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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.

THE REVIVAL OF OLD SOCIETIES.

Everyone would rejoice if the breach which has existed at Norwich between the church authorities at St. Peter Mancroft and the members of that very ancient ringing society, the Norwich Scholars, could be healed. A correspondent this week holds out the hope that something may be done by which the dispute, which has robbed the Scholars of a headquarter's tower, can be ended, and we trust that his action may open the way to amicable arrangement. With the dispute and the reasons for it we have no concern, and no good purpose could be served by opening up old sores. What we do feel, however, is that much good might be done if this old society could be rehabilitated.

An organisation with something like 300 years of history behind it ought not to be allowed to die of inanition. Such a society is, from a ringer's point of view, a national asset, for it goes back to the very foundations of the history of change ringing and even beyond, and however chequered may have been its career its existence ought to be carefully nurtured, for by far the larger number of our ringing organisations are of mere mushroom growth in comparison. The Norwich Scholars were among the pioneers of the Art two centuries ago, and it would be a matter of general gratification if those who to-day represent its membership could reanimate it. This, we believe, might very easily be done, without in any way infringing upon the prerogatives of the younger Association which dominates the territorial area—the Norwich Diocesan Association.

The mending of the breach referred to probably rests with the members themselves. At any rate, they have it in their power to take the necessary steps which might open negotiations. Our ringing organisations do not include so many really ancient societies that we can afford to let slip such a link with the long-distant past as is formed by the Norwich Scholars. All the while there is a membership, however feeble, there is material for reviving the society, and for maintaining the continuity of the organisation. We are glad to see, therefore, that its annual festival, this year in the shape of a social reunion, has been re-established. With the right men to watch its interests and to impart activity into its dormant body the Norwich Scholars may yet become a real, live society.

And, incidentally, may we ask when steps are to be taken to re-organise that now almost moribund organisation, the old Waterloo Society? If the secretary, whose duties have apparently become entirely nominal, will bestir himself, we believe he will have quite a goodly number of members rallying to his support. At any rate, he will find that there are quite a number of Johns willing to give him a hand to set the society once more on its feet.

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

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Chelmsford.

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,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 36½ cwt., in C.

HENRY SPRINGALL	...*Treble*	*ROBERT W. GREEN	7
EDWIN GIBBS	2	THOMAS LANGDON	8
WILLIAM TRUSS	3	FREDERICK J. HARDY	9
LOUIS ATTWATER	4	FRANCIS E. DAWE	10
JAMES SCHOLES	5	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	11
ARTHUR D. BARKER	6	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

* First peal on 12 bells. Rung on the occasion of the 85th birthday of the Rector (the Rev. Prebendary Albert Barff, M.A.), the ringers heartily wishing him "many happy returns." Great credit is due to the tower keeper (Mr. C. H. Ward) for the exceedingly clean and well-kept state of the whole belfry.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	KEITH HART	9
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5	ERNEST PYE	11
JOHN ARMSTRONG	6	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

FRED HAYES	...*Treble*	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD	6
RALPH COLES	2	WILLIAM PHIPPS	7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	3	GEORGE WHITE	8
ARTHUR F. ASHMAN	4	BENJAMIN PAGE	9
EDWARD MARKHAM	5	FRANK W. BOXALL	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a farewell to 1912 by an entirely local band.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEORGE W. TOMKINS	...*Treble*	CHARLES H. GORDON	6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS	2	WILLIAM KNIGHT	7
*EDGAR GUISE	3	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr.	8
HARRY BROWNJOHN	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
RICHARD CLARK	5	WILLIAM A. CAVE	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal on ten bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES.'		Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.	
*JAMES T. SHOLICAR	*Treble*	JAMES R. PARK	5
JOHN H. SHOLICAR	2	JAMES MARSH	6
PETER H. HARVEY	3	JOHN W. PILKINGTON	7
WILLIAM RIMMER	4	WILLIAM GIBBONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES R. PARK.

* First peal. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to Canon Woodrow, a vice-president of the Guild; also in honour of his recent appointment as Canon.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)
On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GARSTON,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*WALTER E. HUGHES	*Treble*	JOHN TURNER	5
GEORGE WOODHALL	2	JOHN ALLEN	6
EDWARD CAUNCE	3	WALTER HUGHES	7
THOMAS JENNIONS	4	*FRANCIS CHEWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

* First peal.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)
On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY WOODFINE	*Treble*	WILLIAM SCONCE	5
HENRY W. WILDE	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
GEORGE JONES	3	ERNEST CHANNELL	7
ROBERT SPERRING	4	WILLIAM MORGAN	*Tenor*

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

First peal of Double Grandsire by all the band; also the first by the Guild, and the first ever rung in the City or County of Chester. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, is a ten-part peal, composed July 1st, 1912.

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE	*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
ERNEST PYE	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
WILLIAM MILLER	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. J. Neale and R. Sanders. It was also A. J. Neale's 150th peal and the 25th anniversary of his wedding.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(LATE LONDON SCHOLARS.)
On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs., in F.

THOMAS KING	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	5
JOHN D. MATTHEWS	2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	6
ALFRED H. WINCH	3	CHARLES F. WHITE	7
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT, and
Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

"Go" was called at 5.20 a.m., and this is the first peal in the method upon the bells.

STREATHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

H. PATES	*Treble*	I. J. ATTWATER	5
G. BARRINGTON	2	A. G. FREEMAN	6
J. S. DANIELS	3	L. ATTWATER	7
J. LEE	4	C DANIELS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by L. ATTWATER.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Greenwood on his 83rd birthday. Mr. Greenwood has been a ringer at both the Streatham churches since 1851.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(LATE LONDON SCHOLARS.)
On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS	*Treble*	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	5
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	2	THOMAS KING	6
ALFRED H. WINCH	3	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	CHARLES F. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

"Go" was called at 9.30 a.m., and this is the first peal in the method upon the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

OWEN H. GILES	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROWE, Senr.	5
HENRY W. WILKES	2	CHARLES J. FRAY	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	ALBERT MARKS	7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss May Rowe, daughter of the ringer of the 5th, on her coming-of-age.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, January 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt., in G.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	5
†RALPH COLES	2	RICHARD BUCKLAND	6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	3	ROBERT H. YOUNG	7
*JOHN GRANSBURY	4	JOHN EVANS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

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

BARNET, HERTS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Thursday, January 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

ARTHUR HUGHES	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
FRANK A. MILNE	2	WILLIAM D. SMITH	6
FREDERICK RUMENS	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	4	ALBERT A. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by HY. DAINS, and
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung on the 25th birthday of the youngest son of the ringer of the 6th (residing in Sydney, Australia).

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

On Friday, January 10, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*SYDNEY CARTER	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
*HENRY W. COWLEY	2	ALFRED W. GRIMES	6
*HENRY C. CHANDLER	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
*CHARLES S. BIRD	4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Henry C. Chandler, Hon. Sec. of the S. & W. District of the Association.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR HAGUE	5
CLEMENT GLENN	2	*WALTER FROGGATT	6
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3	GEORGE HALKSWORTH	7
*EDWIN C. GARRISON	4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE HALKSWORTH.

* First peal and first attempt. This was the conductor's 50th peal.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY	*Treble*	JOHN B. JACKSON	5
WILLIAM BIRKS	2	WILLIAM B. SMITH	6
FRED W. THORPE	3	EDWIN WHEATER	7
SIDNEY KEIGHLEY	4	JOHN PERFECT	*Tenor*

Composed by OBADIAH LANG, and
Conducted by E. WHEATER.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED BROOK	*Treble*	HARRY FOULDS	5
*SYDNEY LANE	2	ROBERT FOULDS	6
*JAMES E. FOULDS	3	EDWARD MALLINSON	7
*CHARLES MALLINSON	4	JOHN P. FOULDS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by JOHN P. FOULDS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor by J. P. Foulds.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(HEAVITREE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

RICHARD HAMILTON	*Treble*	THOMAS LAVER	5
†HERBERT V. RICHARDS	2	CHARLES G. GLASS	6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDS	3	WILLIAM R. BOUNDY	7
JOHN R. SANDOVER	4	*SERGT.-MAJ. C. WARNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT V. RICHARDS.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Ninth peal by the Heavitree Society.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 11¾ cwt., in F.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	*Treble*	FRANK HOLDER	5
DR. A. B. CARPENTER	2	ALFRED WINCH	6
BENJAMIN MORRIS	3	ARTHUR DEAN	7
WILLIAM H. JOINER	4	JOHN CRAWFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung, after meeting short for Double Norwich, as a birthday compliment to B. Morris on his coming-of-age. It was the conductor's 100th peal for the above Association.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH	*Treble*	HARRY SHUKER	5
†WILLIAM SHERCLIFF	2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	6
SAMUEL GREENHALGH	3	HARRY CHAPMAN	7
THOMAS BOTTRILL	4	*EDWARD SMETHURST	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	JOHN BUTLER	5
ARTHUR E. MORGAN	2	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES	6
VICTOR MORGAN	3	JOHN W. JONES	7
CHARLES GREEDY	4	JOHN GODDARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Arranged for J. Thomas, of Edmonton, who was on a visit.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

LILBOURNE, NORTHANTS.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD J. LAWMAN	*Treble*	JOHN H. HIPWELL	3
JOHN LAWMAN	2	WILLIAM T. R. EGAN	4

ALBERT E. TOMES ... *Tenor*

Conducted by R. J. LAWMAN.

First peal by all and on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to A. E. Tomes, who has joined the Birmingham Police Force. This band was taught change ringing by Messrs. White and Hessian, of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Netherseale, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH	*Treble*	FRED MANSER	4
GEORGE SNELLING	2	JOHN SNELLING	5
BERTIE F. TURNER	3	FRED SEAGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. SNELLING.

First peal as conductor.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Hull, Bourne, York, Durham, Cambridge, Netherseale, and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK C. M. SKINNER *Treble*	FRED SEAGER 4
FRED MANSER 2	BERTIE F. TURNER... ... 5
GEORGE SNELLING 3	JOHN SNELLING... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.
First Surprise peal on the bells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*ERNEST DAVIDSON ... ...*Treble*	†ALFRED HOWELL 4
FREDERICK NUNN 2	†RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 5
FRANK E. RINGROSE... ... 3	†CHARLES H. ROSS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. ROSS.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. N. Runham.

SANDHURST, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, January 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Woodbine, two of Oxford, and three of Kent Treble Bob.

*AUGUSTUS COLLINS ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES DOE 4
ARTHUR PAYNE 2	BARZELLAI HAWKINS ... 5
MARK GODDARD... 3	JOHN MOTH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MOTH.
* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is leaving for Elstree, Herts.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE ... ...*Treble*	ANDREW MARSHALL ... 4
GEORGE FULLER 2	WALTER MARSHALL ... 5
HARRY PRICE 3	FRANK PATTENDEN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW MARSHALL.
Quickest peal on the bells.

FRAMPTON, NEAR BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, January 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

*WILLIAM YOUNG ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE COLEMAN 4
*FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... 2	WILLIAM BARKER 5
HERBERT TAYLOR 3	FREDERICK TAYLOR ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BARKER.
* First peal. First peal of Minor by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung and re-tuned, and a new treble added by Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., the "go" being excellent.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, January 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*W. PEACHEY ... ...*Treble*	*S. HORWARD 3
H. HORWARD 2	H. SLATER 4
W. MANSFIELD ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by W. MANSFIELD.
* First peal. This peal was rung in honour to Miss Boucher, who, on the previous night, entertained the ringers to supper. Many thanks are due to Miss Boucher for her kindness in keeping up the interest which her late brother took in the bells and ringers.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

REX T. BUSWELL ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... 4
WILLIAM C. LEWIS... ... 2	*JOSEPH FARBY 5
*ALBERT E. FOURT 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
* First peal in seven methods.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Canterbury, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER, Senr. ...*Treble*	ALFRED CROUCHER 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	GEORGE FISHER 5
*WILLIAM FISHER, Junr. ... 3	HUBERT CHAFFEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.
* First peal with a bob bell. Ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5 are local men. First peal by Mr. Fisher, Senr., whose age is 54, he having only commenced change ringing in 1911. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Chaffey.

CHARING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

HORACE WILLARD ... ...*Treble*	JOSEPH EDWARDS 4
CHARLES FREDERICK GOOD 2	CHARLES LEONARD PRIOR 5
HARRY E. GOOD... 3	JOHN M. COLLREAY... ...*Tenor*

First peal by all the ringers. First peal by a local band, and the second peal on the bells.
[No conductor mentioned.—ED.]

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, January 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to John Heathorn, of Guildford, the oldest ringer in the Winchester Guild, on reaching the age of 89 years; and to J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking. A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted the previous evening at the Abbot's Hospital, Guildford, in which Mr. Goldsmith took part and to which the old gentleman sat and listened, but to the regret of all the company and listeners, it was lost in the turning course.

DOUBLE WORCESTER BOB MAJOR.

A NEW METHOD.

Plain Lead.	5088	W	M	H
12345678	23456			
21436587	45236	—		—
24135678	24536			—
42316587	52436			—
24361857	52364	B		—
42638175	43265		—	—
46283715	64235	—		
64827351	36245	—		
46283751	64352	B		
64827315	34256		—	
46237135	Five times repeated.			
64821753	Singles for Bobs on 2-3			
68412735	in corresponding parts.			
86147253				
81674523				
18765432				
18674523				
Bob				
17864523				
Single				
18764523				

The above method, which is musical and lends itself well to composition, may be interesting to Double Norwich ringers. A peal has been rung at Selly Oak, and will remain in abeyance two weeks after publication of this, pending any claim, etc. Failing such claim, it will then be published under the above title by

J. PIGOTT,
Smethwick.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIGGLESWADE BRANCH

At the annual meeting of the Biggleswade branch at Biggleswade which was poorly attended, owing to the wretched weather, Everton, Sotton, Clifton, Biggleswade, St. Noets, and Hitchin, were represented. —Mr. F. Thompson presided over the business meeting, at which ten new members from the Biggleswade tower were elected, also the old hon. members, with the addition of the Rev. Cassell, of Old Warden. The following officers were elected to serve another year: President, the Rev. R. S. Bagshaw, Vicar of Biggleswade; secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Blood; and a committee of one from each tower attached. It is hoped that special efforts will be made during the coming year to obtain new members, and to make progress with ringing, so as to strengthen the branch.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, who was unable to be present, for the use of the bells and tower, and a vote of thanks was also accorded to the chairman for his service.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

The meeting of the Bedford district, held at Kempston, was a great success, in spite of inclement weather. The fine ring of six bells was started going early in the afternoon, and was kept going continuously, except for a break to enable those present to partake of a tea provided by a generous donor. The ringing was exceedingly good, and ranged through a dozen or so of methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

Nearly 30 members sat down to tea, and afterwards the business meeting was held, under the excellent chairmanship of the vice-president, Miss E. Steel. The members asked the vice-president to convey their thanks to the donor of the tea, and requested the hon. sec. (Mr. J. W. Barker) to tender their congratulations to one of the hon. members, Mr. H. Browning, on attaining the high civic dignity of Mayor of the Borough of Bedford.

One of the members, Mr. W. T. Lightfoot, being determined to try his luck "'neath the Southern Cross," the meeting tendered him its goodwill and good wishes, and wished him the greatest prosperity among our Australian cousins.

As to the next meeting-place, a general desire was expressed for Cardington, and January 25th was the date fixed.

At the conclusion of a most delightful evening, Mr. Barker thanked, on behalf of the members, Mr. Cave, leader of the Kempston company, for making the necessary arrangements for the bells, and for his presence among the members. He gave a very hearty invitation to the Kempston band to meet the members on each and every occasion a meeting was held, and sincerely hoped that the meeting would be most beneficial to the Kempston ringers.

A DICKENS' COINCIDENCE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I wonder whether many of your readers happened to notice in your issue of January 3rd a curious reminder of "David Copperfield." On page 3, at the top of the left-hand column, the name of the tenor man in the peal rung at Bristol was URIAH Braven, while the treble ringer in the next recorded peal was HARRY HEAP. Each of the two names in small capitals being rather an uncommon one, the coincidence of their occurring in close proximity is remarkable.—Yours truly,

F. Ll. EDWARDS.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday week last, in the Guild's room at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, the presiding Ringing Master, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, being in the chair. A large number of members were present.—The business was mainly formal, but, as usual, great interest was shown in the statement of accounts presented by the secretary, the balance sheet showing the financial state of the Guild to be an extremely satisfactory one.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of Mr. Charles Dickens, who, having been made a trustee, vacated the position of auditor, to which latter Mr. George Swann was unanimously elected.

It was decided to hold the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at "Ye Olde Royal," Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, the next quarterly meeting at Solihull (with the permission of the Rector), in April, at a date to be subsequently fixed.—Five new members were elected, and the business being disposed of, the remainder of the evening was spent in tune and change ringing on the handbells

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Western District of the Essex Association was held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, and was attended by about 30 members. A service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Siddans) addressed the ringers. The tea and business meeting followed immediately after the service, the chair being occupied by the Vicar, supported by Mr. G. A. Black, the Master of the South Western Division, and the Rev. H. E. Tilston. The following were made members: Messrs. P. R. Hislop, of Clapton; C. Hughes and G. Carter, of Walthamstow. Hornchurch was selected as the next place of meeting.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting at St. Saviour's and for his address at the service ended the meeting.

THE "ARTHUR" JACOB FUND.

The following further amounts on behalf of the fund for assisting the widow of the late Mr. Arthur Jacob are acknowledged with thanks: Previously acknowledged, £10 5s.; the Finchley ringers, per Mr. W. Tubb, 3s. 6d.; Mr. B. Foskett, 5s.; Mr. Barnard (Wood Green), 2s.; total, £10 15s. 6d.

A DEVON OUTING.

The Holcombe Rogus band of the Devon Guild had a holiday trip at Christmas to several towers where change ringing is not yet done. At Culmstock they found a fine peal of six in good order, and a few touches of Grandsire and Stedman were tapped off. Uffculme was the next call, and here the position of the ropes makes ringing difficult. One and 2 run in the wrong direction, 3 is back in the right-hand corner behind, 4, 6 and 5 run in that order in a line on the opposite side of the belfry After several unsuccessful attempts for a six-score of Grandsire, in which the 3rd man was out in the cold, and another seemed to have his thoughts more on the cream in store than the ringing in hand, a fairly clean-struck 120 was brought round, and then having got used to the unusual conditions, several others were rung. Halberton and Sampford Peverell were also visited, and the excursion was much enjoyed.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at Whitworth Parish Church, on Saturday. Members were present from Whitworth, Rochdale Parish, Balderstone, Glodwich, Oldham Parish, Middleton and Todmorden Unitarian.—The Rev. J. R. Schofield presided over the business meeting, and was made a life member of the Association.—One other member was elected, and Milnrow was selected for the next meeting.—The bells were kept going till 8.30, in Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

5040 DOUBLE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By Dr. A. B. CARPENTER.

1st half.		2nd half.	
234567		235476	
672453	1	762543	1
476325	5	567324	5
764325	2	365472	5
257436	1	653472	2
452673	5	456237	5
654327	5	254763	5
356742	5	752346	5
563742	2	467235	1
765234	5	674235	2
267453	5	276543	5

Each to be four times repeated, with a Holt's Bob-single at the end of the fifth and tenth parts.

Composed July 1st, 1912, and first rung at St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, Chester, conducted by Henry W. Wilde, on January 6th, 1913.

COMPOSITIONS.

SOME PEALS OF PLAIN BOB AND SOME FRIENDLY CRITICISM.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In continuation of the article published on Dec. 27th, upon Originality in composition, Mr. J. A. Trollope, this week contributes a little friendly criticism upon some of the compositions sent up for publication.

He writes: Now let us look at the peals of Bob Major and Maximus that have been sent to "The Ringing World" for publication, and I want it to be understood clearly that in criticising them I am doing so in no unkind way. I am saying publicly what I have continually to say in private, in the hopes that the authors will profit by my remarks, be they favourable or the reverse.

First, we have three peals of Maximus, and let me say is it worth while to send peals of Maximus for publication? They are never rung, and the skill required to produce them is very very little.

BOB MAXIMUS,

By Ernest Morris, Leicester.

A. 5280			B. 5016			C. 5016			
23456	W	R	23456	W	R	23456	W	M	R
53426	S		53426	S		45236	—		—
42536	—	—	42356	S	—	24536			—
54236		—	34256		—	53246	—		—
23546	—	—	25346	—	—	62345		—	—
52346		—	32546		—	36245			—
35246		—	35246		S	24365	—		—
24356	—	—	23546		—	32465			—
32456		—	52346		—	34265			S
43256		—	53246		S	23465			—
25436	—	—	24536	—	—	42365			—
			52436		—	43265			S
Repeated			54236		S	52436	—	—	—
			25436		—	35426	—		
			42536		—	42356	—		—
			45236		S	34256			—
			32456	—	S	32456			S
			43256		—	43256			—
			24356		—	24356			—
			23456		S	23456			S

A and B, sixth at home throughout with all 3-6's, 4-6's, 5-6's, the 2nd only twice in 5th's place, and only once in the 5016.

C has all 6-5's and 5-6's, the 2nd only above 4th's in one course; 5th and 6th only in 6th's place.

A and B are really one and the same composition. They consist of the "old" nine courses of Bob Major (1008), arranged thus:—

W	R	
42356	—	This repeated by singles would give eighteen courses.
34256	—	The extra course required is singled in at the first,
25346	—	being:—
32546	—	23456 W R
53246	—	53426 S
24536	—	
52436	—	
45236	—	
23456	—	

If you call another S at the next wrong you would get back to the plain course, and you could go on with your nine courses, and then repeat the whole by adding a single at the last R. You would then have six singles, but to substitute bobs for two of them is the most obvious thing, and so you get peal A, or you can double each three-course block in the nine courses by singles, and so you get B, and you can get a large number of variations on the same lines. Is the peal original? Well, I cannot say that I have ever seen it in print in exactly this form, but isn't it rather late to tell us that the old 1008 of Bob Major can be doubled by singles and an extra course singled in?

C is a peal quite worth ringing, for the keeping of the fifth and sixth together in 5-6 gives the best musical results in Maximus. If I were going to call a peal of Bob Maximus, this is the peal that I should call. It isn't mine, and I don't know quite who can claim it. It consists of two very old round blocks joined by singles:

5016 BOB MAXIMUS

23456	W	R	Continued	W	R
45236	—	—	45326	—	—
24536		—	34526		—
53246	—	—	53426		—
25346		—	42536	—	—
32546		—	54236		—
54326	—	—	25436		—
35426		—	43256	—	—
42356	—	—	24356		—
34256		—	23456		S
32456		S			

5040 BOB ROYAL

by H. Price.

23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	
62534		—	
36524	—		
23564	—		
45236	—	—	—
24536			—
52436			—
43526	—		—
54326			—
32546	—		—
53246			—
25346			—
34526	S		—
52346	—		—
35246			—
23546			—

Repeat last 12 courses, omitting Middle.

5088 BOB MAJOR

by H. Price.

23456	W	B	H
52364	—	—	—
35264			—
63254	—		
56234	—		
32564	—		S
56324	—		—
35624			—
62354	—		—
36254			—
23654			—
65234	—		—
26534			—
53264	—		—
25364			—
23564			S

Twice repeated.

There is nothing very original about this peal of Bob Royal by Mr. H. Price, the 24 courses, with the 6th at home, which form the body of the peal, are old. But it is decidedly a good composition to ring. The same criticism applies throughout to the same composer's 5088 three-part of Bob Major. The ten-course block which forms the main portion of each part is old, but that does not mean that it is not legitimate to use it in a new peal.

To be continued.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

HURSTPIERPOINT.

On New Year's Day the ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, together with a goodly company of friends, sat down to their annual dinner prepared for them at the White Horse Inn.—The Rector presided, and after the toasts of "The King," "The Bishop and Clergy," and "The Navy and Army" had been honoured, the Chairman submitted "The Ringers." The Rector complimented them in glowing terms upon their ringing, the tidiness of their belfry, and their willingness to conform to his slightest wish. He said he never gave praise to anyone unless it was deserved, and so every word he spoke was what he really meant. — In their reply, Messrs. Stenning and Bransden thanked the Rector for his complimentary words, and deplored the fact that there was no ringer of advanced methods among their number who could teach them new methods.—"The Town and Trade," "The Chairman" and "The Visitors" were the other toasts. The songs which went towards enlivening the evening were many and good, and thanks are due to the following gentlemen for their songs: The Revs. A. E. L. Sayers and E. Cresswell-Gee, Messrs. Collis, Oliver, Blaker, Jephcott, Davey, Bransden and Couchman; also to Mr. Gladman for his excellent display with Indian clubs, and to Messrs. Davey, Mansbridge and J. Bransden and H. Bransden for a touch on handbells.

ORSETT, ESSEX.

On Thursday week, the ringers of the Parish Church of St. Giles' and All Saints' were entertained to their annual supper at the Rectory, by the Rev. W. C. Bishop and Mrs. Bishop. After supper, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and his wife, on the motion of Mr. W. F. Fox, seconded by Mr. A. Keeling (captain of the ringers), and a very enjoyable evening wound up about 11 o'clock. Songs were sung by Messrs. A. Keeling, W. F. Fox, A. Merchant, R. and W. Harrod, J. C. Bridge and Tom Kimmings, and a comic recitation given by the Rev. W. Tapper (curate), while the ringers rang a good selection of tunes and changes on their fine handbells.

Before the supper, the ringers visited the belfry, and rang several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and also fired the bells 70 times in honour of the 70th birthday of the Countess of Shannon, who has been staying at the hall, and who is aunt to the squire, Major Whitmore. Her ladyship sent a very nice letter to Mr. A. Keeling, to thank the ringers for their kindness in ringing, and for their good wishes, and wished them all "a happy New Year, and many more to follow." The ringers were: Messrs. B. Harrod, W. Harrod, A. Keeling, H. Chinnery, H. Joslin, and T. Kimmings, and they were joined by Messrs. J. Field, H. Plowright and C. Bridge.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 2nd, after meeting short for a peal, 720 Oxford Bob: Rev. W. C. Pearson 1, J. Bennett, R.M.L.I. (first in the method) 2, G. Flemming 3, G. Bennett 4, A. Flemming 5, G. Farnish (conductor) 6.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter's Church, on January 9th, 720 London Surprise: A. Robinson 1, J. Cooke 2, Miss E. Steel 3, C. Stapleton 4, C. W. Clarke 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

AN OLD SUFFOLK RINGER.

Our illustration is of the band at Leiston, who, on New Year's Day rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Button. It is not often that a ringer takes part in his own golden wedding peal, but Mr. Button, despite his more than 75 years, was able to ring the treble. The photograph includes five of the famous Bailey brothers, and Mr. Button is seated in the middle. The veteran was born at Rendham on April 3rd, 1838, and has taken a great interest in bells and ringing ever since he was a boy. He has walked many hundreds of miles after ringing, and on two occasions (in 1855) rang in a peal for a prize of gloves. One of these peals was at Rendham and the other at Sweffling. At that time there were several good five bell companies in the district, among them being the ringers of Aldeburgh, Peasenhall, Middleton, Great Glemham and Bemhall, and Old Grandsire and Bob Doubles were the methods chiefly rung.

After his apprenticeship had expired in 1859 he went to live at Leiston, where ringing was at a very low ebb. With four others he soon made up a company, and several methods were mastered. In the year 1883 the bells had got into such a bad state that ringing had to be discontinued, and the next year the Rector and churchwardens took up the question of their restoration. Just about that time Mr. Richard Garrett died, and his family, as a memorial to their brother, augmented the peal to eight by adding two trebles and a tenor and recasting the third.

With the help of the Kelsale men, an eight-bell company was formed, but for several years not much headway was made, Bob Triples and Major being the extent of the method ringing. Mr. Button was 65 years of age when he rang his first peal of Double Norwich, and he has rung altogether 46 peals, including Bob Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and the treble to Superlative and Cambridge. He took part in the first peal of Superlative on Leiston bells.

He has taught dozens of ringers, and is proud of the fact that he has a good company of men to ring for the Sunday services, which is his first object in teaching them to ring. He has turned out some good men among his pupils, one being Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. Mr. Button's three sons were all taught ringing, but only one has followed it up, and he now belongs to the Colchester company. Mr. Button is highly respected by the ringers of the Norwich Association, and particularly by the men of his own tower, for he has done much for ringing in this picturesque Suffolk village. He is the master of the company and steeplekeeper, and only once has he missed going round at Christmas with the handbells during the 50 years he has been associated with the tower.



Photo by [*J. S. Waddell, Leiston.*

Back Row: J. M. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, G. Wilson, L. P. Bailey, E. S. Bailey.
Seated: C. Sampson, J. M. Button, C. F. Bailey.

ODD CHANGES.

Something out of the ordinary was rung at Chester last week, when the Chester Guild scored a peal of Double Grandsire Triples. This is the sort of thing which shows enterprise, and it would stimulate more interest if other novelties of this kind were more frequently introduced in other towers to add variety to performances.

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On Thursday evening last week Mr. Ernest F. Creed (captain of the Castle Cary ringers) was presented with a handsome silver plated hot water kettle, by the Rector and ringers of West Lydford. Mr. Creed takes the keenest interest in ringing, and has, since the West Lydford bells were rehung, been instructing the band in change ringing.

Another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples has been rung at St. Matthew's, Auckland, New Zealand, where the band seem to be doing well with the method, but, owing to the fact that they are all unable to get away from business at a convenient time, they are unable to arrange to go for a peal. The quarter was rung for morning service on November 24th by J. F. Colgrove 1, A. Smallwood 2, J. Heather 3, E. J. Hamblin 4, O. Throssell 5, A. J. White 6, S. C. Hamblin (conductor) 7, P. Barringer 8.

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Mr. C. F. Winney writes: An eloquent preacher once said we live in an age of "advertisement." "An ox in a teacup" an impossibility. I admire Mr. Grimes' generosity and marvellous energy. Most of his peals were taken part in to oblige others. The writer of the article did not hear the record peal of Bristol rung at Hornchurch. I would suggest he should have left out the words "the absence of anything approaching a muddle."

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The Biggleswade Branch of the Bedfordshire Association is making excellent progress. It has only been formed a year, in a district where very little energy had previously been shown. It now has 33 ringing and 12 hon. members.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

NEW MASTER ELECTED.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths Society was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday last, and despite the wretched state of the weather, was attended by upwards of 30 members. Considerable disappointment was felt that owing to the restrictions prevailing at St. Martin's there could be no ringing after 5.15. An adjournment was made at that time to the Vestry Hall, where an excellent tea was awaiting the members, having been generously provided by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Shelford), who personally welcomed the Society to St. Martin's.

Mr. J. Parker was chosen to fulfil the duties of Master for the present year, Messrs. Dains, Bennett, Hardy and Hairs being re-elected to their respective offices.—Messrs. C. Austin, of Edmonton and H. J. and A. E. Bradley, of Shoreditch, were elected members, and the election of 11 members in various towers was confirmed.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at West Ham.

The subject of erecting a headstone to the memory of the late Mr. Arthur Jacob was discussed at some length, it being eventually decided to allow the matter to stand over till the next meeting.

A pleasant evening was afterwards passed in the hall, the proceedings being enlivened by songs and courses of several methods on the handbells.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. B. PERRETT, WOODFORD.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Bert Perrett, of Woodford, Northants, who died on Thursday, January 2nd, at the age of 36, as the result of an accident, he having been crushed between two waggons while following his employment at the Islip Iron Ore Furnaces. The deceased was leader of the ringers at Woodford. The bells of this church are under renovation, and are away at Messrs. Taylor's foundry. Another bell is to be added to make a peal of six, and the deceased, with his fellow ringers, went to Loughborough on December 30th to see the new bell cast. The late Mr. Perrett, who was well known and enjoyed great popularity in the district, was actively identified with public life. In addition to being a ringer, he also served the church in the capacity of chorister. He was a member of the Parish Council, and took an active part in friendly society and political work.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week, the ringers acting as bearers, while the choir walked by the side of the coffin. Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association), Mr. F. Stubbs (district secretary, Raunds), Mr. W. Gilbert (Raunds), also attended. The bells of Great Addington were rung, muffled, during the evening.

PILL, GLOUCESTER.—On January 12th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. H. Moore (first 720 Kent) 1, G. H. Gale 2, *L. H. Moore, senr., 3, *J. Cable 4, H. J. Cavill 5, J. Thomas, London (conductor) 6. *First 720 with bob bell. Also 360 Canterbury Minor, conducted by G. H. Gale.

THE NORWICH SCHOLARS.

THE REVIVAL OF AN ANCIENT SOCIETY.

On Thursday of last week, the Society of Norwich Scholars spent a very enjoyable evening at their meeting-house "The Walnut Tree Shades." The company included ringers, their wives and a few friends, and the thanks of them all are due to Mr. F. Knights for the arrangements he made. The programme was well sustained by Mr. Knights and his family, who delighted everyone with their clever handbell ringing and comic songs. Messrs. Swain and Larder also rendered yeoman service, their first-class singing being greatly appreciated. Mr. E. Knights at the piano was not the least of the evening's successes. This social evening has been an annual event for 300 years, but last year, owing to a variety of circumstances, was allowed to lapse. This year the outlook being brighter, it was resolved to continue the old custom.

There is pretty general knowledge of the trouble that arose a few years ago between the authorities of St. Peter Mancroft and the society, since when the latter has had no tower for its headquarters, and it says much for the remaining members that they have kept the society afloat. There is a probability of the eight at St. Michael's, Cosland, being rehung shortly. That and the infusion of some fresh blood offers a fair prospect for the success of the famous old society in the future.

Whatever the rights and wrongs were of the trouble at Mancroft; it must be deplored that the renowned twelve are so seldom heard, and then invariably handled by visiting bands. It is to be hoped some steps may be taken to bring about an amicable settlement. If this be done, the Art is once more bound to flourish in the city which has played not a small part in the history of the Exercise.

It is interesting to note that the Purse Club (Sick Benefit Club) run in connection with the Ringing Society is doubly solvent, a fact which Mr. S. Smith and his colleagues can congratulate themselves upon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Cary Deanery branch was held at Wincanton, on Saturday last, when, although the weather was rough and wet, between 50 and 60 were present, representing Bruton, Castle Cary, Ditcheat, Queen Camel, Templecombe, Buckhorn Weston, North Cheriton, South Cadbury, and Wincanton.—A short service was held in the church, the Rev. H. M. Spackman, Vicar of Wincanton, officiating, and delivering a very instructive address upon the position of ringers, his text being Psalm xxvi, "Be thou my judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently." The choir were in attendance, and rendered some fine music, making the service as bright as possible.

Afterwards the ringers were very kindly entertained to tea in the Sunday Schoolroom by the Rev. H. M. Spackman and his churchwardens, Mrs. Spackman and other ladies presiding at the tables.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar being heartily voted to the chair. Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr., of Ditcheat, was chosen as president to the branch for the year, and Mr. T. G. Vincent, junr., was again elected hon. secretary. Twelve new members were elected, and one tower affiliated to the Association. Marston Magna was chosen as the next place of meeting, in May.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and arranging the service, and also to him and his churchwardens for their kindness in entertaining the ringers to tea.—The Vicar, in replying said he was pleased to think the Castle Cary branch had chosen Wincanton as a place of meeting, and whenever they felt inclined to arrange another meeting there they would be accorded the same welcome as they had been that afternoon.—This concluded the business, and a move was then made to the tower, where the bells were kept going in various methods until 8.30, and bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.

LEEDS SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Pudsey on Saturday. The attendance was not as large as usual, owing to the wretched state of the weather. The following towers were represented: Bolton, Bradford, Calverley, Guiseley, Holbeck, Headingley, Mirfield, Shipley, Tong, and the local ringers. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in the afternoon by a mixed company, and touches were also rung in the evening by visitors.

The business meeting was held at the Golden Lion Hotel. The President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) was unfortunately absent owing to having a blood poisoned hand, and his place was taken by Mr. J. Broadley.—Mr. F. Robinson, of Mirfield, was elected a member of the society. The arrangements for a peal attempt at Armley, on February 8th, were left to the secretary.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Pudsey and local ringers was proposed by Mr. J. B. Jackson, seconded by Mr. W. B. Smith, and carried amidst applause.—Mr. E. Hoyle responded, offering a hearty welcome to all ringers and remarking that the bells were always available.—Mr. T. Maude, in a brief speech, said he always enjoyed coming to Pudsey, and hoped that before long they would have ten bells instead of eight.—The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing. The nomination meeting will be held at Armley on February 8th, when a good attendance is requested.

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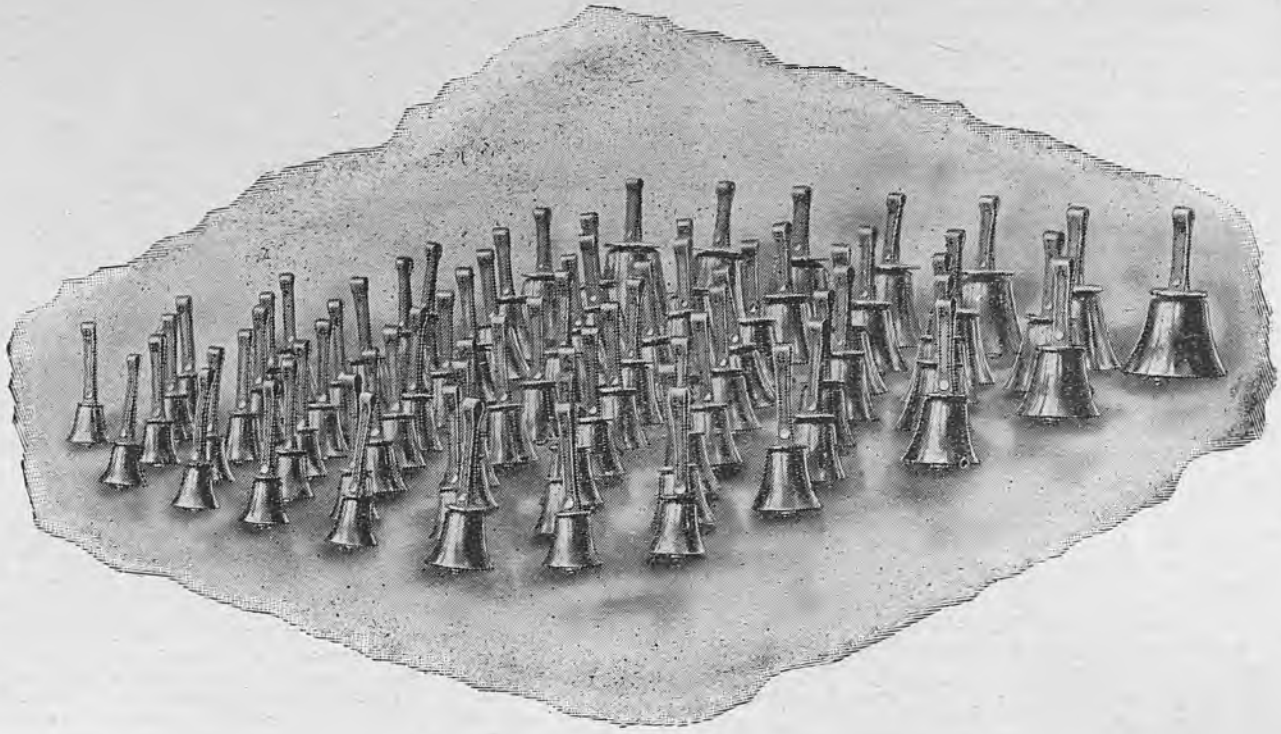

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"FOUR PEALS IN A DAY."

STORY OF AN ATTEMPT IN FOUR COUNTIES.

AN ABORTIVE EFFORT.

For the past twelvemonth, an old ambition of the late '90's has continually cropped up, and at last led me to see what could be done by way of an attempt for four peals in a day. The original set of towers intended was Staines (St. Mary's), Chertsey, Old Windsor, and Wraysbury, but, owing to the lapse of a score of years, it has now been amended for Staines (St. Peter's), Egham, Old Windsor, and Wraysbury—the gift of a second ring of eight to the town of Staines in 1902, and the addition of trebles to the six at Egham in 1912, offering a more compact quartet of towers with easier bells for the undertaking. In the course of recent correspondence, I found out that others had had the same object in view, in one case the four peals being confined to one tower in a day in Sussex. While at Chipping Norton on the Oxford Guild tour of last October, my ideas were further whetted by the proximity of the famous "Four Shires Stone," which marks the point of contact for the counties of Oxford, Gloucester, Worcester and Warwick, and the only one possible, I believe, in the whole of Great Britain. Reading is another centre where Oxford, Bucks, Berks and Hants could be negotiated, whilst the East End of London, by means of the ferry across the river Thames, would give Essex, Kent, Surrey and Middlesex. Our Birmingham friends also have a group of four counties which could be utilised, but there does not appear to be a more favourable quartet of county belfries than those referred to in this article, and which are paired off by the bed of father Thames, not far from the famous old oblelisk, known as the "London Stone," near Staines.

The Rochester Row band, during the height of their Surprise career, visited this district on April 27th, 1901, and scored three peals in three counties in the order named, each being the first peal in the method on the bells, but those at St. Mary's, Staines, have since got into ill-going order, and are now practically unringable: Old Windsor, London Surprise; Wraysbury, Superlative Surprise; Staines (Old Church), Cambridge Surprise.

These three counties were again visited by some of the London talent on April 24th, 1905, when London Surprise was achieved at Old Windsor, Wraysbury and Isleworth (Middlesex). In each case there were three conductors, and the same men rang in all three peals in both undertakings which were under the auspices of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Of course, nothing short of four peals of London can now supersede the day's performance of the Passmore band. I heard most of the peal at Wraysbury, and, notwithstanding the terribly false clappering of these bells, it was an excellently-struck peal, and this reference from an impartial witness is probably fresh news to the band concerned.

After an alteration of date, the present attempt for "Fourfold" was formally fixed up for Tuesday, January 7th, and from the first I was greatly encouraged in the proposal by the respective clergy, and have great pleasure in naming them as gentlemen who did their best for the venture with due care and consideration for their own parishioners. We were not wanted in the afternoon at one tower, by no means early morning at another—and not late at night at still another—however, the puzzle was fitted together at length like a chess board, but when we came to find the men and to place them, a very severe game of "checkmate" ensued. Rosy prospects arose at first, in November and December, since the names of willing candidates disclosed a good Surprise team, but business and the Christmas holidays intervened, and one after another had to decline the honour with thanks and good wishes for our success. Corpl. F. A. Holden, transferred from Chatham to Deal for two years, found it impossible to get leave again, and, by-the-way, he's after more stripes. May he get four up before the four-peal day comes off. Others who had to decline for various reasons were: Messrs. A H. Pulling, F. Bennett, B. Prewett, J. Parker, G. Williams, K. Hart, etc.

I hardly like taking up so much of your columns with details, but the gist of the replies were mostly in favour of four Surprise, and a great deal of interesting advice and commentary is available if our Editor would permit. Well, at last, we had a band, such as it was—all strong and willing pealmen: and, notwithstanding a battle royal with some of the kings on our chess board, they each kept to their promises, and met punctually. The next difficulty to overcome was the question of society—four were proposed at one time, so that everything should be quadrupled if possible, such as four composers, four conductors, four bells per man, but we overlooked the fourth day of the fourth month, and perhaps that would be more appropriate in the year 1914. An opportunity once existed of adding the venture to the records of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, but when it was found so many of the prominent ringers belonging to the various County and Diocesan Associations around London also belonged to the old London Society, known as the Royal Cumberland Youths, a good majority declared in favour of the latter, if only to rouse up the brotherhood from its present lethargic and disbanded conditions.

Having fixed up the towers, the bands, and the society to our mutual satisfaction, one would have thought the organiser was free from further care, but this was not to be. The methods had to be weighed up next, and four Surprise peals were found wanting. We could have managed, perhaps, two of them. However, on the principle of whole hog or none: we came down to Standard methods, again in four varieties, but with the additional feature of being the first peal in the method on the bells four times, if we were successful. Quite early in my correspondence, I found I had to "father my flock" while travelling. Some wanted to bring their cycles to ride round the parishes, another suggested a couple of motor cars, and others inquired as to trains, and towards old Christmas Day I began to think my tether was not only at an end, but was well nigh severed. It was due to an unexpectedly favourable telegram from Clapton on the Friday previous, that the whole affair was not abandoned on the Saturday, and even then the state of the River Thames owing to the excessive December rainfall was such (3ft. above head at Windsor) as to render a crossing by ferry boat in the darkness of a winter's night almost impossible. Yet "Father Thames" was willing. He subsided sufficiently and in good time to allow our party to go over from Bucks to Berks in two loads with the assistance of friendly lanterns on each bank as prearranged

The programme stipulated for meeting at the Catherine Wheel, Egham, between 8 and 9 a.m. on Monday, January 6th. On Tuesday the band were aroused at 4 a.m., the arrangements being as under:—

St. John the Baptist's, Egham, Surrey (Rev. W. T. Nicholson, Vicar), Bob Major, 5 a.m.; breakfast, 8.15 a.m.; train, Egham to Staines, 8.55 a.m.

St. Peter's, Staines, Middlesex (Rev. H E. Hall, Vicar), Double Norwich, 9.30 a.m. Lunch at the Packhorse Hotel at 12.30. Train, Staines to Wraysbury, 1.33.

St. Andrew's, Wraysbury, Bucks (Rev. L. F. Hake, Vicar). Kent Treble Bob Major, 2.15 p.m. Tea at the George Inn at 5.15. Walk to ferry for crossing at 6 p.m.

St Peter's, Old Windsor, Berks (Rev. J. R. Napier, Vicar), Oxford Treble Bob Major at 6.30 p.m. Supper at The Wheatsheaf at 10 p.m.; train to London from Datchet, 10.49 p.m.

This programme was practically adhered to with the following exceptions, to which I have added a few notes. The trains from Egham to Staines and Wraysbury were not used, Mrs. Harry Loe kindly allowing us to use her motor brougham, holding six, and the other two cycling.

The Wraysbury attempt lasted 2 hrs. and 5 mins., when two ringers changed their work. Most London men know the difficult striking and circle of those bells, but in addition we were smoked out, like rats in a hole, for over an hour with the sulphurous fumes of a heating apparatus chimney blowing directly into the belfry window; we were subjected to a long spell of powerful organ playing, coupled with a noisy ringing room just under the bells, and last, but not least, we rather overdid the hot lunch at Staines, and sadly wanted forty winks; while workmen were also about building a covered way and decorating the church for a wedding on the morrow. I mention these facts only as partial excuse for our failure. Such a band ought to have finished a good peal of Treble Bob—as they were all fairly fresh—and after putting up with such difficulties for over an hour. Mr. George Gigg, of Egham, kept us company round to Wraysbury, and there left us to return to Egham with a mysterious packet of eight sovereigns in his pocket. Mr. A. G. Kettle, captain of the Egham Society, sent us a hearty welcome with the best wishes of his company for our success. At Staines we were met by the Rev. R. W. Hodges, curate-in-charge, during the absence of the Vicar, suffering with a serious cold. Mr. Hodges very kindly officiated as our chaplain, and said the belfry office before we pulled off, and later congratulated us, and presided at our luncheon at the Packhorse Hotel, where we were joined by Messrs. Preston and Butler, of the local company.

Our mortification having subdued over tea at the George Inn, not before a good sluice of the nose and mouth in water had removed the burning dryness of coke firing, it was decided to go on to Windsor as arranged, but not to attempt a peal since the object of our visit could not be concluded that day. At Old Windsor we were met by Messrs. J. Guttridge and Wm. Welling, and touches of Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples were rung from 6.20 to 7.30 p.m. The Vicar and churchwarden not only came to welcome us, but each pulled a bell also. Instead of going home by the last up train from Datchet, at 10.49 to Waterloo, our party broke up at 8.30 p.m., not altogether satisfied, and by no means disappointed with their ringing ramble into four counties in one day.

All the bells were carefully greased and raised, ropes attended to, and the belfries put in readiness on the day before our visits, and our best thanks are due to the respective steeple keepers for doing their utmost to bring about success: Mr. Gigg, Egham; Mr. Parker, Staines; Mr. Burley, Wraysbury; and Mr. Guttridge, Old Windsor. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loe, of the Catherine Wheel, Egham, entered into the spirit of our task, and ensured our being called at 4 a.m., and provided with an early breakfast for our day's start off. Although we have no record to chronicle, everybody gave us assistance readily, and so enabled us to economise time, one of the most important factors in such a contract. Well, whenever it is done, the 20,000 changes in four peals, with intervals, will not equal a 15,000 rung in one continuous peal.—W.H.F.

NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Second Session of the Eighth Council (23rd annual meeting) will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Whitsun Tuesday, May 13th, 1913. Reports of committees and notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, April 12th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in the ringing papers. Hon. secretaries of the Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that affiliation fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me without delay. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year or in that of any of their representatives, or of any change in the representation itself.—Charles D. P. Davies, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. N.B.—Please do not make Postal Orders payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles distant.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824). — Southern District. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18th, 1913, at St. George's, Southwark. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District. — The general meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the Old King's Head. All members and friends cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Lowick on Saturday, January 18th; Isham on January 25th; Irthlingborough on February 1st.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham, Road, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Aylesford, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by the usual business meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorking and Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at the Church Room, Dorking, on January 18th, 1913. Bells open at 4 p.m. Tea at 6, followed by general meeting.—R. H. Freeman, Honorary Secretary, Rectory Lane, Shere.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, January 18th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.45. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Talbot Hotel at 5.30, 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting after.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Honorary Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. Divine service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, provided by S. Neame, Esq., will be taken at 5.30 p.m. The annual subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penwortham on January 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. New reports given out at this meeting.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Perry Barr, Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3. Service, with address at 5.30. Tea at 6.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 6.30.—Walter Hughes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Congresbury on Saturday, January 18th. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Tea 9d. each. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 30th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; St. Magnus 7.30 p.m.; the others at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Evensong 5.30. Tea in the Vicarage Hall at 6.15. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by January 28th?—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, in the Hartland Road Mission Hall at 6, followed by business meeting. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting

at 4; tea (1s. each) at 4.45, both in the National School. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. H. Pegg, Market Place, Whitwick, by the previous Thursday? The committee request that all subscriptions up to the end of 1912 be paid in at once. — W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those attending who let me know by January 20th. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting. Committee meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on January 25th. Ringing from 3 to 8 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock; tea and meeting after service. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by Tuesday, 21st inst. Will secretaries kindly note subscriptions for 1912 are overdue and those for 1913 are now due.—Geo. H. Howse, Honorary Division Secretary, "Kenilworth," Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, January 25th. Eight bells. Motor 'buses. Tea 6d.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peploe, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1913 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3.30. Divine service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.30.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at noon. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Grantham Dairy Co., Westgate, at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting after. Members and friends will be given a hearty welcome, and are requested to give notice of attendance not later than January 19th.—A. Markwell, District Secretary, Ingoldsby.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at the Chequers at 5.30 at 9d. per head. It is hoped that members will endeavour to be present. All ringers welcome. —H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division, 43, Heath Road, Oxhey, Hertford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, January 25th. Service in the Abbey Church at 4 p.m. For the day's arrangements see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 4. Service in church at 5. Tea in the Oddfellows' Hall at 5.45, followed by the general meeting. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, January 21st. Sixpence per head will be charged towards cost of the tea.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

VISITORS at the annual meeting of the Tonbridge district, held at Edenbridge on January 25th, are invited to save money by taking advantage of J. W. Steddy's ANNUAL SALE, which will be on at that time. Clothing and boots of every description at lowest prices, catalogue on application. Two hundred men's overcoats, worth 25s., all sizes, carriage paid, 15s. 6d. — J. W. Steddy, Edenbridge.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Parish Institute 5.30, meeting after. Short service at Parish Church 7.30. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 21st.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, January 25th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30.—P. Webb, District Secretary.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on January 25th, when the bells will be available at 3.30. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5.45, members 6d., others 9d., business meeting after. All will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Honorary District Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Room, followed by business meeting. Service at 6 p.m., with address by the Rev. T. R. H. Sturgess. Those intending to be at the tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, January 21st. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Malins Lee on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Bells at 4. Tea and meeting at King's Head 5.30, 8d. each. Kindly send notice for tea not later than Wednesday, the 29th inst. — Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, February 1st. Tower open 2 p.m. to 9. Retford Station seven minutes' walk from church. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. All intending to be present please write Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, not later than January 28th. A good attendance is desired.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, February 1st. Parish Church bells (8) open at 2.30, St. Peter's (10) at 3.30. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 at St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting after. — Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, February 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at the Pack Horse Inn at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please notify Chas. Todd, Bracken Road, Darlington.

CHANGE OF ADDRSSES.—Mr. J. Hunt, late of Guildford, has removed to 94, Mayola Road, Clapton, London, N.E.—Mr. G. R. Newton has removed from 6, Aigbuith Vale, to Mossley Hill Mews House, Liverpool.

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HAUGHTON, STAFFORD.—On Saturday, Jan. 4th, in 63 mins., 2040 Doubles, being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and seven of St. Dunstans, each called differently: T. Tunnicliffe 1, B M. Duke 2, C. H. Smith 3, G. Booth 4, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 5.

NORTHBOURNE. — The Kent County Association.—On Jan. 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. C. Castle 1, *E. Kemp 2, F. A. Holden (conductor) 3, *J. Trinder 4, *L. Ladd 5, E. W. Verrier 6. * First in the method. Also 720 Bob Minor, with H. C. Castle, conductor.

DEAL.—On Sunday, Jan. 5th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Axon 1, A. Long 2, F. A. Holden 3, E. Kemp 4, L. Ladd 5, H. C. Castle (conductor) 6.

HORLEY, SURREY. — On Jan. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service: F. Voice 1, J. Kenward 2, H. J. Dewey 3, A. Bashford 4, G. Illman 5, S. Kenward (conductor) 6, P. Etheridge 7, A. Songhurst 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Sunday, Jan. 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: J. Smewings (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Bateman 2, G. Basden 3, E. Garbett 4, J. J. Parker 5, J. Elderfield 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, J. Bovington 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—St. Paul's Guild.—On January 5th, for morning service, 1264 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: W. H. Stevens 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, H. Cook 4, H. Stevens 5, E. Cassell 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on January 8th, 1232 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Mackman (conductor) 1, W. Phillips 2, F. G. Symonds 3, H. W. Cotton 4, R. Holloway 5, C. H. Dobbie 6, A. Harris 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

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