still in existence, date from the year 645 A.D. His descriptions were deeply interesting, and greatly appreciated by his audience. Hexham Abbey was later visited, and the bells kept going till 8 o'clock in Stedman and Plain Bob. Two 720's were rung on the Corbridge bells, besides many shorter touches—mostly Treble Bob.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FINCHLEY.

A very successful meeting of the North and East district was held at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday last. Ringers from various parts of the county, including Hendon, Harrow Weald, Hadley, Barnet, Hornsey, South Tottenham, Edmonton, Gospel Oak, Southgate, Clapton, and also from Walthamstow, met the local men, and soon after 3.30 the bells were set going to Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Grandsire Doubles for those who did not aspire to anything beyond.

A short service was held, which was well attended.—The Rector (the Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne), in the course of a striking address, welcomed the ringers to the service, saying how glad he was to see so many present. He reminded them that it was a great privilege to be a ringer and to hold office in the service of God. He hoped that all realised how holy was the office of calling to worship. To him it was especially sad that ringers should be so forgetful of the holiness of their office as to undertake the calling of others to worship without thinking themselves of the glory of God, and without remembering that the call was also meant for them. They should remember that ringing was a special work for God, and that they themselves should be real and regular worshippers, and seek after God in his Holy Sacraments.

The service over, the ringers proceeded to the Institute, where a company of over 40 sat down to tea, which was very kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens. The former presided at the subsequent meeting, at which thirteen new members were elected, amongst whom were the Rector of Finchley, who was made an honorary member of the Association.—The Hon. Secretary stated how pleased they all were at his presence there that day, and welcomed him as a member of their Association.—Mr. John Mackenny, of Messrs. Warner and Sons, who have recently rehung the Finchley bells, was also elected an hon. member.

THE LADIES' PEAL.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a vote of congratulation to the band of ladies who rang the peal at Cubitt Town the previous Saturday. It was a magnificent performance, and it said a great deal for their grit that they should start again after having already rung for something like two hours. They were especially proud of the lady who conducted the peal, Miss Parker, who was a member of their own Association, and he felt that they could not let such an occasion pass without expressing their admiration of such a splendid performance.—The proposal was carried unanimously.

The Master, Mr. J. Armstrong, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne for his kindness to them that day, saying that the members appreciated very much his kindly consideration for their welfare.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Parker, and carried with great applause.—The Rector, in reply, said that when he was approached on the subject of this meeting, he had no idea that such a number of ringers would attend. He was glad to have been able to do something to make them comfortable, and mentioned that their thanks were also due to the churchwardens, who had insisted on helping him in his efforts to make the meeting a pleasant one. He was very pleased to become a member of the Association, and wished it every success.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Stanmore, the date to be arranged by the secretary. Ringing in various methods was continued until past nine o'clock, and most of the ringers took advantage of the invitation of the Rector to stroll round the beautiful Rectory grounds, a kindness that was much appreciated.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Calverley on Saturday, and was attended by members and visitors from Holbeck, Hunslet, Headingley, Pudsey, Queensbury, Sunderland, Guiseley, Lincoln, and the local company. A peal of Treble Bob Major was attempted in the afternoon, but did not prove successful. Touches in various methods were then rung.—The business meeting was held at the Thornhill Arms, with the President in the chair.—After the ordinary business had been disposed of, Mr. B. G. S. Webb, of Headingley, and Mr. A. Farrar, of Calverley, were elected members of the society.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Calverley, and to the local company for making the necessary arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. W. Baxendale, and seconded by Mr. S. Ward.—Mr. S. Wheatley responded.—It was decided to leave the arrangements for a peal attempt at Drighlington, on August 24th, in the secretary's hands. —The tower bells were again rung, and courses of Grandsire, Kent and Oxford were rung on handbells.

NOTTINGHAM STEEPLEKEEPER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death, at the age of 62 years, of Mr. John Hickman, of Nottingham, which took place at his home on Thursday week. The final illness was extremely short, the deceased being able to visit London the previous week in order to seek special advice for his complaint, cancer in the throat. His jovial face and humorous company will be keenly missed in the district. For nearly 30 consecutive years he has been steeplekeeper at St. Peter's, Nottingham, and had rung some thirty odd peals, comprising Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Major and Royal. The interment took place on Tuesday, his brothers ringers fulfilling their customary final duties. The deceased re-married about two years ago, and leaves a widow, and two sons and two daughters by his former wife.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING AT WARWICK.

The ringers of the county were well represented in the county town on Saturday last. Members attended from Allesley, Berkswell, Coventry, Lutterworth, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke Golding, Stratford-on-Avon, Sutton Coldfield, Tamworth, and Warwick, with Messrs. Parsons and Butler from Old Hill and Gainsborough respectively, and the ten bells at St. Mary's and the eight at All Saints' were much in request during the afternoon and evening. Shortened evensong was said in St. Mary's Church, but Canon Baillie, of Rugby, who had promised to address the Guild, was unfortunately prevented from attending. He, however, sent as his substitute, the Rev. P. M. Herbert, who delivered a very able address on the privileges and duties of ringers as church-workers, taking as his text, Exodus xxxi, 1-6.

There was a large gathering at tea, which was partaken of at the Globe Hotel, and subsequently the business meeting was held.—The Rev. Alan Williams (President of the Guild) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Misses Williams, Mr. James George (Master), the Rev. C. Carew Cox (hon. secretary), Mr. W. G. Dickens (hon. treasurer), Mr. A. L. Coleman, of North Walsham (late hon. secretary), and about fifty members. Apologies were received from the Revs. Canon Blyth and H. C. Bell, Messrs. G. Martineau and J. Ambrose.

THE GUILD'S PROGRESS.

The Hon. Secretary read the committee's report for the year, which showed steady growth and improvement in the work of the Guild. The number of peals rung, viz., 25, constituted a record for the Guild. Noteworthy performances were a peal of London Surprise Major by the Rugby Company, a peal of Double Norwich Major by the local band at Stoke-in-Coventry, and a peal of Minor, in eight Treble Bob methods, by the Stoke Golding men. The number of members, after deducting seventeen, who have been struck off the register by the committee, now stood at 174, as against 155 last year.—The Hon. Treasurer read the statement of accounts, which showed a balance brought forward of £12 0s. 8d., and a balance in hand of £9 12s. 10d.—This was considered very satisfactory.

The Rev. Alan Williams, President, and the Vice-Presidents of the Guild were unanimously re-elected. Mr. James George was re-elected as Ringing Master; the Rev. C. Carew Cox as hon. secretary; Mr. W. G. Dickens as hon. treasurer; and Mr. J. Ambrose as hon. auditor. The following members were elected to serve on the committee: Messrs. E. H. Adams, Warwick; T. W. Chapman, Nuneaton; T. Bloore, Sutton Coldfield; A. James, Berkswell; G. A. Martineau, Solihull; A. Roberts, Stoke-in-Coventry. The names of twenty-one new members were brought forward for ratification and election, including Mr. F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

Mr. Bloore, of Sutton Coldfield, introduced the subject of Sunday service ringing, and suggested that some scheme be put into operation for allotting marks, according to attendance and the amount of ringing done. He asked that the Guild should consider the desirability of awarding a framed certificate to be held by the tower gaining the greatest number of marks during a period of twelve months, and if won by the same tower three years in succession, to become the absolute property of such tower.—Mr. Coleman supported, and pointed out that a similar scheme was already in operation in the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox also supported, while at the same time he did not think the ringers present needed reminding that Sunday service ringing was the first duty. Still, even if the duty was recognised, the scheme would offer some encouragement to carry out the duty in the best possible way. He thought it would be better not to be too hurried in the matter, as the details would require to be well discussed in order to prove absolutely fair to all towers.

On the suggestion of Mr. Dickens, a vote was taken as to whether the principle should be accepted, and the details left to be worked out by the committee.—This was carried with one dissentient.

A hearty vote of thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of their bells, to the organist of St. Mary's, to the Rev. P. M. Herbert for his address, and to the Rev. Alan Williams for presiding at the meeting, concluded the business.

Members then adjourned to St. Mary's tower, and ringing was indulged in until 9.0 p.m., the Misses Williams taking part. It is hoped that before very long these ladies will be joining the ranks of the peal ringers, and thus bring further honour to the Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING HELD IN CHURCHYARD.

A meeting of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, last Saturday. At a committee meeting, held in the vestry, representatives from the Rossendale, Manchester, Rochdale, Liverpool, Blackburn, Preston, Fylde, Bolton, Furness and Lake district branches attended.—A short service was conducted by the Rev. T. R. Sale, M.A., Vicar, and Rural Dean of Blackburn, and afterwards the branch meeting was held in the churchyard, the President of the Association (the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.) presiding. —The Rev. T. R. Sale, in welcoming the committee, gave a few encouraging remarks to the ringers.—Mr. W. Heaton and Mr. J. Watson were re-elected as branch president and secretary respectively, and Mr. W. E. Wilson was elected as representative to the committee.—It was proposed that the next branch peal be Oxford Treble Bob Major, and that the next branch meeting be held at Accrington, on Saturday, August 24th.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. H. J. Elsee for presiding.—During the afternoon and evening, the bells were kept going in various methods.

THE FIRST PEAL AT WROTHAM.

In connection with the recent peal at Wrotham, Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, writes: I beg to state that a peal of 5040 Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 18 mins., at Wrotham, Kent, on November 22nd, 1754, by the Leeds Youths. This was probably the first peal on the bells, for they had been made eight in that year. A peal of Bob Major (5472 changes) was also rung there in 3 hrs. 27 mins., on April 14th, 1884, conducted by F. G. Newman, so that the last peal of Major was not back in the 40's. Perhaps it will be of interest to Mr. Emery and the Exercise to know that the Leeds Youths rang the first peal on Bromley bells. The record is as follows: "On Monday, June 14th, 1773, a 5088 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hrs. 7 mins., by: William Davis 1, William Cook 2, William Tilby 3, Thomas Austin 4, George Tilby 5, John Freeland 6, James Barham 7, Thomas Lacy tenor." This was the first peal ever rung on the bells. It is, therefore, as well to be careful in claiming first peals for the future, for there are still some old records in existence, particularly as to Kent peals.

FOXTON NEW BELLS.

The village of Foxton, Leicestershire, was en fete on Thursday week, for on that day the new ring of six bells was to peal for the first time. For more than two centuries the old five bells had done duty until they threatened to bring the tower tumbling down, and after various estimates had been considered, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were entrusted with their restoration, which comprised recasting into six bells from the metal of the old five, and rehanging with all modern fittings in iron frame on steel girders, all the ancient inscriptions being re-produced. The conclusion of the work has given every satisfaction, and Thursday was set apart for the dedication. Dr Clayton, Bishop of Leicester, performed the ceremony, at which clergy from many adjacent parishes were present.—The Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Edmonds) took the service of shortened evensong down to the third collect, when the choir rendered Smart's Te Deum, in F. After the Bishop had formally handed over the bells to the custody of the Vicar and churchwardens in the customary manner, his lordship preached an appropriate discourse on "Go out into the highways and compel them to come in, that my House may be filled." At the close, the ringers' hymn, "Lifted high into the steeple," was sung, and the bells were rung by various members of the Midland Counties Association.—After tea, a band specially chosen for the occasion, returned to the church and rang a full peal of 5040 changes, which record will be found in its proper place. The new treble of 3¾ cwts. is inscribed: "In memory of Thomas Widdowson, B.A., Vicar of Foxton 1897—1903. Cast by Gillett and Johnston, 1912." The weight of the new tenor is 14 cwt.

PROPOSED LADIES' GUILD.

Will all Lady Ringers (tower or handbells) wishing to join the above Society, kindly communicate with Miss E. K. Parker, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, who will send full particulars.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM COOTER.

Another giant of the Art has gone to his rest. William Cooter, who more than 50 years ago was one of the foremost of the College Youths, and whose name is associated in scores of peals with such men as Henry Haley, John Cox, Matthew Wood, George Ferris, James Dwight and others, passed away on Sunday at the advanced age of 87. For many years Mr. Cooter had suffered from infirmities, and was a complete invalid.

We hope to be able to give some details of the ringing career of Mr. Cooter in our next issue, but we may add here that, among his many noteworthy performances, were the first peals of Stedman Triples and Stedman Cinques ever rung double-handed. This was as long ago as the year 1854.

The funeral will take place at Manor Park Cemetery to-morrow, Saturday, at 3.45 p.m. (Forest Gate or Manor Park Stations, Great Eastern Railway).

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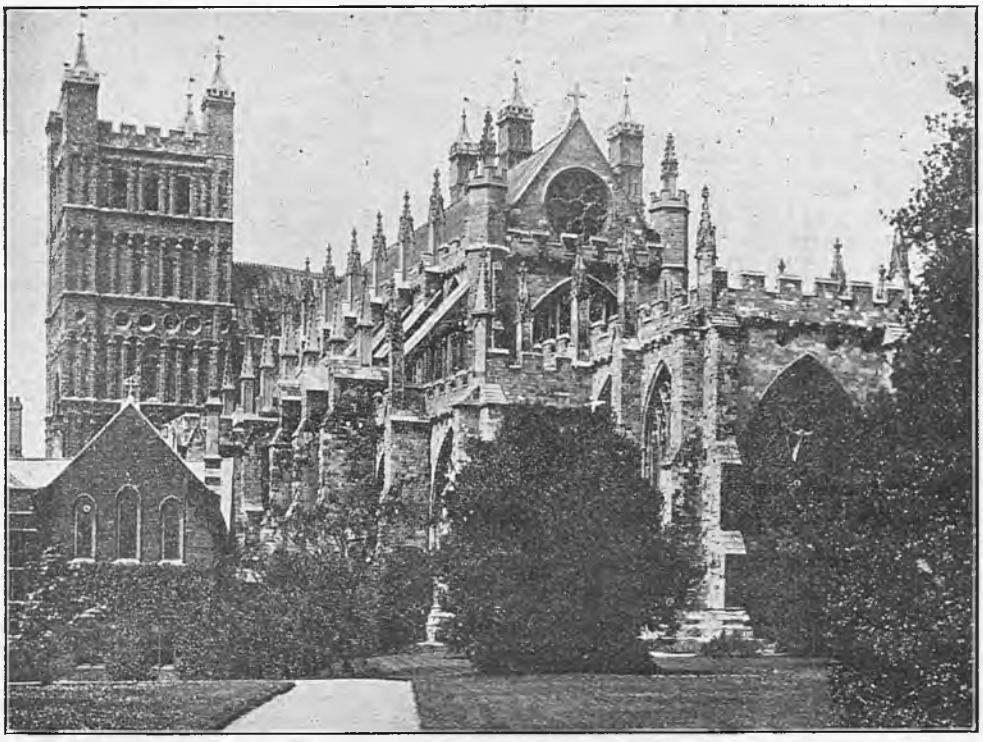
BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—EXETER.

By J. R. Jerram.

From the account of Exeter Cathedral bells by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, published in 1874, we find that there were ten bells as early as the 13th century. He quotes some records from the Fabric Rolls, in which the names of the bells appear, together with various items of expenses incurred in keeping them in repair. It is extremely unlikely that these ten bells formed a peal in any way, but were probably odd bells used for the various services in pre-Reformation times. Mr. Ellacombe gives a long list of rules in Latin for sounding the bells on various occasions—"De pulsatione campanarum in Ecclesia Exonieusi et modo pulsationis singulis diebus per annum." —*i.e.*, "Concerning the chiming of the bells in Exeter Cathedral and the manner of sounding them for each day throughout the year." In the inventory of the 6th year of Edward VI we find that there were eight bells in one of the towers and five in the other.

Later on we find agreements for recasting various bells, at different times, with John Birdall, Thomas Purdue, and other founders. How the peal was augmented from eight to ten is a mystery. It certainly was not done by adding two trebles in the usual way. In 1678 Mr. Warren, bell-hanger, was paid £60 for hanging the bells "to be rung upon the sally," *i.e.*, hanging them for ringing as we understand the term in the present day. Before that date presumably they were only hung with half wheels, to be swung just high enough to strike both sides. Before going further it must be observed that the peal really consists of eleven bells; that is to say, there is an extra fourth bell, half a note below the real fourth of the ten. This enables a peal of six to be formed with the seventh as a tenor; locally known as the "Cobthorne" peal, the seventh being named "Cobthorne" after Dean Cobthorne, the donor.

Before 1902 no peal was ever attempted here; in fact it would have been well nigh impossible; not only from the bad "go" of the bells, but from the position in which the ropes descended. The bells were hung in a timber frame, all swinging the same way, and the ropes fell in ranks as follows, counting from left to right: First row 1, 2, 3, 4; second row 6, 5, 4 flat; third row 7, 8; fourth row 10, 9. In 1902 the bells were all rehung in a substantial iron frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who recast the fifth and tenor at the same time adding 10 cwt. more metal to the tenor, which now weighs 72 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs., and is by far the heaviest and grandest tenor in England, measuring just six feet in diameter. Since the above date several peals have been rung on the bells, the "go" of which, considering their immense weight, leaves nothing to be desired.



Exeter Cathedral and the South Tower.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.

W E. RECAST 1729.

Second.

I. H. Anno Do. 1616 [fleur de lys].

Third.

IOHN . PENNINGTON . OF . EXON .
NEW . CAST . ME . ANNO . DOMINI . 1658

Fourth.

THO - PERDVE - ME - FECIT - ANNO -
DOMINI - 1676 - EX - IMPENSIS - DECANI -
ET - CAPITVLI - EXON -

Flat Fourth.

RENOVAT : EX : IMPENSIS : DECANI : ET : CAPITVLI : EXON : THO : PENNINGTON : NEW : CAST : ME : ANNO : DOMINI : 1630 [ornamental border].

Fifth.

RECAST AT EXPENSE OF A.M., DEAN. 1902. EX IMIS FUIMUS, SIDERA SCANDIMUS O [reverse of coin of late King Edward VII, also border of vine leaves and acorns].

Sixth.

RENOVAT : EX : IMPENSIS : DECANI : ET : CAPITOLI : EXON : ANNO : DOMINI : 1693 : T. P. [ornamental border].

Seventh.

EX * DONO * IOHANNIS * COBTHORNI * QVONDAM * DECANI * EXON * TH * PVRDVE * FECIT * RENOVAT * EX * IMPENSIS * DECANI * ET * CAPITVLI * EXON * ANNO * DOMINI * 1676 * [ornamental frieze].

Eighth.

WILLIAM EVANS FECIT. RECAST 1729.

Ninth.

EX * DONO * EDMVNDI * STAFFORD * EPISCOPI * EXON * PER * THO * PERDVE * RENOVAT * EX * IMPENSIS * DECANI * ET * CAPITVLI * EXON * ANNO * DOM * 1676 * [ornamental frieze].

Tenor.

EX DONO JOHANNIS GRANDISON (3) [medallion bearing the head of Laud] EPISCOPI EXON. GULIEL EVANS FECIT 1729.

RECAST 1902. IOHN TAYLOR AND CO. [border of vine leaves and acorns].

The meaning of the words "Renovat ex impensis," etc., on the 4th, flat 4th, 6th, 7th and 9th simply means that these bells were recast at the expense of the Dean and Chapter; the seventh being the gift of John Cobthorne, Dean, the ninth that of Bishop Edmund Stafford, and the tenor that of Bishop John Grandison. The inscription on the recast fifth signifies "We originated from the depths, we ascend to the stars," referring to metal being dug from the earth and formed into bells, whose sound floats upwards.

In the north tower hangs *Great Peter*, which is inscribed as follows :—

EX . DONO . PETRI . COVRTENAY . EPISCOPI . EXON .
ANNO . DOM : 1484 . PLEBS : PATRIÆ : PLAVDIT : DVM : PETRVM : PLE (sic, for "plenius audit")
RENOVAT :
EX : IMPENSIS : DECANI : ET : CAPITVLI : EXON :
ANNO : DOMINI : 1676 . PER : THO : PVRDVE .

i.e., "The gift of Peter Courtenay, Bishop of Exeter, Anno Domini 1484. The people of the land applaud greatly when they hear Peter sound. Recast at the expense of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter, Anno Domini 1676, by Thomas Purdue."

The diameter of this bell is 6 feet 4 inches, and the thickness of the sound-bow 5 inches. In the account before me the weight is given as 6 tons 5 cwt., which, of course, is absurd. I should say that the weight is probably about four tons.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Readers are reminded that peals rung on Bank Holiday should be posted to us the same night if they are to secure insertion in next week's issue.

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No more peals are to be permitted at Egham, Surrey, this year, owing, we understand, to the complaints received from tradesmen in the neighbourhood. In future peals at this church will be limited to three per year. This is one of the towers where the bells are hung opposite the louvres, and where some benefit, at any rate, might be obtained by partially blocking up the openings.

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Mr. W. Spice, of Tunstall, has received the following further sums on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. A. J. Day : Gillingham band 4s. 6d., Sittingbourne 10s., making a total of £21 7s. 6d.

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Miss Elsie Bennett, whose performances on handbells are unique among ladies, took part last Friday in a peal of Bob Maximus. She is thus the first lady to ring a twelve-bell peal.

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By the way, when may we expect the first peal on handbells by ladies? The tower bell peal by the fair sex has been rung, and the handbell peal ought not to be far off. We think we could name a band that would make a good show if they could meet and practice a bit.

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St. Mellon's, near Cardiff, Church tower is being restored, and efforts are being made to obtain a ring of bells.

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It is understood that nothing will be decided as to the rehanging of St. Woolos bells, Newport, Mon., until after August. These bells have been idle since Easter, but funds are being collected for the purpose of rehanging.

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The success of the ladies at Cubitt Town has, as might have been expected, given great pleasure among ringers generally, and at two meetings, at least, on Saturday—the Llandaff and the Middlesex—resolutions of congratulation were passed.

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St. Oswald's Church, Lower Peover, Cheshire, possesses a ring of six bells (tenor 9 cwt.), and it has now been decided to have them recast and rehung in a steel frame as a memorial to the late Rev. Arthur Guest, who was Vicar from 1877 to 1911. The bells are to be recast into a new ring of six with a 12 cwt. tenor, and the work is to be carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

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The Rev. H. Law James' system of ringing more than one Minor method in a true 720 is gradually extending among Minor ringers, and for the first time a peal on these lines has been rung by the Midland Counties Association. At Burton-on-Trent ten methods have been rung in a 5040 on handbells, a performance not only new to the M.C.A., but the first ever rung "in hand" containing as many methods as this. It only goes to show that Mr. James' system will eventually hold the field among progressive Minor ringers if only sufficient knowledge on the matter is obtained.

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"THE LADIES' PEAL."

JULY 20th, 1912.

Like a breath of summer laden, like a cheery ray of hope
Is the sight of gentle maiden, deftly handling of a rope.
Welcome girlhood to our science, sunlight sweet our pathway cross,
You can win by the alliance all the silver from our dross.

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You have read of Boadicea? You have heard of Joan of Arc.
You have known both sage and seer who have tried to make their mark.
But I sing the art of ringing to my harp—Ah! hand it down;
Tribute paid is to the ladies for their peal at Cubitt Town.

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Years ago the bells of Britain called for men of muscle strong.
Hangings vile made many a "Titan" toil through weary peal and long.
But at length there came a guerdon, engineering science led.
From our shoulders dropped the burden—woman took it up instead!

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One by one their ranks grew stronger, and perchance the thought would steal
O'er their minds, e'er years were longer, one day they would ring a peal.
Aye, one day they'd stand together as their brother ringers stood,
Show the world around them whether theirs was test of womanhood.

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And at last that day had broken! Now had come the fateful hour.
Eight young women by a token climbed within the belfry tower.
Bared were arms and bared to shoulder, ready for the captain's call.
Hoping as the day grew older for the welcome "this is all."

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Sarah Pigott took the treble, representing Worcester's Guild,
Eva Belcher on the second; bonnie girl of sturdy build.
Lilian Willson came from Leicester, rang the third, and struck it, too.
Mary Jukes—a true "So-'wester," rang as good Bristolians do.

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From the place where once the donor of "Pilgrim's Progress" scorned a peal,
Came to ring the 5th in honour—Bedford's delegate Eva Steel.
Next stood Portishead's fair daughter—Nellie Gillingham her name.
Sweet bell music sought and caught her, and it brought her into fame.

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Edith Parker—aye, "the peerless," at the 7th she took her stand.
History will tell how fearless a conductress led the band—
Through the ripples of the triples, on its consummation bent,
With Clara Beasley ringing easily at the tenor, on they went.

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Everyone now knows the story, how through three long hours or more
They had rung till theirs the glory when they left the belfry floor.
Tell it out and tell it ever how the ladies brought renown
To our Art by their endeavour, and the peal at Cubitt Town.

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Is the sight of gentle maiden deftly handling of a rope.
Welcome girlhood to our science, sunlight sweet our pathway cross,
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W. W.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT OVERBURY.

A most successful meeting of the Southern branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Overbury, on Saturday last, and despite the inclement weather was well attended, ringers being present from Evesham, Pershore, Hampton, Fladbury, Great and Little Comberton, Malvern, Upton-on-Severn, and Madresfield.—Service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. Lea) gave a most eloquent address, taking for his text, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle."—After service, a most substantial meat tea was partaken of in the Village Hall, the Vicar and Mr. W. S. Ancill (churchwarden) being among those present.—A business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, and he and Mr. W. S. Ancill were elected honorary members. Eight performing members were also elected, and it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Overbury, with Mr. L. Nichols as conductor. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Church Lench.—A vote of sympathy was passed with the Rev. J. M. Walker, Vicar of Evesham, who has undergone an operation for appendicitis.—Upon the proposition of Mr. J. Hemming, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding, for his most interesting address, for the use of the bells, and providing such a splendid tea; also to Mr. W. S. Ancill for his presence, and to the ladies, who so ably attended to the ringers' wants.—The Vicar briefly replied, saying he hoped the Association would at some future time pay them another visit. He invited them to view the Vicarage gardens, an invitation which was gladly accepted. Permission was also given to the ringers to view the beautiful and extensive gardens of Sir Richard Martin, Bart., which are a perfect picture, the water lilies, waterfalls, and Irish bogs being much admired. The time for departure arrived all too soon, and the ringers left, some by brake and others by cycle, with pleasant memories and the hope of paying another visit to the pretty village of Overbury.—Beckford and Kemerton bells were also available, and were utilised afternoon and evening.

RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND.

THE FIRST 720'S IN THE DOMINION.

Nothing, perhaps, is more interesting to members of the Exercise, than ringing news from overseas. We have in the past been able to publish information from Canada and Australia, and this week we have received news from New Zealand, where, in the city of Auckland, an effort is being made to give change ringing a footing. The band at St. Matthew's Church, where the bells are, has recently been augmented by the brothers S. C. and E. J. Hamblin, who learned their ringing at Hersham, Surrey, and who migrated to Auckland from Napier a few months ago. Most of the company is made up of ringers from England, with one or two from Australia, and one New Zealander. On June 3rd, 720 of Bob Minor was rung to celebrate the King's birthday: J. Heather 1, O. Throssell 2, P. Guppy 3, E. J. Hamblin 4, A. J. White 5, S. C. Hamblin (conductor) 6. Another 720 had been previously rung, on May 24th, with a covering bell, by: P. Barringer 1, A. J. White 2, O. Throssell 3, P. Guppy 4, E. J. Hamblin 5, S. C. Hamblin (conductor) 6, H. Burridge 7. These are the first 720's on the bells, and probably the first in the Dominion.

Mr. S. C. Hamblin writes: The bells are a fine peal of eight, cast in 1862 by J. Warner and Sons, tenor 19¼ cwt. They were first placed in the Crystal Palace Exhibition, and then were shipped to St. Mary's Cathedral, Parnell, Auckland. Now, the Cathedral is only a wooden building, with no tower, and, of course, the bells had to be fixed upon the ground and just chimed. In the meantime, St. Matthew's Church was built, and built of stone. Having a good strong tower, the bells were lent to St. Matthew's Parish, and were then placed in the tower, and in the event of a new Cathedral being built they may have to go there.

It seems to have been a great struggle to get on with change ringing. At first there was a band of about 30 or 40 men, who didn't even know how to manage a bell. It must have been an awful time for people living around, but after a bit, one or two change ringers came along and began to shape things up a bit. Then more came up, but when they had begun to get on well one or two had to leave the town. This year my brother and I have turned up, and we are already making good progress in Grandsire Triples. Of the 30 or 40 men who started in the tower there is not one left.

We shall be glad to see any ringers who are thinking of coming to New Zealand, and it is for that reason I am sending this photo of the church to let ringers know that there is a belfry here where they will be welcome. We have a set of 36 handbells in the tower, and are going in for tune ringing. Any communications may be sent to the secretary, St. Matthew's Vicarage, Auckland.

ST. MATTHEW'S, AUCKLAND, N.Z.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well, an attempt will be made on Monday next by five members of the Winchester Guild for a peal of Stedman Caters, 22,222 changes. Ringing will take place in Holy Trinity belfry, Guildford, starting about 8 a.m.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

CHELTENHAM.

About twenty members of the Cheltenham and District Guild took part in the annual outing to Birmingham. They were met by Mr. J. Groves and Mr. W. H. Godden, who had previously arranged an admirable programme for the day's outing. The party at once made for St. Chad's Church, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round. Soon afterwards dinner was partaken of at the Old Royal Hotel, where Host Dee had provided a most excellent spread. Afterwards, the ringers, accompanied by Mr. Albert Walker, boarded a tram car for West Bromwich, where they were met by that good old veteran, Mr. Sam Reeves. The ten back bells were raised in peal, and a touch of Stedman Caters was brought round. Later, Stedman Cinques was rung. After tea, the beautiful peal of twelve at St. Martin's, Birmingham, were visited. Here, also, some good touches of Stedman Cinques were rung with the local members. In the evening, the ringers adjourned to the headquarters of the St. Martin's Guild, and an enjoyable musical evening was spent. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Miller, Walker, Pates and Phillott; and, to the delight of all present, Mr. Harry Withers tapped off a touch of Stedman Triples (Mr. Walker conducting), and later, a perfect course of London Surprise Major, besides many other selections on his dulcimer. The handbells also afforded enjoyment at various intervals. Great praise is due to the Birmingham ringers for arranging such an enjoyable day, and the memories of this outing will ever remain in the minds of the Cheltenham Guild. The ringers also wish to thank, through the medium of "The Ringing World," the clergy of the various chuches for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD, CARDIFF.

The St. John's Guild, Cardiff, were accompanied on their annual outing on July 16th by Mr. Allen (the verger), and Messrs. Dawe, Harris and Cox, of Llandaff Cathedral. Leaving Cardiff at 8 a.m. by the pleasure steamed, "Devonia," the party arrived at Bristol at 10 o'clock. After a stroll over Durdan Downs, Clifton, the Parish Church of St. Andrew's was visited. Here they were met by Mr. Wilkins, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob and Kent Major were rung.—After dinner, St. Mary, Redcliffe, was visited, the beautiful peal of twelve bells having been secured for the party for an hour by special favour.—Mr. P. W. H. Came met the ringers, who, after viewing the magnificent church, rang touches of Grandsire Cinques and Caters, and Stedman Caters. It may be mentioned that this was the first time the visitors had rung on twelve bells. Good use was made of them during the afternoon, and the ringing was much enjoyed by all. An adjournment to the "Admiral Duncan" was then made, where a sumptuous tea was enjoyed, Messrs. Wilson, May and Knight joining the party. Mr. Knight having made arrangements for ringing at St. Stephen's, the band made their way to this tower, and Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Kent and Forward Major were rung.—Afterwards, at the "Admiral Duncan," a pleasant evening was spent, songs being rendered by Messrs. Miller, Barker and Wilkins, the latter presiding at the piano. The company afterwards made tracks to Hotwells, to board the boat, and a pleasant journey of a couple of hours brought them to Cardiff at 12 o'clock.—The ringers wish to thank the Vicars of the various churches for the use of the bells, and also to Messrs. Wilkins, May, Knight and P. W. H Came for the arrangements made, and for their pleasant company during the day. They hope to have the pleasure of reciprocating this kindness in the future.

WHITFIELD.

Through the kind permission and generosity of the Vicar, church officers, and other gentry, the ringers of St. James', Whitfield, and their wives, had their annual outing on Sunday week, the places visited being Tideswell, Ashford-in-the-Water, and Buxton. A start was made at 6 a.m., by brakes, to Hayfield, then on by Chapel-en-le-Frith to Tideswell for breakfast, which was in readiness and greatly enjoyed at the Horse and Jockey Hotel. After a stroll round the quaint old village and a visit to the church, the journey was continued through the lovely Monsal Dale to Ashford, where time for a walk round and inspection of the church was allowed. The party then proceeded to Buxton, through Taddington and Ashwood Dale, where the foliage was at its best. Tea was partaken of at the White Lion Hotel. After about an hour or so in Buxton the return journey was made through Chapel-en-le-Frith and Hayfield, home being reached shortly before ten. The party were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs Richard Newton, of Manchester.

ERDINGTON.

The ringers and friends of the Erdington Parish Church visited Chepstow for their seventh annual outing. They were met by the son of Mr. A. Prickett, who had made arrangements to show the visitors round the ancient place, and they inspected Chepstow Castle and St. Mary Church, besides taking a general survey of the town.

Returning to the George Hotel, which were the headquarters for the day, justice was done to a splendid lunch served by the host. The afternoon was spent in a walk to the famous Wynd Cliff and Moss Cottage, the visitors enjoying the scenery from the top of the cliff, some 900ft. high. After tea, the church was visited, and with Mr. A. Prickett (tower keeper), a touch of Stedman Triples was rung. A small party of ringers from Bristol came to the tower with their Vicar, and joined in some Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. The touch over, they thanked the ringers of Erdington and Mr. Prickett, and departed. Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were afterwards rung. The visitors and some of the Chepstow ringers then adjourned to the George for a quiet hour, before returning by the 9.0 p.m. train to Birmingham, the last stage of the journey to Erdington being completed by brake, home being reached about 12.45 a.m. The best thanks of the party are due to the Rev. P. Dewe for permission to ring, and to Mr. A. Prickett and friends for helping to make the day a most enjoyable one.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

A very successful quarterly meeting of St. Martin's, Guild, Birmingham, was held at Perry Barr, on Saturday last, when members were present from Birmingham (St. Martin's and Bishop Ryder's), Erdington (Parish Church), Handsworth, Sutton Coldfield, Lichfield, Walsall, Aston, West Bromwich, Selly Oak and Boldmere.

The name of Perry Barr will be well known to those ringers who have taken an interest in football as the home, until a few years ago of the Aston Villa. Many a hard battle has been fought and won, many a reputation made and lost on ground which, sad to relate, is now completely covered with houses. However, it is the church, and not the old football ground which claims the attention of ringers, and this is charmingly situated about three miles north of Birmingham, on the Walsall Road. It was built and endowed in 1833 by the late Mr. John Gough. The tower contains a peal of eight bells by Taylor (tenor 13¾ cwts.) hung in 1868 to the memory of the fourth Lord Calthorpe.

Favoured with fine weather, a goodly number of members put in an appearance, and an excellent tea was partaken of in the gardens of the pretty little village tavern, followed by the business meeting.

The tower was again visited, and during the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, were successfully accomplished.

About nine o'clock the members foregathered in the "best parlour" of the aforesaid village tavern for a social evening, when a very enjoyable time was spent. Unfortunately the handbells were missing, but as in ringing, so in singing, St. Martin's Guild is never short of talent, and it was soon found that there were more members anxious to show their ability in this direction than time would allow. With Mr. Walker at the piano, excellent songs were rendered by Messrs. Faux, Withers, Perry (and friend), Wells and Laflin. Mr. Harry Withers invoked loud applause for his fine rendering of "Sweet Bob Major," in the absence of the holder of the copyright.

The members wish to thank, through this medium, the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the genial towerkeeper, Mr. Charles Williams, for having everything in apple-pie order, and for the hearty welcome extended to them.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Boldmere.

HERE AND THERE.

At the annual meeting of the Cheshunt ringers, when there were present the Rev. C. B. Law (Vicar), in the chair, Messrs. Hargreaves and T. S. Blockey (churchwardens), and the whole of the ringers and probationers, Mr. H. G. Rowe was unanimously elected conductor of the society; Mr. G. Andrew, treasurer; and R. Smith, steeplekeeper.—It was arranged that the society should meet for practice every Thursday evening, 7.30 to 9 p.m., and at 10 a.m. on the third Sunday in each month, other Sundays at 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. The band will be pleased to welcome any brother ringers, and all information can be obtained from H. G. Rowe, 160, High Street, Cheshunt, Herts. The band intend to practice Stedman and Bob Major during the coming winter, and also to form a double-handed handbell company.

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The Marlborough branch held a meeting at Savernake, on Saturday last, when a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Eight Savernake ringers were made members of the Guild. Owing to local circumstances, the branch cannot be entertained at Compton Bassett in August. It was, therefore, decided to drop the August meeting and hold the next in September, at Marlborough. To make up the number of meetings, two will be held in October, viz., at Hilmarton and Milton Silbourne.

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The York Town district of the Winchester Guild had a very pleasant cycling meeting on Saturday, when a party, numbering about a dozen, visited Egham and Chertsey. At the former church, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung, and at the latter Grandsire and Stedman.

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The Guildford district of the Guild held a meeting at Cobham on Saturday week. There was a good attendance, but owing to a tennis party being in progress near the church, ringing had to be curtailed.

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On Saturday, July 27th, at the Parish Church, Windsor, touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples were rung by the following members of the Oxford Guild: Messrs. J. J. Parker, A. C. Fussell, R. Flaxman, W. Welling, E. Hooper, G. Allden, W. Henley, J. H. Cropley. The ringing was in honour of the marriage of Miss Elsie Fussell to Mr. F. C. Schmid. The ringers were afterwards entertained to supper at the Ship Hotel by the father of the bride, Mr. A. C. Fussell, and an enjoyable social evening was spent.

NOTICES.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. —George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Bank Holiday, August 5th, and will consist of a tour in the Hope Valley, including Hathersage, Hope and Castleton. The bells of Hope (6) and Castleton (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Those of Hathersage (6) for a limited time during the afternoon or evening as may be arranged. Any ringers requiring the use of Hope or Castleton bells before about 3 p.m. please advise me as soon as possible. The society's handbells will be available at Castleton, where a short business meeting will be held during the afternoon. Meals easily obtainable at Castleton at various places. Trains leaves Sheffield (M.R.) at 10.28, 12.25, and afterwards at short intervals. Return fares from Sheffield to Hope (for Castleton) 1s. 7d., to Hathersage 1s. 3d.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 5th. Bells available: Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6). Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea at the Fitzwilliam Temperance Hotel; meeting after.—F. T. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 25th annual festival will be held at Chester on Monday, August 5th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Full particulars by circular. —Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—An all-day meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday, commencing at 11 a.m. The bells at Yateley, Hawley and Yorktown will be available during the day. Tea will be held at Yorktown, commencing at 4.45 p.m., and will be followed with a business meeting and short social till 8.30 p.m. Visitors will be gladly welcome. Full particulars can be obtained on application to G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, SURREY. — This tower will be open as usual, and visitors welcome on Bank Holiday, August 5th. Flower show and sports in Beddington Park. The bells ready at 3 p.m.—A. J. Trappitt, steeplekeeper.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 6th and 20th, at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 6th, at Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 15th and 29th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Middleton on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Nominations for branch president and committeeman to be sent in for this meeting.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Worthmoor, Oldham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W., on Saturday, August 17th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7.35 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—Wm. H. Hotten, Hon. Sec., 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at Frankfield after the service, by the kindness of the Misses Wilkinson. All members intending to attend the meeting are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, August 21st.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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 AND WANTED.

FITTER AND TURNER.—Improver required; must be good change ringer.—Apply "Cyclops," c/o "Ringing World" Office, Woking.

SITUATION WANTED as GARDENER. Would take charge of small garden; no objection to pony and trap. Married. Change ringer on five and six bells.—W. Little, Parsonage Downs, Dunmow, Essex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT WOODFORD.

In glorious weather, about 40 members, including Miss C. Playle, of the Dagenham band, of the South Western Division of the Essex Association attended a meeting, held at Woodford, on Saturday week. Several touches were rung on the peal of six at St. Mary's before a short service, at which the Rector (the Rev. Saunders) gave an excellent address, taking as his text, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draft." He urged the ringers not only to ring to call others to worship, but not to fail to attend the services themselves.

After tea, which the Rector had kindly invited the ringers to partake of on his lawn, the business side of the meeting was attended to. The following new members were elected: Messrs. G. T. Clayton, and Robt. Maynard, senr., of Walthamstow; H. Saffell, Leytonstone; Petty and A. Cornell, of Wanstead; A. Newman, Woodford; Wm. Vale, of Chigwell Row; E. Wigg, West Ham.—West Ham was proposed, and carried unanimously, as the place where the annual meeting should be held in October.—After the Rector had given a most hearty welcome to the Association, the Master (Mr. G. A. Black) thanked him for his kindness, in entertaining the ringers, for the use of his bells, and his address at the service. The ringers again visited the tower, and the bells were kept going in various plain and Surprise methods. Some of the ringers, including Miss Playle, made their way to Wanstead, and rang several touches of Plain and Treble Bob on the peal of six bells at Christ Church.

A collection in aid of the fund for the restoration of Shoreditch bells was made, and realised 12s. 6d.

"RUSPER" TREBLE BOB.

In reply to Mr. A. T. King's inquiry as to the method "Rusper." Mr. W. Denman writes that it was composed by Thomas Potter, of Rusper, in the year 1813. A plain lead of the method is a bob lead of Woodbine, and a bob lead a plain lead of Woodbine.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

KING'S NORTON.—On the occasion of the funeral of the late Mr. F. Palmer, who up to 1892 was a ringer at King's Norton Church, a muffled touch of Kent Treble Bob, by: W. Palmer 1, H. Wilson (Pendlebury) 2, J. Withers 3, T. Pritchett 4, A. Chambers 5, F. Withers 6, J. George 7, J. S. Pritchett 8. Deceased had rung as far as 1260 Grandsire Triples, but did not care to go for peals.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 2nd, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Fred Roope (conductor) 1. C. Baker 2, T. Allen 3, R. Whiting 4, G. Baxter 5, F. Surridge 6, H. Garnham 7, C. Roope 8.

GRIMSBY.—An attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob came to grief in the last three courses: A. B. Shephard 1, H. Rushby 2, D Brierly (Sheffield) 3, A. Barratt (Nottingham) 4, F. H. Dexter (Leicester) 5, P. C. Long 6, C. Taylor 7, T. W. Seamer (conductor) 8.

DEPTFORD.—For evening service, at St. John's Church, on June 16th, 1022 Grandsire Triples: R. Fosdike 1, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 2, J. Law 3, F. W. Richardson 4, A. G. Bennington 5. W. Daynes 6, J. Crowder 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On June 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: *B. Gale 1, Miss Gillingham 2, E. Goldstone 3, Miss Jukes (conductress) 4, W. Watts (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham 7, *A. Colbourne 8. * First quarter-peal.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On June 16th, at St. John's Church, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins.: J. Hurrell 1, J. Hedger 2, E. Crowther 3, H. Wilkes 4, F. Fraser 5, W J. Browning (conductor) 6.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On handbells, 688 and 672 Bob Major, conducted by A. P. Wakley, and 1344 Bob Major, conducted by W. Shercliff: W. Shercliff 1—2, Charles Sanders 3—4, Albert P. Wakley 5—6, Miss Winifred Sanders 7—8 Also 720 of Bob Minor: C. Sanders 1—2, W. Shercliff 3—4, A. P. Wakley 5—6.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, June 16th, in honour of the first visit of the Bishop of Birmingham, quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Jennings 1, C. Waithman 2, B. Claydon 3, G. Roberts 4, W. Allsopp 5, T. Bloore (composer and conductor) 6, B. Leedham 7, J. Reynolds 8.

STANSTED, ESSEX. — On June 14th, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Jordan 1, W. T. Prior 2, G. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, F. M. Butler 5, T. Jordan 6, T. J. Watts 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Butler.—On Sunday, June 16th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Watts (conductor) 1, W. Prior 2, G. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, T. Jordan 6, W. T. Prior 7, A. Jordan 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1. F. M. Butler, conductor.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—Several cyclist ringers recently visited Martley Church and rang 720 Bob Minor, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Oxford Bob, and 720 College Single. Those who took part were: Rev. J. F. Hastings, Messrs. Banks, G. Hinton, junr., L. Longney, E. Gibbs, S. Eaton, J. Woodyatt, W. Davies, W. Ranford, J. Warman and W. Edgington. All the 720's were conducted by L. Longney. The Rector (the Rev. J. F. Hastings) invited the ringers to a splendid tea, which was very much appreciated.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Page 1, G. Cross 2, G. Wines 3, James Cross 4, T. Hamlin 5, W. Page 6, T. Page 7, T. Weaver 8. J. Cross' first quarter-peal as conductor in any method.—On June 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Cross 1, W. Seeley 2, J. Cross 3, F Stedman 4, W. Page 5, G. Wines 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, H. Crabbe 8. Arranged for W. Seeley and F. Stedman, visitors from Merthyr.

SPALDING.—At the Parish Church, on June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: R. Smith 1, J. T. Brown 2, S. Maddison 3, W. Bennett 4, H. Eley 5, J. Locke 6, R. Mackman 7, *J. Adcock 8. * First quarter-peal.

AVENING, GLOS.—On June 12th, at Holy Cross Church, 720 of Bob Minor: N. Coates 1, A. A. Townsend 2, C. Mauler 3, H. Stratford 4, G. Edmunds (conductor) 5, J. Singleton 6. First 720 of Minor ever rung on the bells, and the first by all the band.

KENNINGTON.—On June 22nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1330 Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original: E. S. Garnett 1, A. Walton 2, H. J. Walton 3, K. H. Wyatt 4, Alec Miller 5, Arch Miller 6 G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Wightman 8.—On June 16th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. W. Welbourne 1, H. Walton 2, rest as above.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE.—At Brookfield Church, on June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. C. Ingram (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Ryder 2, J. Turner 3, A. Barnes (conductor) 4, G. P. Ingram 5, H. Gaskell 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, H. Jones 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On June 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Wolstencroft 1, J. Hall 2, J. W. Holme 3, H. Holme (first 504) 4, R. Wimpenny 5, H. Palmer 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, H. Barton 8.—On June 23rd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Scott (first 500 away from tenor), treble. In the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Mills (first 504), treble.

NUTFIELD.—On June 18th, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor: T. S. Leeson 1, F. Hawkins 2, W. Cheesman 3, O. Gilbey 4, W. Bashford 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On June 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: —. Pickering 1, C. H. Briggs 2, H. Wright 3, H. Briggs 4, T. Wright 5, J. Garratt 6, W. H. Inglesant (conductor) 7, N. Walker 8. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the Prince of Wales.

BARNES.—On Sunday, June 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. Jacobs 1, E. H. Cook 2, H. Barrett 3, H. Stevens 4, G. Isles 5, F. F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. F. W. Hunt 7, J. Wilmott 8. Rung to commemorate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' birthday.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, June 23rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. James, junr. (first quarter-peal) 1, A. E. Newick (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 2, G. Durling (conductor) 3, I. Emery 4, S. Marshall 5, G. Huxley 6, A. James, senr., 7, A. Bygrave 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 26th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: E. C. Boniface 1, W. Otway 2, W. Messam 3, A. H. Winch 4, W. Marks (conductor) 5, A. C. Otway 6, A. Dean 7, E. Hall 8.

GRAVESEND.—On June 21st, 518 Grandsire Triples: W. Gates 1, J. Buries (conductor) 2, A. N. O. Yarmouth 3, R. Smith 4, R. Tall 5, A. Martin 6, R. Constant 7, E. Hadlow 8. First in the method as conductor. 418 Stedman Triples, longest touch in the method by F. Mitchell.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 23rd, on the occasion of the choir sermons, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: F. Turner 1, B. Greatorex (conductor) 2, B. Hilditch 3, F. Johnson 4, B. Sowter 5, G. Bowner 6, W. Fox 7, E. Allen 8.

WHITBY.—On June 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Steel 1, Wm. Breckon 2, A. Coates 3, Wm. Harland 4, Wm. Knaggs 5, J. Waters 6, Frank Hodgson (conductor) 7, M. Stapley 8.—On Sunday, June 23rd, 1056 Grandsire Triples: T. Steel 1, Wm. Breckon 2, C. Miller (longest touch) 3, Wm. Harland 4, Wm. Knaggs 5, J. Waters 6, A. Coates 7, M. Stapley 8. On Sunday, June 30th, 840 Grandsire Triples by the same band.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On June 22nd, at St. Lawrence's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Moulden 1, R. W. Hyner 2, W. G. Lancaster 3, F. Looker 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On June 24th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Bob Minor: G. Lancaster 1, C. Gilbert (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, E. Manton 3, T. Moulden 4, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 5, F. Looker 6.—On July 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. J. Gilbert (first in the method) 1, T. Moulden 2, R. W. Hyner 3, G. Lancaster 4, J. Tuckwell (first in the method) 5, W. G. Lancaster (conductor) 6. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor.

SWANSEA.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 420 Stedman Triples: F. Curtis 1, J. Hoare 2, W. Bolton (of Cardiff) 3, P. Kneath 4, J. Davies 5, C. Hoare 6, F. Morgan (conductor) 7, E. Davies 8.—On June 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Curtis 1, P. Kneath 2, F. Morgan 3, C. Hoare 4, J. Hoare (conductor) 5, J. Davies 6.—On June 11th, 252 Stedman Triples: A. W. Brighton (conductor) 1, P. Kneath 2, W. Rice 3 C. Morse 4, F. Morgan 5, C. Hoare 6, J. Hoare 7, E. Davies 8.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE. — On June 24th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Ranford 1, W. C. Jones 2, R. G. Knowles 3, W. Page 4, A. Winterton 5, J. R. Newman (conductor) 6.

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