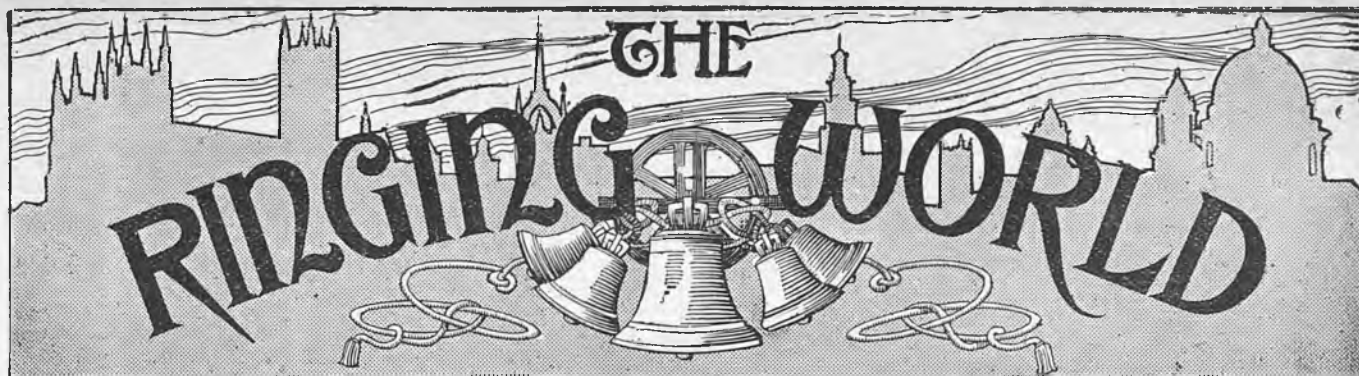




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Gentlemen,

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.

JUVENILE RINGERS.

The development of the Art of change ringing in recent years has been marked in no department more than in that of the production of juvenile ringers. There are veritable prodigies in the Exercise in these days, and, like record breaking in other ways, it seems doubtful when the limit will be reached. The handbell peal by the Johnson children, at Hampton, near Evesham, is unquestionably a wonderful performance. We hear from time to time of very young folk ringing touches on handbells with the assistance of grown-ups, but for three children, whose average age is under 12 years, to score unaided a 5040, makes one gasp in amazement. That the three children should be all of them members of one family, and two of them girls, is no less remarkable. The aptitude for ringing must have been inherited by these young people.

Even the method, which was Grandsire Doubles, is not to be accounted as nothing. For ringers with a wide experience it may be simple, but for those who are beginners it has its difficulties, and Master Johnson must be very smart for his twelve years to be able to call the six-scores from the two working bells and in ten different ways. Writing of this peal, Mr. J. Hemming, one of the umpires, says: "I can assure you it was a very interesting sight to see those children ringing as though they had been in practice for years. The calling was perfect all through, and the striking good." It is not surprising that Mr. Johnson and his children have received numerous congratulations from all parts of England upon the performance. We feel certain that the photograph we give of the three young people on another page will be of much interest.

But it is not only with handbells that the juveniles are making strides. In the tower they are also taking their place with the grown-ups. To read of a youth of fifteen or sixteen ringing a peal was quite a wonder a few years ago. Nowadays children as young as thirteen not infrequently figure in the peal performances. Miss Hilda Willson, of Leicester, who is the youngest girl to ring a tower bell peal, is one of these, and her portrait also appears in this issue. Surely there is no form of recreation in which people of both sexes of so varied an age can take part as in bell ringing. Children of ten years, and veterans of 80 and more are engaged in the craft, and at all ages between these two extremes devotees are to be found who delight actively to participate in the ringing of bells, and the fascinations of our Art. An exercise in which brain as well as muscle are brought into play in a marked degree is one which, from the physical side alone, is worth encouraging, apart from the higher purposes that are to be served. It is good, therefore, to see the young people brought along.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT ... Treble	*REUBEN SANDERS ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	†WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 8
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	ERNEST PYE ... 9
*WALTER S. WISE ... 4	FRANCIS E. DAWE ... 10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5	WILLIAM PYE ... 11
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW, and
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First peal of Maximus. † 200th peal. First peal as conductor on 12 bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Association, and to Mr. Cheesman (father of the ringer of the 5th), on attaining his 87th birthday. Mr. Cheesman, senr., sat in the tower during the peal, and entertained the band to a meat tea afterwards, which was greatly appreciated.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt., in D.

EDWIN GIBBS ... Treble	HENRY SPRINGALL ... 6
THOMAS LANGDON ... 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 7
WILLIAM TRUSS ... 3	EMANUEL HALL ... 8
SAMUEL E. JOYCE ... 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... 9
JAMES SCHOLES ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hall.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Five Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 7280 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

HARRY HEAP ... Treble	BENJAMIN GILL ... 6
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 2	SAMUEL BOOTH ... 7
SAMUEL WOOD ... 3	ALBERT ADAMS ... 8
CHARLES BOWER ... 4	BENJAMIN THORP ... 9
JOSEPH MELLOR ... 5	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This peal was rung on the 43rd anniversary of Mr. James George's connection with the L. & N.W. Railway Company.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

*ALBERT BOXALL, Junr. ... Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 6
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... 2	JAMES WIGNELL ... 7
ALBERT BOXALL, Senr. ... 3	WILLIAM GROVES ... 8
†JAMES TRAPPITT ... 4	ALFRED CLAYTON ... 9
FRANK HOLDER ... 5	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and
Conducted by ALFRED CLAYTON.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Boxall, junr., whose first attempt it was for a peal of Caters. J. A. Lambert's 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.	
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, Senr. ...	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2	LEONARD STILWELL ...	6
FRANK V. H. SINKINS ...	3	WILLIAM WELLING ...	7
ARTHUR W. BLAKE ...	4	WILLIAM HENLEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
HENRY STALHAM ...	Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES ...	5
HARRY EVANS ...	2	*CHARLES BLACKMAN ...	6
GEORGE H. LEE ...	3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ...	7
GEORGE NORRIS ...	4	ARTHUR SWETMAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

* First peal in the method. G. H. Lee was elected a member in the tower.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WOODHALL ...	Treble	THOMAS MURRAY ...	5
THOMAS JENNION ...	2	WALTER HUGHES ...	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	3	EDWIN BREEZE ...	7
HENRY FYLES ...	4	EDWARD CAUNCE ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

GEORGE DURLING ...	Treble	WILLIAM HEWETT ...	5
FRANK BENNETT ...	2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	6
ISAAC G. SHADE ...	3	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	7
ISAAC EMERY ...	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES PAGETT ...	Treble	HORACE F. E. STUBBS ...	5
ERNEST LESLIE ...	2	WILLIAM TRIGG ...	6
*HARRY WHITTLE ...	3	JOHN OLDHAM ...	7
WILLIAM SMITH ...	4	WILLIAM THORLEY ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

* 80th peal. Messrs. H. Whittle, W. Trigg and W. Thorley hail from Stanford-on-Soar, and J. Pagett from Derby. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Elizabeth Whittle, daughter of the ringer of the third.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED HAYES ...	Treble	ROBERT H. YOUNG ...	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2	JOHN EVANS ...	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	3	RICHARD BUCKLAND ...	7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	4	JOHN C. TRUSS ...	Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

First peal in the method as conductor.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES WYATT ...	Treble	ALBERT GOLDSMITH ...	5
JOHN WYATT ...	2	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ...	6
JOHN HOYLE ...	3	GEORGE COOK ...	7
WILLIAM COOK ...	4	DAVID ANSCOMBE ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung in honour of a confirmation service held by the Bishop of Guildford in the above church. All the ringers belong to the local band.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs., in G.

*OWEN H. GILES ...	Treble	WILLIAM ROWE, Senr. ...	5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ...	2	CHARLES J. FRAY ...	6
ALAN R. MACDONALD ...	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ...	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

* First peal of Major. Also the conductor's 100th peal. Rung on the eve of St. Nicolas' Day.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN ...	Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT ...	5
RICHARD DARLOW ...	2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	6
WALTER S. INWOOD ...	3	WILLIAM SEELEY ...	7
FRANCIS A. SMITH ...	4	WILLIAM HEWITT ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEELEY.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Smith.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD ...	Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ...	5
PERCY J. PAINE ...	2	EDWARD E. FOREMAN ...	6
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ...	3	FREDERICK A. NUNN ...	7
CHARLES W. BRETT ...	4	GEORGE TAYLOR ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

This peal was arranged for F. A. Nunn, who is rehanging the bells at Chilham, for Messrs. Warner and Co.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
ALBERT D. STONE	Treble	GEORGE ADES	5
WILLIAM C. HART	2	PHILIP ALLFREY	6
RICHARD STREDWICK	3	KEITH HART	7
JOHN CAPP	4	WILLIAM JENNER	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH).

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.	
*WILLIAM NIBLETT	Treble
JOHN MORRIS	2
*FREDERICK STANTON	3
WILLIAM PAGE	4
WILLIAM RANFORD	5
CHARLES CAMM	6
EDGAR MANNING	7
†ROBERT G. KNOWLES	Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major as conductor.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
*HENRY F. EWINS	Treble
*ARTHUR HOLMAN	2
*FREDERICK BASHFORD	3
ALBERT HARMAN	4
*OSCAR GILBEY	5
*WILLIAM CHEESMAN	6
OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
*GEORGE F. HOAD	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. The band wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
*HORACE TULETT	Treble	JOHN H. PAICE	5
BENJAMIN BASSETT	2	ARTHUR ARNELL	6
ALFRED W. GROVES	3	EDMUND H. LINDUP	7
WILLIAM HILLMAN	4	JOHN JERVIS	Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 25 cwt.	
CHARLES PRICE	Treble	†HARRY VAUGHAN	5
*GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	ALFRED LEA	6
ROBERT SPERRING	3	RICHARD JONES	7
HARRY MOORE, Junr.	4	JAMES V. WRIGHT	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and G. Williams for making up the company and having everything ready. First peal by the Association on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
FRANK M. BUTLER	Treble	JOHN LUCKEY	5
NATHAN J. PITSTOW	2	THOMAS J. WATTS	6
HENRY J. TUCKER	3	WILLIAM WATTS	7
WILLIAM T. PRIOR	4	THOMAS JORDAN	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK M. BUTLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.	
ALFRED J. SARGENT	Treble
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT	2
WALTER E. AYERS	3
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	4
JOHN O'NEILL	5
JOHN LARTER	6
HARRY BARTAR	7
EDWIN GOODWIN	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTAR.

Messrs. Larter and Naunton are attached to the Wrentham company, Messrs. Lambert and O'Neill to Halesworth; the rest are members of the local company.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

H. W. WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.	
WM. CHAPMAN	Treble
H. J. CREED	2
ROBT. SCOTT	3
C. R. LILLEY	4
H. NORMAN	5
A. J. ANDREWS	6
I. CREED	7
ROBT. CHAPMAN	Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first by the band, except the ringers of second and fourth. This is the first time the above peal has been rung by the Association in the county. The ringer of the tenor passed his 74th birthday a few days ago. H. J. Creed's 50th peal.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
EDGAR SMITH	Treble
HERBERT KNIGHT	2
GEORGE HUGHES	3
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4
ALBERT LITTLE	5
BENJAMIN GOUGH	6
WILLIAM FISHER	7
SAMUEL BAKER	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.

THE HALIFAX ASSOCIATION AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WALTER IDLE	Treble
ED. CROWTHER	2
WM. CLARK	3
ALBERT NORTH	4
WM. BREARLEY	5
F. ROBINSON	6
J. F. CLAYTON	7
J. W. WRIGHT	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. ROBINSON.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles in the Fields,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble	EDWARD F. COLE 5
WALTER G. BOWDEN 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 3	JAMES PARKER 7
GEORGE A. CARD 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to James T. Ward.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South, Hackney, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES... Treble	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ROBERT W. GREEN ... 6
HENRY C. ALFORD ... 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER... 7
HENRY T. GOWLETT... 4	JOSEPH BARRY ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. BELTON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE... 5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR ... 2	ALFRED FULLICK ... 6
GEORGE J. TAYLOR... 3	THOMAS W. STEDMAN ... 7
FRED. W. TAYLOR ... 4	HERBERT JONES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE J. TAYLOR.

* First peal. T. W. Belton formerly belonged to Barwell, Leicestershire.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Clement,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
JAMES LIVERMORE, JUNR. ... 2	CHARLES TRIBE... 6
WILLIAM J. THOMAS ... 3	WALTER FRANKS ... 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 4	ARCHIBALD ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal on the bells, which were cast by Naylor, Vickers and Co., in 1860.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HARRY CHAPMAN ... Treble	HENRY W. WILDE ... 5
GEORGE A. SMITH ... 2	*JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 6
*GEORGE G. TURNER ... 3	*WALTER R. WASHBROOK... 7
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW, and
Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal of Superlative. Messrs. Washbrook were elected members before starting.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr., in E flat.

HENRY FLETCHER ... Treble	*PERCY J. POLLARD ... 3
JOSEPH HALL ... 2	*FREDERICK ROWLEY ... 6
*ISAAC HUFTON ... 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 7
ALLAN HICKTON ... 4	*JOHN E. HOBBS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON ... Treble	FRED. WILFORD ... 5
*FREDK. H. DEXTER... 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON... 6
CHARLES H. FOWLER ... 3	ALFRED J. HESSIAN ... 7
HARRY O. WHITE ... 4	JOHN W. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

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

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE ... Treble	FREDK. W. WADE ... 5
FRED G. MAY ... 2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE... 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	HENRY T. HOWELL... 7
FRANK K. HOWELL ... 4	ISAAC LONG ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal on the bells.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Monday, December 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED MAGGS ... Treble	ALBERT STOWELL ... 5
WILLIAM LANSDOWN... 2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE... 6
FRED G. MAY ... 3	ISAAC LONG... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	HENRY T. HOWELL ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal of Major on the bells. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob by all.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 2	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3	JOHN E. MILLER ... 7
JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 4	ERNEST PYE ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 4
WILLIAM SHILVOCK ... 2	WILLIAM SHORT ... 5
JOHN BASS ... 3	HARRY MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. MARTIN.

This is the quarterly peal, and the first peal on the bells. It is also R. Matthews' 200th peal.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*FREDERICK PANKHURST ... Treble	†JOHN THURLOW ... 4
WILLIAM G. PAINE ... 2	†ARTHUR GROOMBRIDGE ... 5
WILLIAM J. BAGLEY ... 3	ARTHUR R. MILES ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

*First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal on an inside bell. Rung by a local band in honour of the Induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. Cecil Ffolliott Eliot) which took place on the previous evening.

STANDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE ... Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... 4
FRED WILLIAMS ... 2	ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... 5
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of College Single, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs.

*HARRY BLUNT ... Treble	*FREDERICK FOREMAN ... 4
*KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 2	ALBERT RELFE ... 5
ANDREW MARSHALL ... 3	FRANK PATTENDEN ... Tenor

* Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

* First peal.

HORTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

WALTER P. CROSS ... Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4
WILLIAM HENLEY ... 2	THOMAS E. GLANVILLE ... 5
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

FULBECK.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of seven 720's Oxford Bob each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT PAYNE ... Treble	CHARLES W. BAINES ... 4
CHARLES W. ELSE ... 2	CALEB L. SIMCOCK ... 5
RICHARD W. PORTER ... 3	GEORGE SCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

Rung in honour of the Feast of St. Nicholas.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, and St. Clement's.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE ... Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 4
LOUIS WISEMAN ... 2	*GEORGE PANNELL ... 5
OLAVE BROYD ... 3	†WALTER NICE ... Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Old Oxford Modernised, College Bob IV, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lbs.

RICHARD KILBY ... Treble	WALTER G. MATTHEWS 4
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	THOMAS LANGDON ... 5
GABRIEL CHALKLEY ... 3	HARRY KILBY ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. LANGDON.

FROYLE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 College Single, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Oxford Single Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE FISHER ... Treble	HUBERT CHAFFEY ... 4
THOMAS UPSHALL ... 2	GEORGE UPSHALL ... 5
ALFRED CROUCHER ... 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN PEEL Treble	J. F. PROCTOR 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE 5
HARRY THORPE 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

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

HARRY HALL Treble	E. HOBART SMITH 4
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 2	JOHN HALL 5
WILLIAM BURGESS 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 42 Six-Scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN PEMBER Treble	*HENRY PEAKE 3
J. P. HYETT 2	WILLIAM SHORT 4
*JOHN WARD Tenor	

Conducted by W. SHORT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells; also J. Ward, who kindly entertained them to tea after the peal.

CHURCH BROUGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lbs.

F. WEEKS Treble	J. WOOLLEY 3
T. DUNSTAN 2	REV. E. A. SHRUBBS 4
P. MERRY Tenor	

Conducted by F. WEEKS.

* First peal on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and tenor were elected members before starting.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 12 Six-Scores of Plain Bob, 9 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 21 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*BRYCHAN JONES Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 3
LEONARD LEWIS 2	†EDGAR R. JONES 4
†J. P. HYETT Tenor	

Conducted by W. SHORT.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RALPH COOK Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
*JOSEPH ROBBINS 2	*ARTHUR JORDAN 5
*EDMUND ROBBINS 3	FREDERICK JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK JORDAN.

* First peal.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

LUKE VERRALL Treble	ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE 4
FREDERICK J. MARTIN 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5
WILLIAM H. BANKS 3	*JAMES H. COX Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES ;

BERTRAM PREWETT 1—2	GEORGE R. PYE 7—8
ERNEST PYE 3—4	JAMES HUNT 9—10
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES 11—12

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpires: W. J. NUDDS and T. KING.

This is A. W. Grimes' rooth peal this year. E. Pye has now rung each pair of bells to Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 3, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT 72, BRIDGE END ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 of Single Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Umpires: W. H. PROCTOR and J. F. PROCTOR.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

*JOHN THORPE 1—2	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN 3—4	R. WILFRED COLLIER 7—8

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and
Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

Umpire: JOSEPH ATKIN.

* First handbell peal as conductor, and first attempt.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Residence of A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

*ARTHUR T. MORRIS ..	1—2	THOMAS BERNARD ..	5—6
*GEORGE THOMPSON ...	3—4	†TOWER TAYLOR ...	7—8

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

Witness: MRS. A. T. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on handbells in the Borough of Harwich.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Residence of MR. A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS ..	1—2	THOMAS BERNARD ..	5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON ...	3—4	TOWER TAYLOR ...	7—8

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

Witness: MRS. A. T. MORRIS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

MAURICE SMITHER ...	1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL ...	7—8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING

This was A. H. Pulling's 150th peal on handbells as conductor, and M. Smither's 50th peal this year.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

At the GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD...	3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7—8

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpires: W. HEWETT, E. E. GRIMES, and I. KING.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Residence of MR. H. F. CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES ;

WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ...	1—2	GEORGE H. CROSS...	5—6
ALBERT G. WARNES ...	3—4	ALBERT ROUGHT ...	7—8
FREDERICK J. CROSS ...	9—10		

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire: FREDERICK BYLES.

First peal of Royal in hand by ringers of 3—4 and 7—8. This peal is in the tittum's position.

WITNEY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At the Church of St. Mary, on October 13th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, A. Trinder 8.—On Oct. 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Walker 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, N. Spindlow 4, E. Brown 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8. Also another 504 by the same band, except T. Bull 6, J. Monk 7, and conducted by N. Spindlow.—On Oct. 20th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples, J. Monk, conductor; and for evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples.

ILLUMINATED ADDRESSES, PEAL CARDS AND ALBUMS artistically executed.—A. S. Beer, 63, Devonshire Avenue. Southsea.

SALISBURY GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

A more desolate and dreary day it would be almost impossible to imagine than Saturday last, when the annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Bradpole. From morning till night there was a heavy drizzle, accompanied by squalls of wind, and it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of the members, that no less than 57 assembled at Bradpole on such a day. Some of these had to drive or cycle ten or twelve miles over very hilly country, whilst one party of seven, unable to charter a conveyance because the only public one in their parish was engaged, walked between six and seven miles to the rendezvous. Service was held in the handsomely decorated church. Besides the ringers, many of the parishioners showed their interest in the event by attending the service. This itself was of an unique character, for the whole of it was conducted by ringers. The form used was the new one adopted by the Guild, and here the writer would like to say that it is much better than the one formerly in use. The Rev. C. F. Langford, of Bradpole, intoned the service, which was fully choral. The lesson was read by the branch master, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, while Mr. B. Elsworth ably presided at the organ. And what a feature the singing was! It did one good to hear the sonorous unison of close upon a hundred people, led by the choir, sending forth the well known strains of such tunes as Melcombe, Austria or St. Gertrude (Sullivan's "Onward, Christian Soldiers") sung to the words of ringers' hymns; or the words of the 150th Psalm to the Grand Chant. It was indeed a festival of praise, and not a mere recital of a service as a matter of form. This prepared the way for a most practical and helpful address given by the Rev. W. Jacob, Vicar of Lyme Regis, on "Moral Courage." With many a quaint phrase or apt anecdote, he forced upon his listeners some wholesome home truths.

Service over, the Forster Institute was visited, where a long course of "Knife and Fork Surprise," in the shape of a meat tea, was in readiness. This had been prepared under the supervision of a ringer's wife, Mrs. Beams, who knows and anticipates ringers' likes to a nicety. The whole room was in striking contrast to the gloom outside. Brightly lighted and gaily decorated with flags, etc., and with blazing fires at either end, it helped to emphasise the daintily laid tables, and afforded a warm welcome in more ways than one.

At the business meeting that followed, the accounts and report were both considered to be most satisfactory, and cordial thanks were accorded to the officers of the branch for their past year's work. So satisfied indeed were the members with their officials that they re-elected them en bloc, without discussion. A grant was made from the branch funds to the restoration of Powerstock bells, and quarterly meetings provisionally fixed for next year, while the committee were asked to arrange the bye meetings.—Votes of thanks to all who had in any way helped to make the meeting a success were carried with acclamation. Then more ringing was indulged in. Here one may remark that whereas Grandsire Doubles was the only change ringing done at the last annual meeting, one now heard several creditably struck touches of Grandsire Triples. In addition, several young hands (in change ringing—not in years) were assisted through their first six-score, and consequently went away in a happy and contented frame of mind.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Litton Cheney, Lyme Regis, Powerstock and Whitechurch Canonicorum.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Chairman, the Rev. C. F. Langford, Bradpole; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. W. J. Zealley, Bridport; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. F. Bugler, Beaminster.—Bridport tower being open, many availed themselves of the privilege of ringing there.

DEATH OF MR. J. HILTON, OF HECKENHAM.

The remains of the late John Hilton, for many years a ringer and member of the church choir at Heckington, Lincs., were interred on Monday, December 2nd. The deceased, who was in his 76th year, was well known and respected in the village.

He commenced ringing on the old peal about 50 years ago, but only "stone" was practised in those days, and even when the bells were augmented to eight it was some time before change ringing was established. This was due to the efforts of the deceased, and Mr. Skinner, now residing at Ewerby. Neither of them knew anything about change ringing, but obtaining a book on the subject, persevered and taught the others in the band, and, finally, Heckington bells were going in the four Standard methods and Double Norwich. As far as can be ascertained he had rung about a dozen peals, including the first peal of Stedman in Lincolnshire by a resident band.

Such is his ringing career, small as compared with our noted campanologists, but yet cherished by those who belong to the company as one who helped to lay the foundation stone of change ringing in a village, where difficulties are many in keeping a band together. He was about 50 years old when he commenced change ringing scientifically. Four of his ringing comrades bore him to the last resting place, and others followed the cortege. A muffled touch of Grandsire was rung directly after the funeral, and in the evening a peal of Bob Major, which was recorded in our last issue.

A DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE GATHERING.

A practice meeting, the first of its kind held to encourage the art of change ringing by the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, took place on Saturday. Though many were prevented from getting to the meeting by the North Eastern Railway strike, there was a large gathering, and it was gratifying to see ringers from as far away as Darlington supporting the gathering by their presence. A company of 24 were entertained to tea at Gosforth by Mr. C. L. Routledge, President of the Association, and they were afterwards joined in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Gosforth, by others who were unable to be present earlier. During the evening, much valuable instruction was given to learners, and between whistles several touches of Bob Major, Stedman, and Double Norwich were successfully brought round. A pleasant afternoon was spent at St. George's, Jesmond, where some converts to change ringing were made, and several scored their first really good touches. The afternoon was all too short for the work to be done, the attendance being large, but everyone had "a shot" at something, and some nice Stedman was scored at intervals before leaving for Gosforth.

Immediately following tea, letters of regret at absence were read from the Rev. E. Williams, Bamburgh, in which he stated that there were shortly to be two new bells placed in the Bamburgh tower; the Rev. W. H. Ainger, Gosforth; Messrs. O. O. Sayer, Sunderland; and Jas. Baxter, Darlington. An expression of regret came from Canon Boot, St. George's, who was unexpectedly prevented from coming, as also was Mr. T. T. Gofton, vice-president of the Northern District.

Ringing in the towers being over for the day, at 8.45 p.m., the company adjourned to the Parish Hall, where round a good fire, with a cup of coffee and a smoke, they enjoyed a programme of music provided by Dr. Paige, churchwarden of All Saints', and Messrs. Crawford, A. Gofton, Routledge, Payne, Story, Todd, Gibson and Falconer. The stories with which Dr. Paige entertained the company during the interval were full of delightful humour, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for playing the accompaniments during the evening was heartily carried.—The meeting concluded with Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. C. L. Routledge, and seconded by Mr. Payne, to the Vicar and churchwardens of All Saints', Gosforth, for the use of the bells and Parish Hall, and the Vicar and churchwardens of St. George's, Jesmond, for the use of the bells, was responded to by Mr. F. Matthews, churchwarden, Gosforth.—Mr. Story proposed thanks to Mr. C. L. Routledge for providing tea.—Mr. Todd proposed thanks to the ringers of both churches, particularly Messrs. Crawford, Richardson and Bird, for having all in readiness, and to Mr. Falconer for making the arrangements for the meeting.

A committee meeting was held during the evening, at which it was provisionally decided to hold the next Northern District combined practices in January, at towers to be named later, on the evenings of the 8th and 25th.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The November meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District was held at Repton, when a fair number of ringers were present from Derby, Etwell, Newhall, Rolleston, Horninglow, St. Modwen's, and St. Paul's, Burton.—The Vicar of Repton (the Rev. J. J. Selwyn) took part in the ringing, and was afterwards elected an honorary member of the Association. The Vicar also provided an excellent tea for those present, and presided at the business meeting that followed, giving a hearty welcome to the visitors.—It was decided that the annual meeting of the district be held at St. Modwen's, Burton, sometime in January.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for presiding at the meeting, and for providing tea, brought the meeting to a close.

SHREWSBURY RINGERS AT OSWESTRY.

On Saturday, members of the Salop Guild, from Shrewsbury, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples upon the bells of St. Oswald, Oswestry. All arrangements were in the hands of Mr. E. R. Trevor Corbett, of Darrington, Shrewsbury, who was to take part in the peal, but, unfortunately, met with an accident when returning home last week, after ringing at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, through his bicycle skidding from under him, and causing slight injuries to his shoulder. Still, Mr. Corbett did not fail in paying a visit to Oswestry, for he accompanied the ringers there, and found a substitute in Mr. T. W. Stedman. On arriving at Oswestry, the party were met by Mr. Whitfield, Ringing Master, and the rest of the ringers, who gave them a hearty welcome. A start was made for the peal at 3.55, and the bells came into rounds at 6.55. The local ringers congratulated the visitors upon their well-struck peal.—Afterwards they were entertained to an excellent meat tea, at the kind invitation of Mr. Corbett, at the Oswestry Castle.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Oswestry ringers for the kind way in which they received the party, and for having everything in readiness, also to Mr. Corbett for his kindness in providing tea.—On the return journey to Shrewsbury an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, by: E. R. T. Corbett 1—2, G. J. Taylor 3—4, W. J. Taylor 5—6, A. Tullick 7—8 (conductor, G. J. Taylor), but it came to a full stop, through a big bass voice shouting, "Tickets, please," after ringing about 700 changes.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Upwards of 40 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild, at Coseley, on Saturday week. The bells, a fine ring of eight, were at the disposal of the members, and the beautiful service of the Guild was sung in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Price), assisted by the curate (the Rev. S. Floyd).—The address was given by the Rev. A. T. Bennett, of Cannock, who came at the special invitation of the Vicar. The reverend gentleman laid great stress upon the work of bell ringers, and upon the good opportunities lost by them in not attending the services of the church, after giving stirring invitations to others to come and worship.

At the close of the service, a bountiful tea was served in the Schoolroom, and the Vicar welcomed the Guild, remarking that at any future time they cared to come to Coseley his church and his services were at their disposal. He proposed that their best thanks be given to the Rev. A. T. Bennett for so readily and kindly coming to give the address.—This was seconded by Mr. Lloyd, and carried unanimously, the reverend gentleman briefly replying.

After tea, the usual business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding.—A discussion arose as to the question of sending a delegate to the Central Council. It was unanimously decided that Mr. W. R. Small be elected as the first representative of the society.—Mr. Small thanked the members for the honour thus conferred upon him.

In connection with the election of new members, a striking feature was the election of the whole of the company of St. Leonards, Bileton, Staffs, who were heartily welcomed by the secretary as fellow-workers for the good old Church.—Several peals were arranged to be rung during the quarter, in addition to those that were not attempted last quarter.

The annual meeting is to be held at Dudley, in February next, and it is hoped that all members will keep the date open.—On the proposition of the Vicar, seconded by Mr. Spittle, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea, and also to the donors.—The Rev. S. Floyd suitably replied.—Mr. Spittle proposed, and Mr. Small seconded, that the best thanks of this Guild be given to the Vicar for the service in church, for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells; to the Rev. S. Floyd, the organist, the choir, and all who had assisted in any way to make the service so bright. The vote also included thanks to the local company, especially Mr. A. E. Law and Mr. B. Gough, for making the necessary arrangements to ensure the success of the meeting.—Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford Bob Triples and Bob Major were rung during the evening.

CLYST HYDON BELLS RESTORED.

The little Devonshire village of Clyst Hydon has had the six bells in its ancient parish church restored, and the work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury. The old frame was cleared out, and a new one of oak substituted, with new beams and floor. The old ringing chamber has been dispensed with, and arrangements made for the bells to be rung from the ground floor, which provides more room, better light, and a better circle for the ropes. The Rector has provided the timber for the restoration, and Messrs. Stokes carried out the work to the satisfaction of all concerned.

There were four bells at Clyst Hydon as long ago as 1552, and of the present peal the earliest bell is the tenor, which is 11 cwt., and bears the date 1616, and the name of Byrdan as founder. The fourth (1670) and the second (1713) are the castings of Pennington, the third (1715) and fifth (1788) the productions of Bilbie, of Colmington, while the treble (1890) is by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. It is rather curious that none of the bells bears any inscription, beyond the names of the churchwardens, the initials of the founders and dates.

For the dedication and opening ceremony, visiting ringers from Payhembury, Falaton, Ottery St. Mary, Clyst St. Lawrence, Plymptree and Exeter, were present, and were entertained to luncheon in the Rectory Hall by the Rector (the Rev. C. Sherwin) and Mrs. Sherwin, whose kindness was acknowledged in a speech by the Rev. C. L. James. The dedication service followed, and was performed by the Archdeacon of Exeter, who also preached an appropriate sermon.

Ringing took place afterwards, the party from Exeter, comprising Messrs. F. J. Davey, W. H. Webber, W. Vickery, J. Lock, A. Monkley, and G. Betts, ringing some touches of Grandsire and Stedman and Bob Minor.

Tea was subsequently provided at the Schoolroom, where opportunity was taken to present Mr. Thomas Pook, the captain of the local band, with a silver tea service, in appreciation of his services. With the exception of twice, Mr. Pook has not missed ringing on a Sunday for over 20 years.

THE PEAL AT ELSTREE, HERTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me to point out to the band that rang the 5040 at Elstree, Herts, on Nov. 23rd last, that a peal in seven methods was rung at this place a few years ago, conducted by Mr. G. N. Price, of Oxhey. I cannot remember the exact date; probably someone more conversant with the performance will inform us, but I think it was seven or eight years ago.—Yours faithfully,
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JUVENILE RINGERS.



The top photograph is of the three Johnson children who rang the peal on handbells at Hampton on Sunday week—Ellen, aged 12, who rang 1—2; Joseph, aged 13, the conductor, who rang 3—4; Ruth, aged 10, who rang 5—6. Joseph has been largely responsible for the tuition of his sister Ruth.

The lower picture is of Miss Hilda Willson, the youngest girl as yet to ring a peal in the tower. She can ring an inside bell in Triples, and has rung her first touch of Sedman.

The marriage of Miss K. Routledge (sister of the president of the Durham and Newcastle Association) with Mr. Jos Grey, of Low Fell, Gateshead, has been solemnised at Newcastle, and to celebrate the event 756 Erin Caters was rung at the Cathedral by C. L. Routledge 1, W. H. Barber (conductor) 2, G. T. Potter 3, W. Story 4, W. E. Baskill 5, B. C. Dixon 6, A. F. Hillier 7, J. E. Keen 8, R. Richards 9, J. Foreman 10.

ODD CHANGES.

There is more than one noteworthy fact about the peal of Stedman Cinques at Haggerston on December 2nd. To begin with, it was the 100th peal this year by mine host of the George IV. Only once before has anyone rung a hundred peals in a year, and that was Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who, over 20 years ago, at the height of his ringing career, scored 127 in the twelve months. This is a record which Mr. Grimes is hardly likely to beat in 1912, but to pass a century within a year is a great performance. Mr. W. Pye once rang 98 in one year, and at the close had such bad luck that several attempts were lost.

The Haggerston peal was also of interest from the fact that Mr. Ernest Pye, by ringing 3-4, has now rung every pair of handbells to Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and is the first to accomplish this feat. The conductor of the peal (Mr. W. Shepherd) did not know of the peal until about 5.45 in the evening, when he received a telephone message at Putney. However, he hastened to Haggerston, and the peal was completed a few minutes after ten o'clock.

A Birkenhead correspondent inquires whether a County, Borough, Urban, or Rural Council can stop the ringing of church bells. We do not pose as an authority upon legal matters, but so far as our knowledge goes no such power is invested in a local authority. The only way for outside persons to stop the ringing of bells, we imagine, would be by injunction after proof of legal nuisance.

It is not often that a man rings his first peal of Stedman at the age of 69 years, and Mr. Charles Blackman, of Arundel, is to be congratulated upon this performance.

Mr. J. Clark, of Ross, writes: I have made inquiries respecting the peal of Treble Bob at Ross, and find that the Birmingham band rang a peal of Stedman Triples here on August 3rd, 1885, and not a peal of Treble Bob as my friend, Mr. Edwin Barnett, thinks. So we claim ours to be the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

On November 21st, on the occasion of the annual service of the Stroud and District Federation of the C.E.M.S. at the Stroud Parish Church, eight members of the Stroud and Painswick branches of the C.E.M.S. rang, for the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 minutes: H. Scrivens (conductor) 1, E. Tribe 2, A. Wright 3, H. Smith 4, W. Hale 5, W. Hastings 6, E. Paul 7, W. Ireland 8.

At the Church of St. Clement, Hastings, there is a peal of steel bells cast in 1860 by Naylor, Vickers and Co. The first peal was rung on them last Saturday! Needless to say the bells are not a very musical lot, but, we believe, this performance fulfils a cherished ambition of Mr. R. J. Dawe, who has now rung a peal in every eight-bell tower in his native county of Sussex, and there are about 45 of them.

It was Mr. Albert W. Coles, and not Mr. H. Coles, of Northampton, who was elected a member of the Central Northants Association, at the meeting at Higham Ferrers.

Owing to the great pressure on our space this week, several reports, etc., are unavoidably held over.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am surprised, and I might add disappointed, with Mr. Lindoff's replies to the letter published in "The Ringing World" of the 8th ulto.

The question at issue is: Are the peals of New Cambridge Royal original compositions, or, as we allege, extracts from compositions published many years previously? We emphatically adhere to our contention as set out in our joint letter of the 8th ulto, and maintain that the peals of New Cambridge Royal referred to are abstracts from the 6048's of Superlative Surprise Major, and not original compositions, and no quibbling or raising of irrelevant matter can get away from that fact. You, sir, have on two different occasions made reference in your editorial column to the length of time that has elapsed before the originality of the compositions has been disputed, and to this remark (although I consider it outside the argument) I may reply that until a short time ago the figures of the peals of New Cambridge Royal had not come under our notice.—Yours faithfully,

N. J. PITSTOW.

Saffron Walden, Dec. 8th, 1912.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The December meeting of this society was held on Saturday, at Dronfield, and was the first which the society has held there, the Dronfield company having only recently joined. The Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist is an interesting old building, containing some fine architectural points. The nave dates back to at least the middle of the 13th century, from which date there is an interesting list of Vicars and Rectors down to the present time. At the beginning of the 15th century, the control passed into the hands of the Beauchief Abbey community, who, as was often the case in those times, installed a Vicar at, it is said, £40 per year, drawing the remainder of the rich living themselves. They, however, built the very fine chancel, which contains some beautifully traced windows, and is very similar to some parts of the now ruined Abbey of Beauchief; in fact, it is considered that the same builder probably worked on both. The date of the tower and spire is somewhat uncertain, but they are certainly very ancient, and the tower contains a musical ring of six bells (tenor 15cwt.), with ample room for eight, which are all of some antiquity.

RINGERS IN DIFFICULTIES.

The inclement weather prevented a large muster, but about 16 ringers were present from Dore, Dronfield, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Killamarsh, and Rannmoor. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and some difficulty was at first experienced by the strangers in handling them, owing to the action of the damp upon the ropes and wheels, and to the fact that the ropes run from left to right instead of the usual way. However, after some abortive attempts, a few good touches of Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were brought round.

A short business meeting was held in the evening, Mr. J. P. Tarlton (North Wingfield) taking the chair.—Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. R. H. Bartram (Melton Mowbray), R. A. Hickton (Long Eaton), W. G. Christian and F. Davies (Chesterfield).

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (who had hoped to be present, but was prevented by a cold) for granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for making all arrangements, was proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), who welcomed the Dronfield company to the society, and expressed a hope that they would attend the various meetings, where they would be assured of a helping hand and encouragement in the Art.—Several of the local men, in reply, expressed a determination to attend the meetings, and to make progress in eight-bell ringing.—This closed the proceedings.

ST. BENET'S, CAMBRIDGE.

NEGLECT OF A FAMOUS TOWER.

On Thursday, December 4th, a visit was paid to this historic tower by members of the Cambridge University and Ely Diocesan Guilds. The bells were found to be in a disgraceful state of neglect and almost unringable; a great pity, as St. Benet's is one of the most interesting of church towers, from a change ringers' point of view, as change ringing was first practised here by Fabian Stedman and his band. A 720 of Bob Minor was with some difficulty brought round, by: J. B. Williamson 1, T. R. Dennis 2, P. Taylor 3, W. D. James (conductor) 4, J. H. R. Freeborne 5, F. E. Kempton 6. A six-score of Stedman Doubles was then rung with the singles half-way and end, made by the bells in the slow, as was the practise when the College Youths first rang the method in this tower in 1677. Those taking part in the ringing were: Messrs. J. H. R. Freeborne, A. F. P. Cheetham, J. B. Williamson and W. D. James, of the University Guild, and T. R. Dennis, W. B. Kempton, F. E. Kempton and P. Taylor, of the Cambridge Youths.

FIRST PEAL BY A LADY IN CHESHIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Bibby is quite right in drawing attention to the error contained in the footnote to the peal rung at Reddish. Though so recent, I must confess to having quite overlooked the Frodsham peal, a lapse of memory for which I apologise.—Yours truly, A. BARNES.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT EGHAM.

In the tower of St. John's Church, Egham, on Thursday week, the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. Nicholson) unveiled a peal board recording the first peal on the bells since they have been augmented and rehung. A numerous company was present, including the curate and both churchwardens.—In unveiling the board, the Vicar remarked that he was pleased to know that ringers from various parts were present that evening, and he thanked the band that scored the peal most heartily for giving the board.—Messrs. Hopkins and Hill (churchwardens) also spoke.—Mr. W. Shepherd, who conducted the peal, in thanking the Vicar and churchwardens for their presence, remarked that it was always a pleasure to visit Egham for ringing, because they always found a hearty welcome awaiting them.—After three short touches on the bells, the whole of the ringers were entertained by the churchwardens, and when the time for parting came, Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, in a few well-chosen words, thanked them on behalf of the company for their kindness.

The peal board, which records a peal of Stedman rung last April, was made by Mr. Harry Walter, of Shepperton. Great credit is due to him for the manner in which he carried out his work, thus proving that change ringing is not the only thing he can do thoroughly.

BELLS FOR CANADA.

Mr. Robert Warner, of the firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, has just returned from Canada, after a journey of over 9,000 miles. He has secured two important contracts for the Spitalfields Foundry. One is the installation of a chime of 15 bells for Federation Cathedral, New Brunswick. The chime, which will cost about £2,000, is based upon a 40 cwt. tenor, and the total weight will be about nine tons. It is the generous gift of a former resident in Fredericton.

The other contract is at Winnipeg, where, in this city of the prairie, Messrs. John Warner and Sons are to provide a chime of 16 bells, of a total weight of about 12 tons, based upon a 50 cwt. tenor. The bells, which will cost nearly £2,500, are being given to the church by a lady, in memory of her husband and son, who perished at the sinking of the "Titanic."

DEATH OF AN OLD WEDNESBURY RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Lawton, who passed away in his 75th year, on November 27th, at his residence, Pleck Road, near Wednesbury, after only a short illness. The deceased was interred at Nycroft Cemetery on Monday week, amidst many manifestations of sympathy from his fellow ringers. The service was conducted by the Rev. L. A. Pritchard, M.A., Vicar of Wednesbury, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. W. Street, H. Belcher, E. Unitt, and W. Smith. The same evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) was rung at the Parish Church, with the bells muffled, by: S. Summerhill 1, T. Burkitt 2, T. Hughes 3, W. E. Brittan 4, E. Unitt 5, W. Smith 6, A. Blundell 7, G. Hughes (conductor) 8, H. Belcher 9, T. Myatt 10.

The deceased began his ringing career very early in life, and rang in many peals in the Standard methods. His last peal was one of Bob Royal, in which he rang the tenor on August 27th, 1907, and this was rung on the 50th anniversary of his first peal. There are only two more ringers of the old school left who still ring, namely: Mr. J. Bates, who is 82 years of age, and Mr. W. R. Small, who is so well known among the Black Country ringers.—On Sunday morning last, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung: S. Summerhill 1, T. Burkitt 2, S. Hughes 3, J. H. Jones 4, J. Bates (82 years of age) 5, W. E. Brittan 6, H. Belcher (conductor) 7, T. Myatt 8. In the evening, the deceased's relatives visited the ringing chamber, and thanked the ringers for their sympathy. Mr. W. R. Small was present.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

MR. J. A. LAMBERT'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 4; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 57, conducted, 21; Stedman Caters, 2; Grandsire Caters, 5; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Superlative Superior Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 11; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 8, conducted, 1; Bob Major, 3, conducted, 2; Canterbury Major, 1, conducted, 1; Minor in one method, 2, conducted, 1; Minor in seven methods, 1; total, 100; conducted, 26. Rung in two counties; 98 for the Surrey, and two for the Kent Associations.

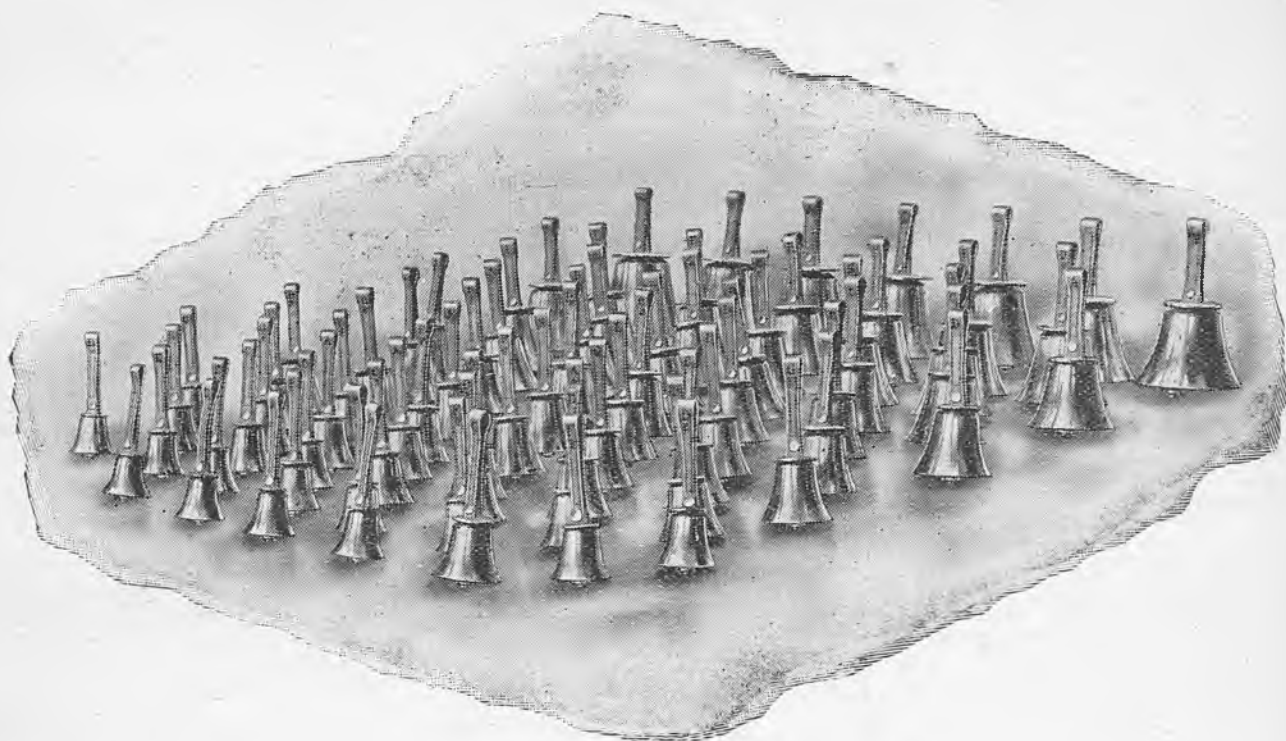
W. T. TUCKER'S 100 PEALS.

Doubles, 1, conducted, 1; Bob Minor, 5, conducted, 3; three Minor methods, 1, conducted, 1; seven Minor methods, 6; Grandsire Triples, 14; Stedman Triples, 25; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Major, 8, conducted, 2; Kent Major, 20, conducted, 1; Double Norwich Major, 18; Superlative, 1; total, 100; conducted, 8.

H. J. CREED'S 50 PEALS.

Treble Bob Minor in ten methods, 11 (including 7,200); in seven methods, 9; in four methods, 1 (including 5,760); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent, 2; Bob Major, 1; Royal, 1; Minor, 3; Doubles, 3 (including 7,440); Stedman Triples, 2; Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Triples, 4; Doubles, 9 (including 6,120 and 8,060); total, 50. Rung in 14 towers.

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NEW BELLS AT LONGSTANTON.

Five new bells have been added at Longstanton, Cambs., to make a light peal of eight, and the work has been carried out at the Loughborough foundry, with characteristic thoroughness. At the Dedication service, the Rev. W. C. Cooke, Rural Dean of North Stowe, performed the dedication ceremony, and the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Vicar of Great St. Mary's Church and Master of the Cambridge University Guild, preached a sermon. At the second evensong, held in the evening, the preacher was the Rev. Dr. B. W. Randolph, Canon of Ely. The tower was open during the evening, and members of the Ely Diocesan Association availed themselves of the opportunity of ringing the new bells.

Of the three old bells the second has been recast. Their founder, according to an inscription, was Miles Graie, and they were hung in 1665. The weights of the eight bells, which are rather light, are as follow: Treble, 1 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.; 2nd, 2 cwt. 10 lb.; 3rd, 2 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.; 4th, 3 cwt. 24 lb.; 5th, 4 cwt. 20 lb.; 6th, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.; 7th, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.; tenor, 6 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb., in A. They are hung in an iron frame in place of the previous one of timber. Each of the bells bears an inscription, that on the fifth being particularly interesting. It is in the nature of a chronogram, all those letters which are also Roman numerals being raised, so that by adding up the figures the date 1912 is obtained. The inscription reads:—

"CHORDAS "CELESTES TERRESTRIIS MVSICA SOLVAT."
This is the work of Prebendary Cecil Deeds, of Chichester. The other inscriptions are:—1st, "Gloria in Excelsis"; 2nd, "In terra pax"; 3rd, "The Lord is King"; 4th, "All His Saints shall praise Him"; 6th, "Recast by J. Warner and Son, 1903"; 7th, "Miles Graie fecit, 1637; recast 1712"; tenor, "Miles Graie fecit, 1665."

The tower has been pointed inside; the first floor has been lowered, and another has been put in. The total cost of the bells and tower restoration is about £330, of which a large sum remains to be cleared off. The bells are a great addition to the beautiful old church, which is built in decorative style, and contains a magnificent monument and many wall tablets to the memory of the now extinct Hatton family, who were once lords of the manor.

The afternoon service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, and the Rev. D. Peskett, Rector of Longstanton St. Michael's. The Rev. H. G. Hooten, Vicar of Oakington, read the first lesson, and the Rev. C. H. Crossley, Rector of Willingham, the second. There were also present: The Rev. R. P. Moline (Cottenham), the Rev. T. Beckett (Over), the Rev. Evelyn Wood (Fen Drayton), and the Rev. H. L. James (Surfleet, Lincs.).

The Rev. W. C. Cooke (Rural Dean of North Stowe) pronounced the sentences and prayers of dedication, and the bells were opened by a touch of Grandsire Triples by members of C.U.G.C.R. and Ely Diocesan Association, the following being at the ropes: Mr. F. Pitstow, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Mr. J. Taylor (founder), Mr. T. R. Dennis (hon. sec. Ely Association), the Rev. H. B. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mr. W. B. Kempton, Mr. T. F. Barker, and Mr. F. E. Kempton.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, who took as his text, "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification" (1 Corinthians xiv., 10). These words told them that of all the things that were in the world nothing was voiceless. Some of the voices they heard were those of the world itself, such as the voices of self gratification and self advancement. They must beware how they listened to these. More nearly in unison with Divine harmony were the voices of nature. They could not go out without seeing the great works of God, and not one of these works was voiceless. Everyone had a heart, soul and spirit and each of these had a voice. There was a voice which was the instinct to worship. That instinct might be guided by things without—their churches, such a one as that, with its beauty and historic memorials. There were voices in its stone and wood and glass which called them to worship. Those bells that had just been dedicated to the service of the church had many voices. Sometimes the voice of joy when they celebrated a wedding, victory or national thanksgiving. Sometimes they had a voice of deepest sorrow when they were muffled to remind them of some brother or sister who had passed away. To him there was nothing quite so pathetic in all sounds as the sound of muffled bells. The most customary voice of the bells was the call to join in worship. He concluded by congratulating and commending them for having got the bells.

After the service, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Mr. J. Taylor, Rev. H. B. Tyrwhitt Drake, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. F. J. Pitstow, Mr. A. F. James, and the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Vicar).

Following this was a good touch of Cambridge Surprise, by: Rev. W. C. Pearson, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, F. Pitstow, Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. B. Tyrwhitt Drake, F. J. Pitstow, A. F. James, and A. G. Rivers. After this, Double Norwich and Stedman were rung until time for the second evensong.

THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

The following additional subscriptions have been received: Woodstock, 1s.; St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds, 6d.; Barnet, 1s.; St. Alphege, Greenwich, 1s.; Ambleside, 9d.; total amount received, £9 0s. 4d.

NOTICES.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Runcorn Branch, —There will be a meeting on Saturday, December 14th, at Frodsham (8 bells). All ringers welcome. Bells ready at 3. Service at 6. Tea (6d. each), will be provided at 4.30.—W. Bibby, Tower Secretary, Church St., Frodsham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chatham, on Saturday, December 14th, 1912. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, December 14th, 1912. Ringing at the Parish Church. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, December 14th. Tower open 3 till 9. Service at 6. Tea 4.45, at Parish Room, 6d. each.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 14th, bells ready at 4 p.m., tea 5.30, meeting at 6. Members intending to be present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ST. PETER'S, CROYDON.—The new ring of ten bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Croydon on Saturday, December 21st, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 8.30. Visiting ringers will be welcome. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. John Hooke, 23, Birdhurst Rise, Croydon, not later than Tuesday, December 17th.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on December 31st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 19th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley on December 21st, instead of the 14th, as stated on circular. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Cardigan Arms at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, on Thursday, December 26th, 1912. Bells available from 1 o'clock to 6 o'clock. (Business meeting to elect Officers at 3 o'clock).—F. BlooJ, Branch Secretary.

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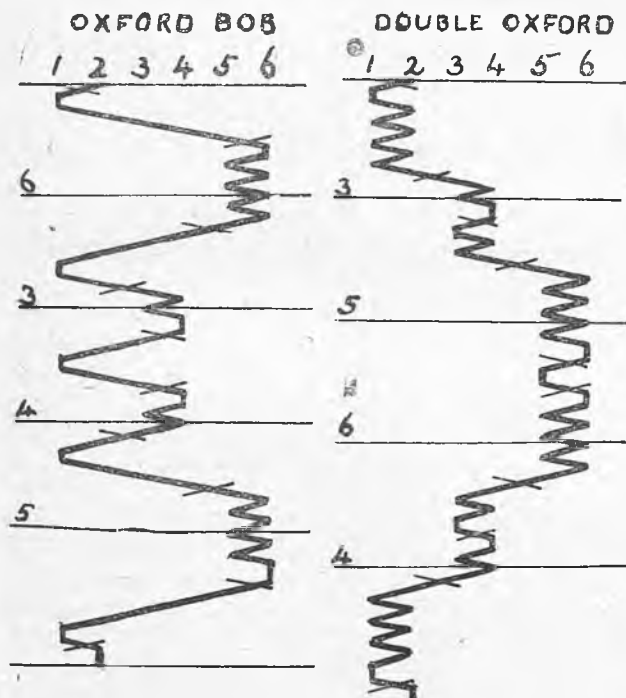
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RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

The second of the series of diagrams is given below, and illustrates Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Minor. The figures at the left show the starting place of each bell and the short cross lines indicate where the path of the treble crosses.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the South Eastern District of this Association was held at Great Waltham, on Saturday. The bells, the heaviest ring of eight in the county, were kept going in the afternoon and evening.—A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Nanson), assisted by the Rev. J. H. Barrow (Chelmsford), who gave an instructive address based on the words, "Whateoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord" (Colossians iii, 17).—Tea was served at the Six Bells, 29 members sitting down, representing Baddow, Boreham, Braintree, Bocking, Chelmsford, Coggeshall, Felstead, Fryerning, Great Totham, Writtle, and the local company.—At the business meeting, the Rev. J. H. Baddow presided, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, general secretary, being also present.—Mr. Edwards as District Master, and Mr. Cooper as secretary, were both unanimously re-elected, and acknowledged their appointment.—One ringer from Boreham and six of the local company were elected members.—Great Baddow was selected for the next meeting place.—The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. C. Nanson for conducting the service, to the Rev. J. H. Barrow for his excellent address, and for acting as chairman of the meeting, in the absence of the Vicar.—Mr. Howard seconded, and the Rev. Barrow replied.—Thanks were accorded to the organist and choir boys, who led the singing at the service, and Mr. Davis, the local steeple keeper, also came in for a vote of thanks for having the bells ready.—In replying, Mr. Davis said he hoped, with the able assistance of Mr. Edwards, that the newly-elected members would soon be able to ring a peal.—During the afternoon and evening, touches on the tower and handbells were brought round in the methods of Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich.

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