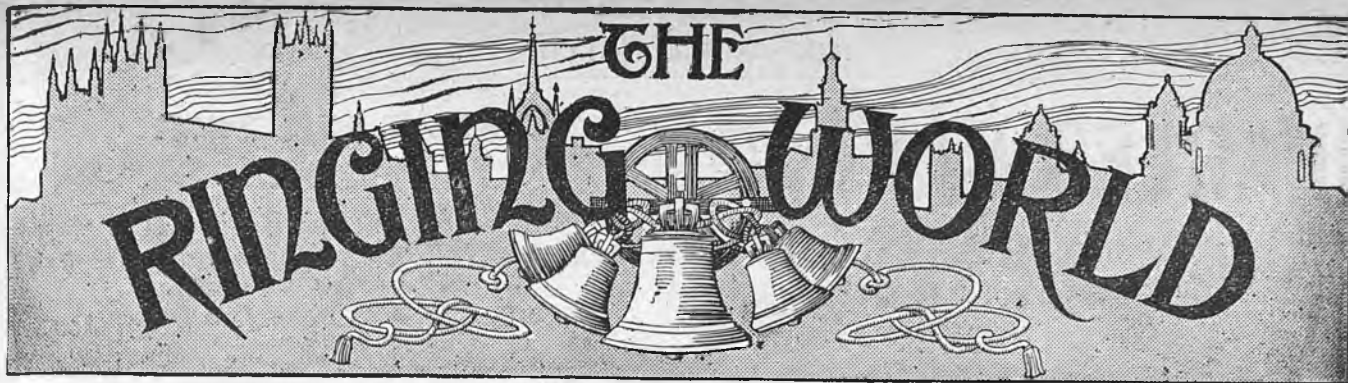




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I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BEOK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE DIVISION OF YORKSHIRE.

In the annual report of the Yorkshire Association, which we published last week, there was an important matter affecting the future welfare of the organisation. The committee are requesting the members to consider the question of the division of the county into districts for administrative purposes, with a view, we take it, to coming to a decision at the next annual meeting. The Yorkshire Association was one of the very earliest of the county organisations to be established, it covers the biggest area, and yet it is one of the last to adopt the divisional system. There may be something to be said for a centralised administration, but we believe its advantages are far outweighed by those of a properly decentralised system.

Many of the best associations owe their present very satisfactory condition to the fact they have split their area into more or less self-contained districts. By this means the ringers are brought into far closer and more active relation. It enables meetings to be held more frequently at the various towers, and members are able to participate in the proceedings, who otherwise for lack of opportunity would lose touch with and interest in the doings of the organisation. In a large county, particularly like Yorkshire, it is only possible to visit the principal centres very occasionally, when but four meetings a year are held, and it may be years before a member in one corner may have the chance of attending such a gathering, unless he has both time and money to spare. He cannot attend the meetings, he knows but little of his association's doings, and consequently his membership becomes a very filmy thing, which it takes but little to break.

On the other hand, well organised districts bring him into close touch with the association, by means of frequent meetings in his own neighbourhood, and, where, as in the best governed organisations, certain administrative power is given, he becomes far keener upon the work and the progress of his division. Yorkshire, we think, cannot go wrong in taking the suggested step so long as it gives to its subsidiary districts sufficient control over the affairs of those districts to keep the members interested in its management. Many advantages must also accrue from the opportunities which the more frequent meetings give to those who desire to advance in the art of ringing itself. Many a man can trace his progress to the stimulus received at a district meeting, where a word of encouragement or a chance to practice a new method gave him just that impetus that was necessary. We think Yorkshire will be well-advised to go ahead with its division, which will but add strength to its numbers and solidity to its ranks.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANCES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

HERBERT STANSFIELD ... Treble	*JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 7
HARRY HEAP ... 2	BENJAMIN GILL ... 8
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 3	SAMUEL BOOTH ... 9
TOM WILDE ... 4	*WILLIAM DAVIES ... 10
JONATHAN BROADBENT ... 5	SAMUEL WOOD ... 11
*GEORGE WOODHALL ... 6	BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Daniel Heap, of Ashton.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

GEORGE R. DAY ... Treble	GEORGE P. BURTON ... 6
ALEXANDER POTTER ... 2	HARRY J. BORRETT ... 7
WALTER G. CUTBUSH ... 3	CHARLES W. BULLEN ... 8
FRANK H. PHILLIPS ... 4	JOHN E. BURTON ... 9
CHARLES E. BORRETT ... 5	GEORGE MAYERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by JOHN E. BURTON.

* First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At CHARLES' CHURCH

A PEAL OF GRANBSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt., in D.

*FRANCIS PURSE ... Treble	FRANK HOCKADAY ... 6
WALTER H. MARSH ... 2	ERNEST W. MARSH ... 7
WARREN HORNBROOK ... 3	GEORGE R. STROUD ... 8
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON ... 4	WILLIAM FORD ... 9
WILLIAM RUNDLE ... 5	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Francis Purse.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E flat.

FRANK HOLDER ... Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 6
JAMES W. TRAPPITT ... 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... 7
DR. A. B. CARPENTER ... 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 8
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 4	JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 9
ALFRED CLAYTON ... 5	CHARLES KIPPEN ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and
Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

Messrs. Hancox and Pratt hail from Hillingdon, and were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... Treble	† FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ... 6
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 7
* REGINALD BROUGH ... 3	* EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 8
THOMAS MANNERING ... 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 9
† GEORGE MOORE ... 5	WILLIAM HAIGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal; also the first peal of Bob Royal by all the band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BATH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THEODORE GRANT ... Treble	CHARLES W. BELL ... 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 2	HERBERT E. HOLDER ... 6
FRANCIS CANNINGS ... 3	† THOMAS F. KING ... 7
HORACE D. TAYLOR ... 4	* JAMES H. MERRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal. † Fiftieth peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. J. N. Boughton (curate-in-charge of St. Peter's, Twerton) and Mrs. Boughton. It was also a quarterly peal for the district.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER ... Treble	JOHN C. SELF ... 5
STANLEY BONNEY ... 2	HOBART E. SMITH ... 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... 7
WILLIAM FLORY ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. J. HOLME PILKINGTON, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung in honour of the composer's 27th year as Rector.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

GEORGE A. COOK ... Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD ... 5
ALFRED MANN ... 2	THOMAS TUTTE ... 6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 3	RICHARD KENDALL ... 7
* WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 4	ROBERT ETHERINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

* First peal in the method.

BATHWICK, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK C. RICH ... Treble	HENRY W. BROWN ... 5
THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... 2	HERBERT E. HOLDER ... 6
ALBERT E. ALEXANDER ... 3	RICHARD J. COUSINS ... 7
ALBERT E. SEERS ... 4	CHARLES DENSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. COUSINS.

The quickest peal on the bells.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... Treble	GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... 5
ALFRED BARNES ... 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
HAROLD JACKSON ... 4	JAMES BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, 00

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	WILLIAM HEWETT ... 5
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 2	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 3	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 7
HAROLD BURTON ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

This is Edwin F. Pike's 50th peal.

CENTENARY PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Friday, February 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb., in E flat.

* CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5
BERNARD CLARK ... 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 6
HENRY HUTTON ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
BEN CHORLEY ... 4	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

* First peal of Grandsire. This peal was arranged and rung on the 100th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the old bells in three hours and eight minutes, and by a remarkable coincidence the centenary peal was rung in exactly the same time. Mr. H. Hutton is a descendant of one of the original ringers.

EDMONTON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

WALTER J. BOWDEN ... Treble	EDWARD F. COLE ... 5
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 6
GEORGE A. CARD ... 3	JAMES PARKER ... 7
GEORGE RADLEY ... 4	GEORGE PAICE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ... Treble	ERNEST LANGHAM ... 5
ALBERT FLEMING ... 2	* GEORGE FURNISH ... 6
* GEORGE FLEMING ... 3	SYDNEY PILGRIM ... 7
* GEORGE BENNETT ... 4	WILLIAM LAST ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by W. LAST.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CHORLEY.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

†ARNOLD A. BLACKWELL ... Treble	FRED RIGBY ... 5
HARRY JONES ... 2	WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... 6
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 3	†REGINALD L. INCE ... 7
*THOMAS LOFTHOUSE ... 4	†EDWARD GENT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. HUNTER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

†WILLIAM LETTY ... Treble	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE ... 5
WILLIAM PILLAR ... 2	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT ... 6
*WILLIAM HOLMES ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
JOHN GEORGE HALL ... 4	†THOMAS LEYBOURNE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

† First peal in the method, and rung at the first attempt. * First peal in the method.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AND
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES SLARKE ... Treble	CHARLES S. FAULKNER ... 5
FRED HOPPER ... 2	GEORGE BASFORD ... 6
*CECIL H. SLARKE ... 3	WILLIAM ROBERTS ... 7
THOMAS LAW ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal on eight bells. J. Freeman was elected a member of the Towcester and District Association previous to starting for the peal. After the peal the company were kindly entertained to tea by J. Slarke. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. R. C. Collins for the use of the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... Treble	FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 5
W. R. JOHN POULSON ... 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 6
GEORGE LAMBERT ... 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD ... 7
WILLIAM FAYERS ... 4	THOMAS PRYKE ... Tenor

Composed by the late WM. GARRETT, of Ipswich, and
Conducted by A. SYMONDS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE FIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	WILLIAM PYE ... 5
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	BART. MITCHELL ... 7
ALBERT H. WARD ... 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Messrs. Ward and Mitchell hail from Derby.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	JOHN BUTLER ... 5
*WILLIAM B. BISS ... 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 6
JOHN BULLEN ... 3	ARTHUR E. MORGAN ... 7
A. VICTOR MORGAN ... 4	†FREDERICK STANBURY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MORGAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday-compliment to Miss Lilian Biss, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Treble	*JOHN HALE ... 5
ALFRED TALBOT ... 2	GEORGE GRAY ... 6
HERBERT R. GRAY ... 3	JACK WARNER ... 7
*HENRY BOLTER ... 4	WALTER SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED TALBOT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.).

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	GEORGE ROBERTS ... 5
JOHN JENNINGS ... 2	THOMAS BLOORE ... 6
EDWIN STRINGER ... 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
GEORGE PARSONS ... 4	JACOB SEABORN ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

All the band are service ringers, four at the above Church and four at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield. The peal was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Small, of Tipton, Staffs., to whom both bands offer their congratulations and best wishes.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S NO. 33. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 5
SAMUEL REEVES ... 2	ALFRED ROWLEY ... 6
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL ... 3	JAMES E. GROVES ... 7
WILLIAM H. GODDEN ... 4	*HARRY S. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal of Stedman. The above was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Rock Small.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

PHILIP ALLFREY ... Treble	JOHN CAPP ... 5
HERBERT RANN ... 2	GEORGE ADES ... 6
WILLIAM C. HART ... 3	ALBERT D. STONE ... 7
HENRY STALHAM ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Rann.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
JAMES MOTTS	Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS	5
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	2	CHARLES E. FISHER	6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	3	H. WILLIAM BALDREY	7
ALFRED E. ACFIELD	4	HARRY R. SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

EASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

JOSEPH TARRANT	Treble	HOBART E. SMITH	4
GEORGE BERRY	2	WILLIAM BURGESS	5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

This is the first peal on the bells.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CHARLES BETHEL	Treble	ALFRED TOMKINS	4
HERBERT LAMBERT	2	*RICHARD BETHEL	5
WILLIAM WATKINS	3	WILLIAM QUARTLEY	Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMKINS.

* First peal. First peal by the local band. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Green Price) for his kindness in providing refreshments after the peal.

ROYDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE DENT	Treble	ISAAC CAVILL	4
*CHARLES PEACOCK	2	*JOHN CORDELL	5
*WILLIAM DELLER	3	*HARRY SMALE	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SMALE.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty 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.

*SIDNEY B. RICHARDS	Treble	ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE	4
FREDERICK J. MARTIN	2	†JAMES MORLEY	5
WILLIAM H. BANKS	3	*HARRY FUNNELL	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. The conductor's first attempt at calling a peal. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment, on the 80th anniversary of the birthday of Mr. J. Burder, who for 33 years has been churchwarden, and for 35 years has read the lessons at the above church. This is the first peal rung by members of the local band (who have all learnt to ring since Easter, 1912) without their instructor, Mr. A. E. Edwards.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTON-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY HARRISON	Treble	JAMES MARTIN	4
JOHN WILKINSON	2	HERBERT H. BARKER	5
JAMES W. BELL	3	*HENRY FYLES	Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal. Messrs. Harrison and Bell were elected members before starting. This is the first Surprise peal by the above Guild.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Called in four different ways. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*C. R. CHAMBERLIN	Treble	*A. WEBB	4
*E. WARNES	2	*H. SPURGEON	5
R. HAINES	3	S. NUNN	Tenor

Conducted by S. NUNN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor by S. Nunn. First peal on the bells by the Wroxham company.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of College Single, four 720's of Oxford Bob, and one each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure.

*WILLIAM A. BOYS	Treble	FREDERICK BUTCHERS	4
FRANK TURK	2	RICHARD HOPE	5
JIM BEACH	3	EDWIN LAMBERT	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

* First peal.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, London, Wells and York. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH	Treble	FREDERICK MANSEY	4
GEORGE SNELLING	2	JOHN SNELLING	5
BERTIE TURNER	3	FREDERICK SEAGER	Tenor

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London, Burton, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN	Treble	ALPHAUS BERRY	4
EDWARD YOUNGS	2	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
LEONARD LAST	3	WILLIAM ROSE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the death of the late Major-General the Hon. Arthur Henniker-Major (whose death was greatly lamented throughout the parish), a memorial service having been held during the afternoon.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury, Grandsire, and two of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*SAMUEL I. EATON Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
†ERNEST E. BARBER 2	WILLIAM SHORT 5
REV. J. F. HASTINGS 3	ERNEST GIBBS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor inside. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harold Gardener and Miss Moore, of Stanford-on-Teme.

BANHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM MEARS... .. Treble	THOMAS FITZJOHN 4
FRED POULSON 2	CHARLES CARTER 5
FRED BORROWS 3	SYDNEY ANNISON Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY ANNISON.

First peal known to have been rung on the bells.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5160 CHANGES;

In seven methods, consisting of 720 changes each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Dream, Oxford Singles, St. Dunstan's and 840 Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

N. HAYES Treble	W. MANSFIELD 3
H. HOWARD... .. 2	H. SLATER... .. 4
R. HOWARD Tenor	

Conducted by R. HOWARD.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, whose birthday was the Saturday previous; also as a farewell to H. Howard, a member of the above company, who left the same day for Groombridge. First peal in seven methods by the band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	CHARLES SAMPSON... .. 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: F. W. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. M. Bailey.

RETTFORD, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT ALMA VILLA, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In ten methods: i Double Court and Reverse Hereward, ii Hereward and Double Oxford, iii College Single, iv St. Clement's, v Double Bob and Plain Bob, vi Single Court, vii Oxford Bob,

Was tapped by JOHN SEGAR, Junr.

Witnesses: DAVID BLAGG and S. TALLENTS.

This is the first peal that has been tapped in ten methods.

RETTFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. SEGAR, SENR., ALMA VILLA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Reverse Hereward, Hereward and Double Oxford,

Tapped on handbells by JOHN SEGAR, Junr.

Witnesses: G. R. WINTER and G. W. D. METCALFE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2	*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	THOMAS W. RADFORD 7-8
FRANK BLONDELL 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters on an inside pair.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY... .. 3-4	CHARLES SAMPSON 7-8

Composed by JAMES MOTTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: E. H. BAILEY.

First peal of Oxford in hand by all.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD... .. 9-10
ERNEST PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES 11-12

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: W. HEWETT.

First peal of Treble Bob Maximus in hand by all.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 7, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

Umpire: W. BARWOOD.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIE ROUGHTON... .. 1-2	GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6
HUBERT EDEN... .. 3-4	FRANK T. MARTIN... .. 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: FRANCIS A. SMITH.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
At TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

* J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON... 1—2 | WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3—4 | REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 7—8

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
At PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES ;

* J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON... 1—2 | WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3—4 | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7—8
† FREDERICK BARKER ... 9—10

Composed by REV. H. T. RICHARDSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

Umpire: G. E. S. FURSDON.

* First peal of Royal away from the tenors. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal as conductor. This is the Guild's 50th peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, February 9, 1913, in One Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1—2 | WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3—4 | * FREDERICK BARKER ... 7—8

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

Umpire: F. P. CHEETHAM.

* First peal of Major in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES ;

SEPTIMUS RADFORD... 1—2 | MAURICE SMITHER... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4 | THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL ... 9—10

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Radford.

In the report of the peal at St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, published last week, the name of the ringer of the third was William Holbrooke.

In the peal at Leominster the ringer of the 4th was John W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.

THE DISPUTED PEAL AT WALLASEY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been requested by the ringers of St. Mary's, Liscard, to protest against the insinuation made by Mr. G. R. Newton in the last issue of "The Ringing World," namely, that Mr. W. Wilcox had said the peal at Wallasey was false, because he (Mr. Wilcox) had been done out of his fees by Mr. Newton giving his services free. Mr. Wilcox has made innumerable visits to this tower, of which I have the honour to be captain, and has never received one penny for his services, and has not even had his train fare paid. The lack of improvement here has been entirely the fault of the local men, who, for the most part, were content to go on in the same old way. Mr. Wilcox has been an ever welcome visitor here, and will be even more so now that Mr. T. Murray has taught us to ring Bob Major, and has enlightened things generally in this part of the world. Whether the Wallasey peal was false or not, ringers who know Mr. Wilcox will not believe that he was moved by a spirit of jealousy or ill-feeling.—Faithfully yours,

13, Wimbledon Street, Liscard.

H. WILLIAMS.

ST. MARY ABBOTS' GUILD.

The annual dinner of the St. Mary Abbots' Guild took place on Friday evening last at the Parish Hall, Vicarage Gate. A company, numbering over 30, including several visitors, was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. S. E. Pennefather, D.D.), supported by Messrs. Bennett and Garrard.

Letters regretting inability to attend were received from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, and Messrs. W. T. Cockerill and J. A. Trollope. An excellent repast was served, following which Mr. W. E. Garrard (instructor) gave his annual report, in which he stated that the Guild was in a satisfactory condition, although the past year had not been a very good one. Since their last annual gathering they had lost, by death, a very dear friend and fellow member, Jarrold Hayward, who by his kind, genial, obliging and unassuming manner, had become endeared not only to themselves, but to all ringers by whom he was known. Four other members had left during the year, whilst two honorary and five ordinary members had been elected, making a total of 26 ringers. The Sunday ringing had been the most satisfactory part of the year's work, the quality of the ringing being good, and the attendances of members both regular and punctual. Owing to illness near the church, no practice was possible for over three months, which prevented much progress being made, both in the practice of the more advanced methods, and also in bringing their several probationers to a state of efficiency as ringers. It also had its effect financially, as no steepleage or fines were imposed during that period, and the funds of the Guild suffered in consequence. Only one attempt for a peal at St. Mary Abbots' was possible during the year, this failing after ringing about half-way, owing to a change-course. They were more successful, however, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 24th, with a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The other principal performances included seven quarter-peals, consisting of three of Stedman Caters, three of Kent Treble Bob Royal, and one of Double Norwich Caters. The bells at the Parish Church had been rung on 26 occasions during the year for royal birthdays, weddings, etc., being eight less than the preceding year. Two tablets had recently been placed in the belfry, recording the peals rung in honour of the Coronation of His late Majesty King Edward VII and His Majesty King George V. Scarcely anything could be too good to record such historical events as these, and it was indeed gratifying to note that the boards were designed by their late lamented member and friend, Mr. J. Hayward, and executed by Mr. Dains, and were beautiful in the extreme. During the past year the tower had been visited by 53 ringers from various parts of the country, one visitor hailing from Australia.

The Chairman, in expressing his best thanks to the Guild, said they always listened with great interest to Mr. Garrard's reports, which were always marked by extreme modesty. While some members were doubtless disappointed at the cases of illness which prevented their ringing, he was certain that they were ever ready to make the self-sacrifice involved, and none would wish to do otherwise in such a case. He was glad they had a successful year. It was true they had lost a few men in the Guild, but they welcomed the younger members of it, as it was to them they must ultimately look to continue the work. He went on to refer to the two boards which commemorated the Coronations, and trusted it might be a long while before it became necessary to place another in the belfry. He begged to thank Mr. Garrard for all he had done by his kindness and efficient help in conducting and managing the belfry. It was a consolation to know that they had so many members interested in this work. He, therefore, thanked them for their help, and trusted the Guild would continue to flourish under the able guidance of Mr. Garrard (applause).—The Rev. Harold Brown (Chaplain of the Guild) proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to by Mr. T. Faulkner (Master of the College Youths), who said he noticed with interest the Vicar's remarks with reference to the necessity of care for the younger members of the Guild, and also to the exercise of self-sacrifice on behalf of the sick. He was certain that the objects of the Guild made for true manliness of character, which was a point they must ever impress upon their younger members. He wished every success to the St. Mary Abbots' Guild.

Mr. Daniells, speaking as an old member, congratulated the Guild upon the change ringing accomplished, and expressed his warmest thanks to Mr. Garrard for the efficient manner in which he conducted the ringing.—The Rev. C. S. Durham and Mr. Winney also reciprocated the good wishes on behalf of the visitors.

The remainder of the evening was spent in the usual jovial manner, many taking part in the entertainment which followed, under the presidency of the Rev. H. Brown, and which included handbell ringing, songs, etc.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch was held at Walkden, on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Bolton, Tyldesley, Worsley, and Leigh, with some of the local company. Some very good touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were rung.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Saviour's Church, Bolton.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. West 1, J. Cooke 2, C. W. Clarke 3, C. Stapleton 4, W. Stapleton (conductor) 5, A. Robinson 6.

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Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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A. H. MARTIN.J. B. MARTIN.
The late W. V. NEWMAN.

The above photograph is composed of the first eight men to ring 100 peals for the Central Northants Association. To all who achieve this distinction the Association presents a gold medal, and it was arranged that these

eight should attempt a peal. Owing, however, to the illness of the late Mr. W. V. Newman the idea had to be abandoned.

ODD CHANGES.

We live in an age when wonders come thick and fast upon one another. Only a month or two ago we recorded the two peals of Minor, one in three and the other in five methods, tapped by Mr. Segar, of Retford, and marvelled at the performance. Three weeks ago along came Mr. Broyd, of Gestingthorpe, with a peal tapped in seven methods, and now comes Mr. Segar again with two performances that outstrip either of these.

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On the 3rd of February he tapped a peal of 5040, in seven true 720's, made up of ten methods, spliced on the most approved plan, and followed it up two days later by a full 720 of each of the ten methods, making a peal of 7200 changes in all, which was completed in 2 hrs. 43 mins. When is the limit going to be reached? Not yet, we suppose, but really these tapped peals are wonderful.

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A correspondent, writing with regard to the 5040, says the peal had previously been written out, and the bobs and singles were ticked off as they were called by Mr. Segar. The treble was hunted through the peal by Mr. D. Blagg, and the tenor by Mr. S. Tallents, and it was all found exactly correct. The writer extends congratulations to Mr. Broyd upon his wonderful performance in seven methods, and fully agrees that the physical strain of tapping a peal of this kind is tremendous. Mr. Segar's performance is, of course, the first of its kind in ten methods.

While on the subject of handbell peals it is not uninteresting to note that next Tuesday (February 18th) is the anniversary of the first peal of Bob Royal rung "in hand." We are indebted to Mr. W. Hale, of Painswick, for the following extract from an old ringing book which belonged to the Bisley (Gloucester) Society of Ringers, and which bears on its title page the date 1677: "February 18th, 1777, was rung at Abingdon upon ten Hand Bells a Complete Peal of 5040 Plain Bob Method in 3 hours and ten minutes by ye five following persons, viz. :—

Thomas Taylor	1—2
Henry Parker	3—4
Jeremiah Wright	5—6
Benjamin Glanville	7—8
Edward Brooks	9—10

It is the first Peal of the kind that ever was rung in this Kingdom."

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The screen erected by the ringers of this country to the memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson at Drayton, Berks, was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Berkshire on Saturday, in the presence of members of the family, numerous clergy and ringers.

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Mr. T. H. Taffender has been elected Master of the London County Association, formerly the St. James' Society. It was largely to Mr. Taffender's efforts when filling the office of secretary that the fortunes of the old society were rehabilitated. He succeeds Mr. H. S. Ellis in the mastership.

"W. R." writes: "I don't know how near your paper has been to John O'Groats, but I have had the honour of taking it to Land's End. Working there last summer for about five months, I have read the 'Ringing World' with interest many a time on the rocks by 'the sad sea waves' in that remote spot." We wonder how near the "Ringing World" has been to John O'Groats.

The bells at Petrockstowe, Devon, which have been augmented to six, and the tenor recast, have been dedicated. The work has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Stoke and Son, of Woodbury.

The first peal on the bells at Birling, Kent, was rung in 1891 and not 1901, as mentioned last week.

The centenary peal recorded at Guildford has a good deal of interest. The particulars of the peal of 1813 are to be found on the wall of the belfry in the following terms:—

On the 7th day of February, 1813 was Performed a Peal of Grandsire Triples in ten courses, consisting of 5040 changes (an original of the Late Ingenious Mr. Holt), in three hours and eight minutes, by the following youths of this Town

Viz.:

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1 Geo. Hutton | 5 Geo. Aldred |
| 2 Wm. Baldwin | 6 Wm. Mason |
| 3 Wm. Copus | 7 Isc. Wilson |
| 4 Wm. Hutton | 8 Wm. Wrist |

Conducted by W. Baldwin, aged 24.

Mr. Ed. Upton and Mr. Sl. Russell,
Churchwardens.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus on handbells recorded this week is, we believe, only the third in the method that has been rung in hand. It was rung at the first attempt, and after only one practice, when three courses (2016 changes) were rung. The other two peals were rung, one by the Norwich Association, at Diss, in 1889, conducted by Mr. J. Motts, and the other by the College Youths. A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus was rung by a Sheffield band nearly a hundred years ago.

It is not uninteresting to note that with all the twelve bell ringing that has been done by the Middlesex Association in the 16 years of its existence, the peal on handbells recorded this week is only the third of Kent Maximus that the association has recorded, and, curiously, the last two were rung within a week.

SHOREDITCH BELLS RESTORATION.

The bells have been removed to Messrs. Warner's foundry for repairs, and, unfortunately, it has been found that the four smaller bells will have to be recast. Fears have been expressed that when the twelve bells are ringing, it will be impossible to hear the trebles. The harmonic or subsidiary tones overpower the fundamental note; or, to use every-day language, the bells are too heavy; they are choked with metal. It has been decided to have this work done. The trebles (1 and 2) were given to the church in 1823 by the Royal Cumberland Youths, and were cast by Messrs. Mears. The second bell, when it has been recast, will bear the following inscription: "The treble and this bell were given by the Royal Cumberland Youths, 1823." The 3rd and 4th bells were cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack in 1765.

It has been decided to make provision in the new frame work for an extra bell to be placed in the tower if a sufficient sum can be obtained, so as to form a light ring of eight. Thus, if this bell can be added, ringers will have a 13 bell tower in London. It may be recalled that ringers who rang on these bells years ago always complained that the trebles could not be heard.

The new work will cost about £100 more, and subscriptions are earnestly asked for, and should be sent to Mr. H. J. Bradley, Clerk's House, Parish Church, Shoreditch, who will also be glad to supply collecting cards.

THE BRISTOL SURPRISE RECORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I see in your last issue Mr. Winney says he is not having a "dig" at the Bristol Surprise record, but is simply correcting what he calls a mis-statement. What mis-statements there are he has made them, as he is trying to convince the Exercise that there were serious trips, which did not occur. He says he was speaking to a friend at six o'clock, when a nasty trip was occurring. This so-called nasty trip was a bell missing a dodge in 3-4 down, and was hardly recognisable. If he calls this a nasty trip, I can understand him saying there was a serious trip at one o'clock, as I take it he would exaggerate as much what he was told as he did what he heard himself. No one ever said that the peal was rung without a mistake; what was said was that it was rung without any serious mistake, which was correct. It would be a difficult job to get eight men to ring a method like this for nearly ten hours without making a mistake; but I question if ever a peal of that length was rung with less, and I doubt very much if ever any long length was rung when the ringing reached a higher standard. I saw several ringers after the peal, some of whom had heard every change, and no one had anything but praise for it. I did not ask Mr. Winney for any praise, neither do I want any unfair criticism, and I hope if he writes again he will confine himself to facts. I challenge him to bring anyone forward who heard any serious trip, and I ask him in future to criticise what he hears himself, and not do it on hearsay. I am not in the habit of doing this myself. If I were, I should have criticised some recent performances in which Mr. Winney took part, as I was told that a muddle started in a peal, in which he was ringing recently, five leads from home, and that the bells were never clear till they came into rounds. He can congratulate himself on being a very fortunate man; he has subjected more than one to a lot of unfair criticism, and has escaped a lot himself which he ought never to have escaped. He may not always be so fortunate. W. PYE.

Dear Sir,—I deny most emphatically Mr. Winney's statement in last week's number, that there was a bad trip at 6 p.m., and a muddle at 1 p.m. Unfortunately, Mr. Winney is like many of the older generation of metropolitan ringers, he is prejudiced against the younger generation, and thinks that they are much inferior to those of his own day. Moreover, he is a much keener critic outside the tower than when he is inside, and consequently a missed dodge becomes a bad trip, and a slight trip is magnified into a muddle. It seems strange that after eight months he should cast aspersions on the performance when at the time he congratulated us upon ringing a "splendid peal." There never was a muddle at 1 p.m., but one man made a slight trip, which was rectified in two or three blows. Mr. Winney admits that he was not there at the time, but accepts and publishes a statement made by others whose names are not mentioned. If Mr. Winney will take the advice of one of the younger generation, he will not attempt to belittle a splendid performance, but will get a band and try to beat our record. I'm sure Mr. Lindoff will oblige with a composition of 17,000 or 18,000 in the method.—Yours, etc.,
BERTRAM PREWETT.

Dear Sir,—I have followed with interest the controversy with regard to the above, and notice that Mr. Winney has modified his original definition to "nasty trips." I listened to the peal for just over seven hours; the "serious trip" at one o'clock only lasted about two whole pulls (if as much as that), and even then the time of the changes was in no way deranged. The remainder of the bells were, in my humble opinion, striking perfectly, just the one ringer who had missed his work being out; this being so, the trip could hardly be termed as "approaching a muddle."

The "nasty trip" at six o'clock, I regret, "escaped my notice," and, therefore, I must reluctantly refrain from comment, but Mr. W. Pye and his band would be well advised to treat all comments of a detrimental nature with the contempt they undoubtedly deserve. I would mention that from 11.45 a.m. until the time when the bells came round, I was near enough to the tower to hear every bell distinctly, and for over five hours of the time was in the Churchyard, timing the changes at intervals. I must say that the regularity and striking of the peal was remarkable for even a five thousand, not to mention its merits for such a length, and judging by the standard which the hearing of Metropolitan peals has raised for me it was excellent.

Perhaps the few ringers who know me will say that my experience does not warrant my remarks, but I am merely stating my opinion, as one who heard most of the peal, for what it is worth, and I am moved to a crude imitation of the bard, who wrote:—

Many went to hear the peal,

(Alas, here comes the rub)

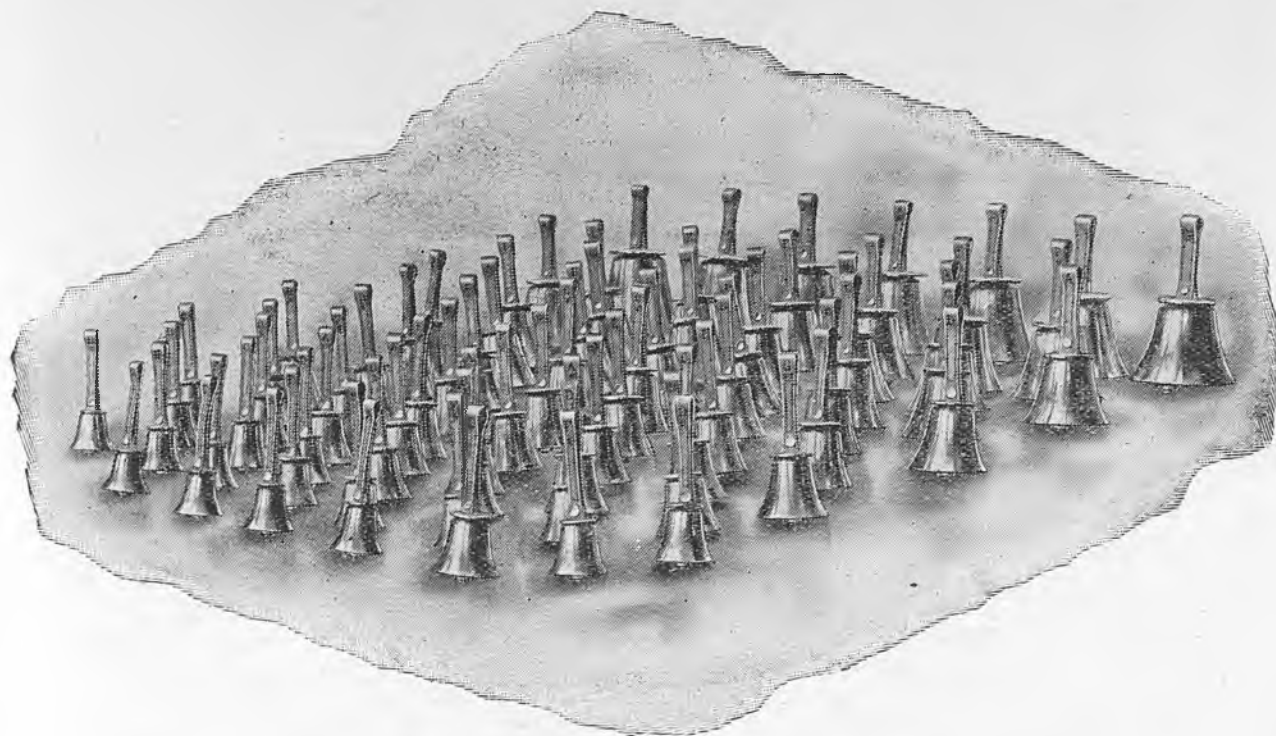
Some listened in the Churchyard

And the others—in the Neighbourhood!

I should think the opinion of Mr. C. T. Coles, who heard as much of the peal as (if not more than) I did, would be interesting, coming from so experienced a ringer.

Finally, a great deal has been said about the "refining influence" that the gentler sex have upon the Art; it is to be regretted that such an influence is necessary, but it undoubtedly is, when one observes such statements in the correspondence columns of the ringing papers as have appeared of late, the majority of which are of no interest to the Exercise generally, and would make a fourth rate politician shudder. Some of these, too, emanate from men at the very top of the tree!—Yours faithfully,
GEO. L. JOYCE.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Yorktown District held a quarterly meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday last, when the peal of eight at St. Mary's Church was available for ringing, and several touches were rung before tea, to which the company sat down in the Church Hall, the proceedings being presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. Kemp Bussell). Ringers were present from Hersham, Chertsey, Woking, Kingston, Worplesdon, Sunbury and Walton, together with Miss E. L. Bennett (New Cross), Mr. F. Hairs (Clapham), and Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Cranleigh. After tea, the arrival of the Rural Dean, the Rev. J. H. Townsend (Vicar of Oatlands) was marked by a round of applause. A course of Caters on the handbells was next brought round, and at the business meeting, which followed, the report of the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd) was presented.—The Rev. J. H. Townsend gave some interesting information as to the progress made with the new peal of bells, which are being hung in Oatlands tower by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons.—Mr. F. Shepherd, senr., said he had just come from Oatlands, and from what he had seen he was certain that everyone would be pleased with the new peal when the work was completed. He assured the Rev. Townsend that a hearty welcome awaited him and his future ringers in the Winchester Diocesan Guild.—In replying to the vote of thanks that was passed, the Rev. Kemp Bussell said he was always pleased to see the Guild at Walton. He expressed a hope that he would be able to do something with regard to the rehanging of the bells later on.—More ringing was then indulged in, and the meeting proved very successful.

CENTRAL NORTANTS ASSOCIATION.

At the quarterly meeting of the Kettering district, at Isham, touches of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung on the bells before tea, but no ringing was done afterwards, owing to illness near the church. The bells of Burton Latimer were, however, very kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers. After tea, in the School, the business meeting was held, presided over by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), supported by the district secretary (Mr. J. Shatford).—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Rothwell. Several new members were elected.—The Secretary read a letter from the Rector, who was prevented from being present owing to a previous engagement.—Hearty votes of thanks was accorded for the use of the bells, also to the ladies who provided tea.

WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough District was held at Irthlingboro' and touches of London, Bristol, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major, Stedman, and Grandsire Triples were rung on this handy ring of eight.—Tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, about 40 being present.—A short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. A. K. Taylor, supported by the two churchwardens.—It was resolved to hold a special meeting at Finedon on March 29th, and the quarterly meeting at Wilby.—The sum of £1 14s. 9d. was collected at the various meetings for the widow of the late Mr. B. Perrett.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, also to the ladies who provided tea.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CROYDON.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Croydon on Saturday week, there being representatives from nearly all the towers in the district, including those in the newly-formed Southern area. The new ring of ten at St. Peter's, South Croydon, were in early request, and various touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung until five o'clock, when the Rev. Arthur Reeve, the Vicar, conducted a special service, and gave a capital address to the ringers.

Tea followed at St. Peter's Parish Hall (kindly lent by the Vicar and churchwardens for the purpose), and to this some 65 sat down. A short touch on handbells by members and friends, and an address of welcome to Croydon by the Rev. Canon White-Thomson, Rural Dean and Vicar of Croydon, who had to leave early, introduced the members to the business proceedings, which were presided over by the Rev. Arthur Reeve, supported by Mr. Percy Sylvester and Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter (Master of the Association), Messrs. Cyril Johnston (hon. secretary), Hy. Ewins (Southern district secretary), Chas. Dean, and Jas. George (Rugby).

The committee and officers were re-elected, except that Mr. Dean was appointed auditor, in place of Mr. Cowen, and it was decided to ask Mr. Daniels to re-consider his decision to retire from the post of assistant-secretary.—The committee's recommendation as to the places for ensuing meetings was agreed to; Epsom, being chosen for Easter; Egham for the summer meeting, and Streatham for the meeting in the autumn, while Reigate and Redhill were selected for the next annual meeting.

A very hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Master, and seconded by Mr. J. D. Drewett, was passed to the Vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to which the Rev. Arthur Reeve and Mr. Sylvester responded.

In consequence of illness close to the church, the bells at St. Peter's could only be rung for a short time after the meeting, so that those who had come long distances could hear them, but the bells at the Parish Church were available, and some good touches were rung.

PRESENTATIONS AT LUDLOW.

The Ludlow Guild have been entertained to dinner by the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Lloyd Kenyon) and Mr. Robert Marston. The gathering was arranged specially to bid farewell to Messrs. George and G. D. Acton, who were shortly leaving for Canada, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. After dinner was over, the Rector said that they had met there that evening to say good-bye to three of their members, although when the dinner was organised it was to bid farewell to two members only. But since then, their secretary, Mr. F. S. Wilson, had been appointed to another branch of the bank, and so they had unfortunately to lose three of the ringers, which was a great blow to the Guild. Proceeding, the Rector presented to Mr. Geo. Acton a handsome book on the Restoration of Ludlow Church Tower, and to Mr. G. D. Acton a copy of "Among the Bells." In asking them to accept these gifts, he said that they were all extremely sorry to lose their valuable services, and he wished them both every success and happiness in their new work and surroundings, and he hoped that the books would help to remind them of their ringing friends in Ludlow.—The Messrs. Acton, in responding, said they would always value the gifts, and often think of their old friends in Ludlow belfry.—Some good touches of Grandsire were rung on handbells.

On the following Monday, a special meeting of the Ludlow Guild was held to appoint a new secretary and treasurer in the place of Mr. F. S. Wilson, who was shortly leaving Ludlow for Tewkesbury.—After the business meeting, the President of the Guild, the Rev. A. E. Lloyd Kenyon, said they could not let Mr. Wilson leave Ludlow without showing him some slight recognition of his services to the Guild for the past four years. He (the speaker) was sure they would have difficulty in finding any one else to replace Mr. Wilson, who had always worked so hard for the well-being of the Guild. He also wished Mr. Wilson, on behalf of all present, every success and happiness in his new sphere of work, and asked him to accept a little present as a mark of their great appreciation of his services.—The gift consisted of a large and beautiful picture of St. Lawrence's Church, Ludlow, handsomely framed, bearing upon it a small brass plate engraved as follows: "Presented to Mr. F. S. Wilson from the Ludlow Guild of Change Ringers, January, 1913."

Mr. Wilson, in accepting the gift, thanked the Rector and the ringers for their handsome present and good wishes, and said he should always value it and look back with pleasure to the many happy hours spent among them in Ludlow belfry. He was glad to know that what little he had done was so much appreciated.—A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for presiding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Whitwick, and was well attended by members from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Burton, Derby, Loughborough, Leicester, Hugglescote, Hinckley, Newhall, and other places. Ringing was in progress on the eight bells of the Parish Church from about three o'clock, among the methods rung being: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Major.—At the general meeting which followed tea in the Schoolroom, the Vice-President (Mr. J. W. Taylor) took the chair, and was supported by the Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Bardon Hill; Mr. W. C. Wakley, hon. treasurer, and others.—The auditors, Messrs. E. D. Taylor and C. Draper, were unanimously re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. H. Wakley, seconded by Mr. H. Powdrill.—The Vice-President reviewed the peals rung during the last quarter of 1912. They numbered, he said, 56, making a total for the year of 172. The 56 peals included Cambridge, Superlative, and Norfolk Surprise, and, on six and five bells, peals in seven and ten methods of Minor, and one in eight methods of Doubles.—Three life members and 27 ringing members were elected.—Mr. Draper proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the incumbent of Whitwick (the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie) for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and also to the Whitwick ringers for so kindly making the arrangements for the tea and meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. H. Wakley, and carried unanimously.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

At the eighteenth annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby, over which the Rev. O. M. Blagden presided, the balance sheet for the past year was presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. O. White) and accepted. Mr. Fenton, senr., was re-elected Ringing Master. Mr. Chandler was elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. R. Watson, W. Malins, and H. O. White were appointed to serve on the committee. Mr. Hessian was elected Deputy Ringing Master and hon. auditor.—Mr. Fenton, in the course of a few remarks, said the society had had a very successful year, having rung three complete peals, one of which was the 500th by Mr. James George, who was one of the society's oldest and most prominent members. The peal was rung at Mr. George's invitation at South Wigston. Mr. George was probably the only man in the Midland Counties to ring that number of peals, and the society was very proud to have on its membership roll such a fine exponent of the Art.—Mr. W. Brooke (churchwarden) thanked the officers and members for their loyal services during the past year.—A vote of thanks to the President for presiding terminated the meeting.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

SOUTHBROOM RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

The ringers connected with St. James' Church, Southbroom, together with the clergy, were invited to spend an evening at "Avalon," on a recent evening, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Brownlee West. Both the host and hostess take a deep interest in ringing, and, in addition to taking his place in the tower at Southbroom and instructing the "recruits," Mr. West discharges with enthusiasm and success the duties of honorary secretary to the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The ringers assembled to the number of about a dozen, and were accompanied by the curate (the Rev. Evelyn Smith).—The Vicar (Canon Gardiner) was unable to be present.—After being well treated at the tea table, the guests passed a pleasant musical evening, with, of course, a variation in the way of what ringing was available, Mr., Mrs. and Miss West ringing 120 changes on the handbells.—Towards the close of the proceedings, Mr. and Mrs. West were cordially thanked for their hospitality, Mr. A. E. Pike being the spokesman of the party.

WROXHAM RINGERS' NEW YEAR'S SUPPER.

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Green, the Wroxham company had their annual New Year's supper just recently, and, as usual, a highly enjoyable evening was spent. Tune ringing upon handbells is a modern feature of Wroxham handbell displays, and the efficient manner in which the selections were played immensely delighted the host and hostess. A pleasing variety was given to the ringing by double-handed change ringing on 12, and on six bells in Minor methods, whilst the songs rendered by Mr. F. Hall and Mr. R. Chamberlin greatly added to the pleasure of the proceedings. The ringers present numbered ten, including Messrs. H. Spurgeon (captain), S. Nunn (conductor), R. Haines, E. Warnes, E. Nunn, J. Ives, A. Webb, F. Hall, C. Kidd and C. R. Chamberlin, and they desire to thank most heartily the host and hostess for their unsparing kindnesses in this and many past years.

With C. Kidd 1, E. Warnes 2, C. R. Chamberlin 3, A. Webb 4, H. Spurgeon 5, S. Nunn (conductor) 6, the Wroxham Sunday change ringers were successful in accomplishing a date touch on Tuesday, January 14th, in honour of the current year. The bells were pulled off at the back stroke to fit in the odd changes, and the efficient manner in which the bells were struck, speaks highly of the untiring efforts of the conductor. We hope soon to be able to report a 5040.

GOOLE.

On a recent Monday the members of the Goole Parish Church Guild were entertained to dinner at the Sydney Hotel by the Vicar and churchwardens. An excellent dinner was provided by Host Heptonstall. Afterwards, a short business meeting was held, at which the officers were elected for the year. The Vicar appointed the Rev. W. Lawson-Smith and Mr. J. Swingle as additional vice-presidents. A smoking concert followed, an excellent programme having been arranged. Most of the ringers made their debut as vocalists, and some musical talent was unearthed which will be heard more of in the future.—During the evening, a hearty vote of thanks was given with musical honours to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness.

The Vicar, in responding, alluded to the work of the ringers, and asked them not to forget that bell ringing was Church work, and that they should try and do that work as reverently as possible. He said that the object of the dinner, which was to be an annual event, was to bring ringers and clergy together, so they might know each other better.—Other speeches followed, and were interspersed with songs, banjo solos, pianoforte solos and tunes and changes on the handbells, which brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.—H.L.

SWAINSWICK.

A pleasant evening was spent by the Swainswick company recently, when by the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Franklin), a supper was partaken of at the Rectory, which was much enjoyed by all. Afterwards the annual business meeting was held, the Rector presiding. The tower master's report showed that good progress was being made.—A vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness and also for the use of the bells for peal attempts was carried unanimously.—The Rector replying, said that it was a great pleasure to meet the ringers there, and expressed his regret that the two attempts for a local peal came to grief.

HODDESDON.

On Monday week, the St. Paul's Society had their annual dinner and social at the Salisbury Arms Hotel, about 20 sitting down to a sumptuous repast, presided over by the President (the Rev. P. E. S. Hill), who was supported by the Rev. T. Walton (curate), Mr. J. Dew (churchwarden), Mr. Dawson, Mr. Jackson, etc. The loyal toasts having been honoured, the toast of the evening, "Success to the St. Paul's Society," was proposed by Mr. J. Dew, coupled with it being the name of the Master (Mr. J. Puppelt), who suitably responded.—Messrs. Christie and Co. were thanked for their ready response to the fund for new ropes.—A number of songs were sung, interspersed with selections on handbells and the gramophone, and a pleasant evening was spent.—Mr. S. Knight, the hon. secretary, was thanked for the way he had managed the details.

ST. ANDREW'S, RUGBY.

The ringing members of the St. Andrew's Society were the guests of their President and Mrs. Blagden, at the Rectory recently. After supper, the loyal toast having been duly honoured, the Rector proposed "Long Life and Prosperity to St. Andrew's Society, and to the ringing members." In the course of a few remarks, the Rector said how very thankful both Mrs. Blagden and himself felt the day that they arrived at their new home to hear the beautiful bells ringing out a hearty welcome. The Rector added that he would like to take the opportunity of congratulating the ringers that took part in the peal.—The Ringing Master (Mr. J. B. Fenton), on behalf of the ringing members, expressed their sincere thanks for the kind hospitality extended to them. The ringers were all very pleased to meet the new Rector and Mrs. Blagden, and hoped they would be spared to live amongst them for many years to come.—Mr. Fenton then proposed "The Health of the Rector and Mrs. Blagden," and in a few well-chosen words, wished them "Long Life, Much Happiness, and Good Health," and hoped they would find Rugby and its surroundings as interesting as their last home, namely, Oxford.—The Rector suitably replied, and then an adjournment was made to the study, where some sixteen or seventeen "volcanos" were soon issuing forth not lava, but smoke. Courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung, and tune playing also took place upon handbells that were skilfully manipulated by Messrs. Fenton, Malins, Chandler, George, Hessian, and White. A quick six in Stedman Triples is not to be compared with the pace at which this very enjoyable evening slipped away.

GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

The annual dinner of the Glossop Association was a great success. It was attended by a numerous gathering of local ringers, augmented by visitors from Manchester.—After dinner, the Vicar of Whitfield (the Rev. W. M. Martin-Ellis, M.A.) offered his encouragement and best wishes to the Association for their work throughout the year. He wished it were possible for the Association to include the whole of the Deanery.—Subsequently the chair was occupied by the Vicar of Glossop (the Rev. C. Dudley Hart), who referred to the work of the Association, remarking that it would be a great pity if bell ringing were ever divorced from the Church itself. Their work was not simply an exhibition of change ringing, nor simply a question of endurance, but it was a duty that carried with it important responsibilities. If ringing were to become an art and nothing else, it would be absolutely useless. Bells were only useful for one purpose, and if they divorced them from the real use of the church, then they became a farce.—After the loyal toast, "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by Mr. W. Marsden, who remarked that the Association was formed at a time when it was felt that the art was getting a bit neglected in the district, and since its formation the Association had brought ringers into closer relationship with the church, and with each other than for some years past.—Mr. Richard Newton, of Manchester, responded.—Mr. Jesse Nield submitted the toast of the Vicars and church officials, and to this the Rev. H. Lawrence (Vicar of Dinting) replied.—Mr. F. Morris gave the toast of "Success to the Association." He said the Association was going to be of service in a very important work of the church's many and valuable activities, and he wished it every prosperity. He threw out the suggestion that they should have a service at their annual gathering.—Mr. J. Buckley, the secretary, suitably responded, and said the suggestion made by Mr. Morris would be borne in mind, and brought forward at the earliest opportunity.—A most enjoyable musical programme was carried out, the handbell ringing being not the least appreciated items.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful practice meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Bishopwearmouth (Sunderland) on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Jarrow, South Shields, and the three Sunderland towers. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman; and, in nearly every case, at least one of the bands scored a first touch.

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

The Vicar and churchwardens acknowledge with many thanks the following contributions towards the cost of recasting the cracked bell: W. and N., £5; H. E. N., £3; A. H. F. B., £1 1s.; W. C. P., £1 1s.; F. S., £1 1s.; C. W. O. J., 10s.; T. E. B., 2s. 6d.; J. H. S., 2s. 6d.; O. W. L., 2s. 6d.; the Meopham band, 7s. 6d.; the St. Bololph's band (Lincoln), 4s. 6d.; Portsea Parish Church band, 3s. 6d.; Selby Abbey band, 4s. 6d.

Donations will be thankfully received by the Vicar, Mr. W. Doggett, or Mr. H. Croot, Long Stanton.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Before responding to your appeal in this matter, some of your readers would like to be assured that the misfortune was due neither to "clocking" the tenor bell, nor to neglect in having her "quarter-turned" when the sound bow was getting worn. I hope that the Long Stanton Church authorities can give this assurance.
St. Albans, Feb. 7th.

T. L. PAPILLON.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING OF TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association held at Edenbridge, was attended by upwards of 50 members from Chiddingstone, Cowden, Hadlow, Hever, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Limpsfield Chart (Surrey), Penshurst, Seal Chart, Shipbourne, Speldhurst, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and the local members. At the committee meeting 14 new members were elected, and places for the district meetings for the ensuing year were suggested for approval at the general meeting.

A special service was held in church, at which the organist and choir very kindly gave their services. The Association's special form of service was used, and the Vicar gave an excellent address, taking his text from Colossians iii, 23-24.

After service, the members adjourned to the Oddfellows' Hall for tea. The Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne.

At the general meeting which followed, the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read his annual report, in which he said that the ringers at two six-bell towers, Cowden and Kildown, had joined during the year, making 19 towers, with a total of 168 practising members in union, being a net increase of 26 members on the preceding year; 38 new practising members had joined, and three new hon. members. Four district meetings were held at Chiddingstone, Staplehurst, Seal Chart, and Penshurst. As a result of holding a meeting at Penshurst, the ringers of that church had joined that day. Instruction in change ringing had been given to the Cowden ringers with very good results. Members of the district had taken part in 24 peals.

The report was considered highly satisfactory.—Mr. Latter was re-elected hon. district secretary, with thanks for his past services, and Mr. G. Edwards, of Chiddingstone, was unanimously re-elected District Representative on the Central Committee.

It was decided that the spring meeting should be held at Sevenoaks or Tonbridge, the summer meeting at Brencley or Lamberhurst, the autumn meeting at Horsmonden, and the next annual meeting at Tunbridge Wells.

The balance sheet showed receipts £23 2s. 8d., expenditure £10 3s., balance remitted to central secretary, £12 19s. 8d.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar (who became an hon. member), for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for presiding at the meeting; to Mr. Weaver, the organist, and the choir, for their assistance at the service; and to Mr. J. Steddy and the other local ringers for making the arrangements, were carried, to which the gentlemen referred to replied, concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock.

During the day two peal boards which record the first peals of Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples on the bells were formally unveiled.

DEATH OF AN OLD SHEFFIELD RINGER.

At the ripe age of 74, Mr. Richard Collier, of Ranmoor, Sheffield, passed away on Sunday, February 2nd. For a great number of years he was a martyr to rheumatism, and during the past 15 years had been practically crippled by it, indeed, the wonder is that he so long defied time, and that cheerfully.

Mr. Collier first came in contact with ringing on the peal of five at the church within the precincts of the Hall, at Islam, in Staffordshire, where he was in residence as gardener. Coming to Sheffield later, first to Kenwood Hall and then to Ranmoor College shortly before the building of Ranmoor Church, he had a great deal to say in regard to putting up the present peal in 1879. Being one of the original band at Ranmoor, and the only one of them to "stick," the writer took care that his connection was severed only by death. Although his peal ringing consisted only of covering some four peals of Grandsire Triples, nevertheless, when he was in health his love for the bells and enthusiasm in the welfare of the ringers would not be a low standard if practised by all the ringers of the present day. During the early '60's he was connected with the Dove Valley (Derbyshire) Rifle Volunteers (Ashbourne Co.) where he won the esteem of his comrades, as a suitably inscribed presentation watch, of which he was the proud possessor, testified.

The funeral took place at Fulwood on Thursday week, when the coffin, in accordance with the deceased's request, was borne to the grave by four ringers who afterwards rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave, viz.: J. Evinson 1—2, S. Thomas 3—4, J. Mulligan 5—6, J. Dixon 7—8. Ringers were present from all the four churches in Sheffield, and among the floral tributes was a large and handsome wreath from the Ranmoor ringers. During the evening muffled touches were rung on the tower bells, including a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, by: S. Thomas, J. Atkin, J. E. L. Cockey, L. Charlesworth, J. Mulligan, J. Evinson, W. S. Plant and C. Haynes. Messrs. Smithson (All Saints), Allen (Ranmoor), Dixon (Norfolk Row) also took part in the ringing.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 12th, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Whiting 1, J. Harding 2, C. Groves 3, J. Wheeler 4, W. Holloway 5, A. Creasey 6, J. Harris (conductor) 7, G. Cooper 8.—On Jan. 21st, 312 Stedman Triples: J. Whiting 1, A. Collins 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Wheeler 4, C. H. Harriman (Loughborough) 5, A. Creasey 6, J. Harding (conductor) 7, J. Matthews 8.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Harlingden, on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ballot for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 25th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux and Littlebourne on Saturday, February 22nd, 1913. Towers opened at 3 p.m. Service at Wickhambreaux at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by Rev. G. Hyde Smith in the Village Club Room at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, February 18th.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, February 22nd. Tower open 3 till 9. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock, at Mr. Leggett's, North Gate, by kind invitation of the Rector, to those who let me know by Tuesday, February 18th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Merham on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. An allowance of one penny per mile one way, maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and will be cheerfully accepted at the meeting by C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British Schools Villas, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cranleigh, on Saturday, February 22nd, 1913. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service, the Rector will address the ringers, 5 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom, chairman, W. Welch, Esq., C.A., J.P., 5.45. Tea tickets, members 6d., visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at or before the meeting.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 5.30. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, February 22nd, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Will all members kindly make it convenient to be present.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, March 1st, 1913. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Meat tea at the Maidstone Restaurant, Bank Street, 5.30 p.m. A charge of 3d. per member will be made for tea. All members intending to be present for tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, February 25th, 1913. Subscriptions are now due.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. The chair will be taken by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, March 1st next. Service at 3 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Secretary, Bletchley.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6, 6d. each. All are welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

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SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The February meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Barnsley on Saturday week, and proved very successful. Between 30 and 40 members were present, from Barnsley, Beighton, Bolsterstone, Ecclesfield, Hoyland Swaine, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham and Wath. Some good ringing was accomplished in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The six-bell ringers present obtained a good practice in some of the Major methods, and the local company in Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major.

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