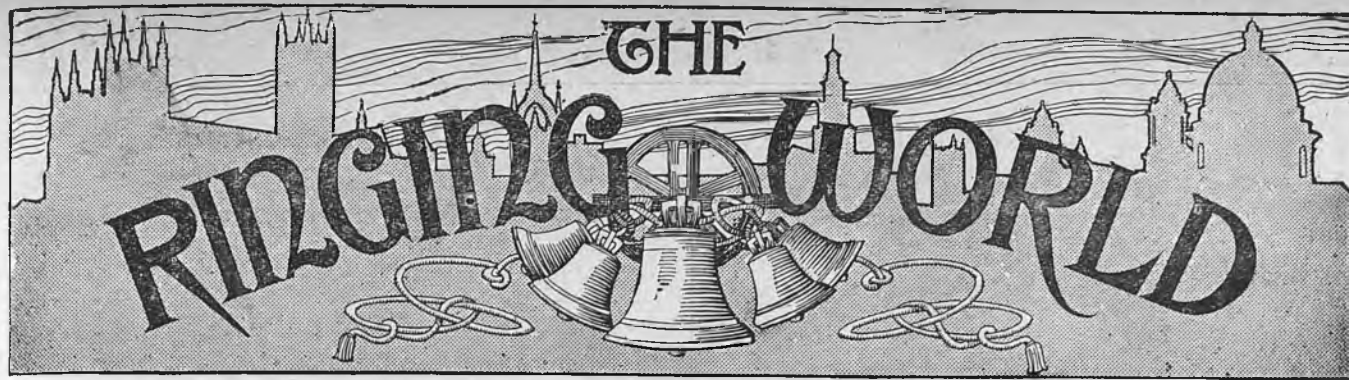




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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE DIVISION OF COUNTY AREAS.

The question of dividing its extensive area of operations into districts is one of the matters which is now occupying the attention of the officials and members of the Yorkshire Association. As we have already said, this is a matter in which we believe the advantages of division far outweigh those of completely centralised organisation. There are very few large associations now that have not instituted the principle of administering their respective areas by means of more or less self-controlled branches, and in every case this method has led not only to increased interest among the members, but it has widened the sphere of activity, brought in a greater number of members, and raised the general standard of ringing. Particularly is this so where the branches hold frequent district meetings.

Two cases in point have come under recent notice. Just over a year ago the Surrey Association established a new Southern District, which, previously, so far as they were concerned, was almost entirely outside the sphere of operations. That new district has already brought an accretion of 53 members and several towers, the majority of which would in all probability have remained unattached to any central body. In Worcestershire the division of the county has had equally satisfactory results, and the annual report just issued attributes the great progress made in the usefulness of the Association and in change ringing to the formation of these branches three years ago, an action which has brought the Association more into touch with outlying parishes than was possible before.

The success which has attended these, as well as other associations, should be an incentive to Yorkshire to take the step, when the matter comes up for decision. Meanwhile, the Devon Guild, who will shortly be holding their annual meeting, might also take the subject into consideration. We do not intend the slightest disrespect to Devonshire when we say that, for its size, and the number of its peals of bells, no county in England is more backward in change ringing. Here and there one finds a bright oasis in the desert of "stoney-land," but it is not a centre where the Art flourishes. If Devon would try the experiment of dividing the large area into districts we feel sure the effect would be beneficial. It is impossible for an executive to keep in close touch with all the towers in such a big county, when there is no decentralisation, and it is still more impossible to organise effectively that "missionary" work which is so essential to real progress. Now is Devon's opportunity. A big stride forward will have been taken if the county be split up into suitable branches, each possessing some measure of executive power.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Four Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 36½ cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Maximus by all except the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and tenor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATER, 5025 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER H. MARSH Treble	FRANK HOCKADAY 6
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	GEORGE R. STROUD 7
WILLIAM RUNDLE 3	WILLIAM FORD 8
WARREN H. HORN BROOK 4	WILLIAM D. JAMES 9
REGINALD DOBSON 5	FRANCIS PURSE Tenor

Composed by REV. E. S. POWELL, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the Guild. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5163 CHANGES;

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6
JAMES W. TRAPPITT 2	FRANK HOLDER 7
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 3	EDWIN L. MILES 8
DAVID WRIGHT 4	WILLIAM GROVES 9
ALBERT CALVER 5	CHARLES H. KIPPEN Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	JOHN CORRIGAN 6
JAMES JONES 2	JOHN NEAL 7
*WILLIAM J. MEERS 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
JOHN CARTER 4	JAMES L. WELLS 9
EDMUND J. HYLAND 5	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This composition is No. 3 on Carter's Broadsheet.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	WILLIAM DENT... .. 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2	WILLIAM FAYERS 6
WILLIAM R. JOHN POULSON 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD ... 7
GEORGE LAMBERT 4	THOMAS PRYKE Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method by all except the treble man and rung at the first attempt. First peal in the method in the Sudbury Archdeaconry by all residents. The ringer of the 3rd has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

T. H. PARKIN Treble	R. OLIVER 5
C. H. BIRD 2	N. SHORT 6
T. P. HOCKNELL 3	G. VAMPLEW 7
J. E. SMITH... .. 4	H. STRICKLAND... .. Tenor

Conducted by N. SHORT.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

STANOPE RIGG Treble	JOHN GARFORTH 5
JOHN WILLIAM DEWS... .. 2	GEORGE H. HARDY... .. 6
WILLIE SENIOR 3	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... 7
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD ... 4	GARFORTH TAYLOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. HARDY.

Rung as a compliment to Alderman James Greenwood, first Mayor of the County Borough of Dewsbury.

DOVER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE SAUNDERS Treble	HERBERT C. SAYWELL ... 5
WILLIAM J. SHEAFF 2	PERCY GIBBS 6
ARTHUR H. ROBERTS ... 3	CHARLES TURNER 7
RICHARD H. STEVENS ... 4	WALTER CORTEEN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

Messrs. W. Sheaff and P. Gibbs were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT... .. Treble	JOHN WELSBY 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
THOMAS WORSLEY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
TITUS BARLOW 4	PETER NUTTALL Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	JOHN CUNNINGHAM 5
THOMAS FORD, Junr. ... 2	*SAMUEL ANNISON 6
*O. BULLMAN 3	*F. BURROWS 7
CLEMENT MORE 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by J. SOUTER.

* First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, KINGSDOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FRED G. MAY Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 5
*WILLIAM H. WERRETT ... 2	*HENRY B. BURT 6
*WILLIAM J. PROBERT ... 3	ISAAC LONG 7
*GEORGE A. RADNIDGE ... 4	*JOHN G. HALE... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* Members of the St. Matthew's Guild. Rung muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. G. E. Lockey, for many years Vicar's Warden of St. Matthew's Church.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HUGHES Treble	†JOHN GREASLEY 5
†EDWARD W. DUTTON ... 2	*HENRY WILLIAMS 6
*DAVID HUGHES... .. 3	THOMAS MURRAY 7
†JAMES R. GRIFFEN 4	*ALBERT WOOSNAM Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal away from the tenor. Although the bells were opened more than 25 years ago, this is the first peal on them by a local band.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLTS' TEN-PART.

*LEONARD BUNNING Treble	J. H. HOLIFIELD, Senr... 5
WILLIAM JUDGE... .. 2	FREDERICK WEBB 6
J. W. WILKINS... .. 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 7
G. H. HOLIFIELD 4	GEORGE A. KING Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Barbara Freeborn, of Clifton Hampden, Oxon, to Mr. Eustace Sharpley Meddings, of Lee, Blackheath.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES

Tenor 28 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN Treble	*HARRY HOLLICK 5
JOSEPH CHATLEY 2	*LEWIS GOODENOUGH ... 6
*CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 3	GEORGE N. PRICE 7
FREDERICK BRANKLOW ... 4	EDWARD WHITBREAD Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

* First peal in the method.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GLOUCESTER BRANCH)
On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. BOAR Treble	JOHN AUSTIN 5
WALTER YEEND... .. 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
*CHARLES L. SADLER ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
†GEORGE H. WALTERS ... 4	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS...Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman inside. The band wish to thank the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5
*ARTHUR STUBBINGTON ... 2	EDWIN J. HARDING ... 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7
CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal on eight bells (age 16). This was W. Tucker's 100th peal for the Guild, and run after meeting short for Double Norwich.

LEISION, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

JOHN M. BUTTON Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5
CHARLES SAMPSON 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Button on their 75th and 72nd birthdays respectively; also as a compliment to L. P. Bailey who attained his 21st birthday on the same date.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK J. MYNARD ... Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	*WILLIAM JACQUES 6
†FRANK BOSWELL 3	WILLIAM FREEMAN 7
*BERNARD FISHER 4	JOHN W. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method with a bob bell. The composition has the 6th the extent each way in 5—6. The conductor had never called a touch in the method previous to attempting the peal.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS Treble	EDWIN STRINGER 5
GEORGE PARSONS 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
GEORGE CHAPLIN 3	*BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
GEORGE ROBERTS 4	BRO. PANCRAS PICARD, O.S.B. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

Mr. Chaplin hails from Tamworth and this is his first peal of Stedman. The band wish to thank Mr. B. W. Wittchell for kindly making arrangements, and regret that, owing to another engagement, he was unable to call the peal.

PENDLETON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE ... 5
WALTER C. HUNT 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
HARRY WASHBROOK 3	PERCY DERBYSHIRE 7
GEORGE TURNER... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called in nine different ways.

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lbs.

W. PALFREY... .. Treble	E. FOOTER... .. 3.
A. CULTER 2	P. WATSON 4
W. BARTLE Tenor	

Conducted by W. PALFREY.

First peal on the bells and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ST. WEONARD'S HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Weonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six Scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANCIS A. OAKLEY ... Treble	FRANK VOYCE 4
REV. V. A. CRESWELL ... 2	WILLIAM POSTON 5
HENRY WEALE 3	THOMAS AMOS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal by the Vicar, who was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor about 17 cwt.

*ALFRED JEFFS Treble	JOHN BALL... .. 4
WILLIAM HAYO... .. 2	JAMES B. HUDSON 5
†THOMAS WILLSON 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells, which have just been rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co., who have added a new treble.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

CHARLES BAILEY... .. Treble	ARTHUR BLYTH... .. 4
GEORGE BAILEY 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
ARTHUR BAILEY 3	LEONARD E. LAST ... Tenor

Conducted by L. E. LAST.

W. Clover hails from Thornham Magna, L. E. Last from Wickham Skeith, and the rest belong to the local company.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS C. EMMA BANKS ... Treble	HARRY V. FLETCHER ... 3
*SAMUEL H. NORTH 2	*A. HERBERT MUNSON ... 4

JOHN B. HALLIFAX ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

* First peal. Rung at first attempt. Miss Banks is the first lady to ring a peal for the above Guild.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, March 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Bob Minor each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble	JOHN O'NEILL 4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2	ARTHUR H. TOOK 5
E. AUSTIN HEAD 3	HERBERT PRATT Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., who has left for Stradbroke Vicarage; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. and Miss L. Lambert, the conductor's wife and elder daughter.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN ALLEN... .. Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
THOMAS JENNION 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
HENRY FYLES 3	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Allen.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES MARSH Treble	JAMES W. BELL 4
JOHN WILKINSON 2	HERBERT H. BARKER 5
THOMAS W. GILMOUR 3	JAMES MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal. This is the first peal on the bells which were variously cast by Rudhall between the years 1736 and 1806.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 Six-Scores of Canterbury Pleasure, and 21 of Grandsire, with 15 different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

BRYCHAN JONES... .. Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
*JOHN N. VIZOR 2	EDGAR R. JONES 5
LEONARD LEWIS... .. 3	THOMAS TURNER Tenor

Conducted by L. LEWIS.

* First peal in two methods. Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who, to the regret of all the band, left next day to take up an appointment in the West Sussex Police Force.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. JAMES SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, April 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... Treble	FRANK J. LEVITT 4
ERNEST STURGEON 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK 5
ERNEST W. BISHOP 3	HORACE W. FOULGER ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. FOULGER.

YAXLEY, HUNTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN J. JUTSON Treble	*OSWALD RICHARDSON ... 4
WILLIAM WALDRON 2	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ... 5
ISAAC P. BENNETT 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells, the 3rd and tenor being the original bells put in by Penn in 1721. The above was rung on the 18th anniversary of Mr. T. Vaughan's wedding day.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*PERCIVAL J. BROOKS... Treble	ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE ... 4
†LUKE VERRALL 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 5
WILLIAM H. BANKS... .. 3	JAMES MORLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. A. E. Anscombe to Miss S. J. Gurr, which happy event took place at Isfield Parish Church on the 26th ult.; also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. J. Brooks.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores, each called differently.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lbs.

HORACE W. SHARMAN ... Treble	PERCY J. LENTON 3
GEORGE HOLLAND 2	ALBERT E. WYKES 4
	ROBERT BLACK Tenor

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR THOMAS STARMER... Treble	WILFRED SHARP 3
FRED HOPPER 2	*WALTER CHARLES STARMER 4
	WILLIAM ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Thomas Starmer and the band thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Russell) for the use of the bells. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Hartgrove.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES NUNN Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS... .. 2	ARTHUR BAILEY 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	WILLIAM ROSE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Messrs. Bailey hail from Rickingham.

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

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

CHARLES VARO	Treble	REV. E. J. TEESDALE ...	4
JOHN SHERLOCK	2	*FRANK SADLER	5
*THOMAS W. BOND	3	ALBERT HARMAN	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in three methods. First peal of Minor in three methods on the bells.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven Six-scores each of Reading, St. Simon, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt.

*EDWIN HUDDLESTON ...	Treble	JOHN W. WRIGHT	4
*THOMAS H. RATE	2	WILLIAM H. DYKE	5
JOSEPH MURREY	3	JAMES A. TYSOE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DYKE.

* First peal, and first peal by all the band in six methods.

TIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEWIS WISEMAN	Treble	OLAVE BROYD	4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	2	WALTER NICE	5
HARRY CANSSELL	3	GEORGE PONNAL	Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

SKIRBECK, BOSTON, Lincs.
THE LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of Plain Bob and one of Canterbury, each called differently.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN COLEMAN	Treble	HAROLD PALMER	4
ARTHUR H. PALMER	2	HARRY PALMER	5
*ARTHUR SWAIN	3	JAMES KIRK	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the conductor who is shortly sailing on a voyage to the Far East and South Seas. The conductor wishes to thank the band for turning up on such a short notice.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

JOHN THOMAS	1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	5-6
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL	7-8

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL, and

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method with an inside pair.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. WILLSON, JUNR., CHEPSTOW ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

EDGAR VALLANCE	1-2	EDWARD NORMAN	5-6
WILLIAM WILLSON	3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON, JUNR.	7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON, JUNR.

Umpire: SYDNEY SHELTON.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. It is E. Norman's first peal with an inside pair of bells.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal at Worlingworth on March 30th was Sidney W. Pilgrim, and not Richard as published.

LATE PEAL.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND	Treble	GEORGE NORRIS	5
HORACE TULETT	2	BERT CHALLEN	6
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS	3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ...	7
HENRY STALHAM	4	JOHN JERVIS	Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, whose induction took place about three weeks before.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Berrow, on Saturday, about 30 members being present, representing the following towers: Burnham, Berrow, Brent Knoll, Congresbury, Weston-super-Mare, Glastonbury, etc. Service was held in the Parish Church, and a capital address was given by the Rev. Armstrong.—Tea was partaken in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting.—Two new honorary and nineteen performing members were elected.—Mark was proposed for the next quarterly meeting, and Bleaden for the intermediate meeting.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his able address, for providing tea, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Rev. Armstrong suitably responded.—Several good touches of Grandsire were rung, and Burnham bells were also available during the evening.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

The Middleton Parish Church band on Easter Monday did honour to one of the oldest of their members by attempting a peal of Bob Major, but the attempt unfortunately came to grief after 1 hr. 46 mins. The occasion was the birthday of Mr. James Arrowsmith, and the unique feature was that the date, March 24th, has not fallen upon Easter Monday since the day upon which he was born 57 years ago.

A birthday celebration was held at the Co-operative Hall, Middleton, and, in addition to relatives and friends, the ringers were present and provided some entertainment on the handbells. A presentation was made to Mr. Arrowsmith of a silk handkerchief, upon which was woven a suitable inscription, and which was illuminated with bells.—Mr. W. Schofield, an old member, voiced the best wishes of the ringers, to which the recipient suitably replied. The occasion was a most enjoyable one.

DEATH OF A BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Brook, of Birmingham, who passed away at the age of 70 years, after a long illness. The deceased had been a ringer at St. Chad's Cathedral for about 25 years, and at one time belonged to St. Philip's company. He was a safe ringer in the Standard methods and good striker, and had taken part in peals of Triples, Major and Caters, including one 10,000 of Major.

On April 1st, as a last token of respect, a half-muffled peal of Grand-sire Triples was attempted at St. Chad's Cathedral, but it came to grief after 1050 changes had been rung, owing to a change course. Afterwards, several touches were rung by W. Hunt, T. Miller, T. J. Bratton, W. Anker, C. Mackenzie, R. Ducker, J. Corrigan, and J. E. King.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on March 30th, 1216 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. J. Dewey (longest touch in the method) 1, J. Rice 2, W. Claydon 3, A. D. Mills 4, A. E. Mitchell 5, W. Wenban 6, C. Sippetts 7, F. W. Rice (conductor) 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. G. H. Bourne Barton, M.A., who has been appointed curate at the above church.

BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—“There's nothing like striking the iron whilst it's hot,” and as I have so frequently ventilated this pet subject of mine at various ringing meetings, I would much like to follow your able leading article last week, with a few remarks upon what has been troubling me for years.

I was delighted to again attend the Johnson Dinner in the City of Birmingham, for the one reason of meeting so many friends of long years' standing, and some I had never seen before; but the great object of all was an opportunity of speaking on a subject we must all pay attention to, and at once! Whilst proposing the “Health of the Chairman,” a gentleman whose name is justly revered and honoured by every ringer in the land, I was able to point out that when I was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Sir Arthur Heywood spent one whole day with me in London, for the sole purpose of unfolding the great plan he had in mind. He, being gifted with far-seeing power, saw that at no distant date we should be obliged to have a recognised organisation to represent us in time of need. Therefore, it was entirely Sir Arthur, who, after laying his plans before the different societies, brought into being that grand Association known as the “Central Council of Church Bell Ringers,” with the sole object of protecting our rights and privileges, and interests in the future.

As a visitor, I attended their last meeting, only to find the Council had become a gigantic discussion class, between two of any great ringing friends of over 30 years' standing, and certainly two of the most gifted mathematicians I have ever listened to. But at the present moment we do not want this, for there is more urgent work on hand. Now that I have got Sir Arthur fairly started, I know there is every prospect that he will cause this important matter to be discussed at the next meeting, for action must begin at once, seeing that this is the sort of work the Council was originally intended for. Probably few others have collected so many instances of this grievance and the antagonistic feeling against ringing as I have, for on two occasions I have been present in Court at the Old Bailey, when the judge has complained of bells being tinkled for service near at hand—once at that awful moment when waiting for the two words of freedom, or the one dread word that would send a fellow creature to eternity.

To my knowledge the question was twice raised in Parliament some years ago. The one great instance of all that troubles me most, however, is much too dangerous, in our own interests, to put into print—it would start the ball rolling. Nothing will ever make me believe that the highest governing bodies in the land, and, perhaps, 12,000 inhabitants at a time are going to be annoyed for hours to please, perhaps, your humble servant and the eleven others who generously come forward to help him. If the general public could only read the footnotes to some of the performances, such as “this peal was rung to celebrate the third birthday of the 14th daughter of the ringer of the 11th,” there would be a pretty hue and cry throughout the whole country, for if a Royal Commission or Select Committee of Inquiry were appointed, this sort of argument against us would be used. As to complaints against peal ringing, my reminiscences, if not so numerous and serious to ourselves, would be decidedly amusing!

As an instance, I remember many years ago, calling a very long attempt for the first peal of Stedman at a Malvern Priory Church, after which, much against my protests, the scores of visitors who had assembled outside from several miles round, handsomely “tipped” the tower keeper to allow them all to have “touches,” ending altogether in about six hours' ringing, with a result that to this very day the tower has been closed to peal ringing!

Every time a peal is accomplished in a thickly populated district it is like walking about with a pocketful of firearms at “full cock,” before the safety catch was invented! In many towers throughout the land, the ringers themselves have done much to beautify their ringing room, and we should now take up the cue where the others left off, and so continue the break, for united we stand, divided we fall.

Now to remedy all this and put ourselves on the safe side, I do not think the cost would be much, and I would most respectfully advise the Central Council trying to see their way clear to adopt something like this: Let them officially approach the authorities at, say, 100 towers in the country (the greatest offenders where most complaints are received) with recommendations to shutter-up the louvre boards, or even brick up the openings inside to within a short distance of the top. This will effectively stop the reverberating clang complained of by those near at hand, and cause the sound to travel to greater distances, besides converting the tower into a much sweeter musical box.

If the different authorities say they will comply with this recommendation, well and good; but if not, then the only alternative is to get them kindly to provide the material—no great cost—and there are amongst us ringers architects, stonemasons, bricklayers, carpenters, and others, who I know would at once freely give their services for an hour or two on summer evenings to carry out the work themselves! If funds are needed, surely there are many of us who would willingly give a donation or an annual subscription of a guinea for such an object. Anyhow, try it, for we shall all look forward to the result of the Whitsun meeting with interest. Immediate action must be taken for the sake of ourselves, our friends, the church authorities, and the public; and, above all, for the sake of the unknown enthusiasts who will follow on after it has pleased the Great Spirit of All to call us. Yours, etc.,

FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

WORCESTERSHIRE'S PROGRESS.

The 28th annual report of the Worcestershire and Districts Association comments on the progress made by the organisation during the past year. The record of the year, it says, demonstrates that the interest in change ringing throughout the country and the usefulness of the Association are both largely on the increase; for while great progress was made during 1911, the year 1912 showed a record in all ways which had never been equalled in the history of the Association. As such great progress had been made during the last two years, it must be admitted that the formation of the three branches had helped to promote the objects of the Association. The increase in membership was most encouraging, the ringers at Bengeworth, Cookley, Elmley, Lovett, Fladbury, Overbury, Rowley Regis, Strensham and Wordsley, having become affiliated, but it is much regretted that so many members are in arrears with their subscriptions, especially hon. members; and it is hoped that each local secretary will assist the officers by endeavouring to have the subscriptions of his company and of the hon. members in his district sent in early in each year. While the average points per peal were not as large as in some years, the number rung was a record, being no less than 65, the year 1898 having held the record until now with 64. The large number of members who took part shows that change ringing was indeed progressing. The progress made was largely due to the Association being brought more in touch with the outlying parishes by means of the branches, and great credit was due to the branch officers for their work and enthusiasm, and for their pioneer efforts, which were certain to have good results in time.

MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch took place at Great Hampton, on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: Evesham, Overbury, Pershore, Fladbury, Hinton, Bretforton, etc. The bells were utilised in various Standard methods during the afternoon. Service was held in the church, and was well attended, the Vicar (the Rev. E. Havergal) giving a most excellent address, taking for his text, Psalm xvi, 10, “Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King.”—Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. Leach, of the Crown Inn, the Vicar, Mrs. Havergal, Miss C. Havergal, and the choir (who had taken part in the service) sitting down with the ringers, the party numbering altogether 62.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. Several performing members were elected, and it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Great Hampton, with Mr. F. Jordan as conductor.—Badsey was selected for the next quarterly meeting, and, after some discussion, it was resolved to arrange a meeting for practice at Little Comberton, the date and time to be advertised in the ringing papers.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding, for his excellent address, and for the use of the bells, and for providing such a splendid tea; to the organist and choir for attending the service, and to Mrs. Leach for the way she had catered for their wants.—The Vicar, in a brief speech, related several interesting anecdotes, and hoped at some future time he should have the pleasure of meeting the Association again on a similar visit.—Mr. H. Leach also replied on behalf of his mother.

Evesham and Bengeworth bells were to have been available in the evening, but unfortunately the clapper of the 9th at the former tower had been broken, and was not returned from the bell founders, but Bengeworth's peal of six was kept going till a late hour.—The meeting proved one of the best the Southern Branch has held.

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK.

On Saturday last, six Brighton members of the Sussex Association spent an enjoyable half-day in the country. Reaching Burgess Hill by train, a start was at once made for the object of the excursion, Twineham, a charming little old-world village. It was reached by a walk of over four miles, which appeared to be appreciated by all as a great change from the usual week-end peals. Spring flowers were in abundance by the roadside, and on arriving at the Church about 3.30, the visitors were met by the Rector (the Rev. Cresswell Gee), who welcomed the party to Twineham, and at once led the way to the tower, where there is a capital little peal of five, several of them recast, and the whole rehung by Messrs. Mears and Sainbank in the autumn of last year. The work was well carried out, the tone and “go” of the bells being all that could be desired. The bells were kept going till five o'clock, the Rector, who is himself a ringer, also taking part, and ringing very creditably considering that he had not handled a bell until about six months ago. The party were then invited to the Rectory for tea, after which they adjourned to the study, where they were entertained by the Rector with anecdotes of his experiences in his former parish in the neighbourhood of the Old Kent Road, his stories being extremely interesting, not to say, at times, amusing. The tower was then again visited, and another of the local ringers took part in the ringing. The party were very much interested in the quaint little church, which is in the perpendicular style, and in which there is, amongst other relics, a stained window representing “The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin,” by Burnes Jones. The following made up the party: Messrs. Keith Hart, E. C. Merritt, R. Stredwick, J. Capp, W. C. Hart, and A. D. Stone (divisional hon. secretary), and they wish to thank the Rector most heartily for his courtesy, hospitality, and hearty welcome.

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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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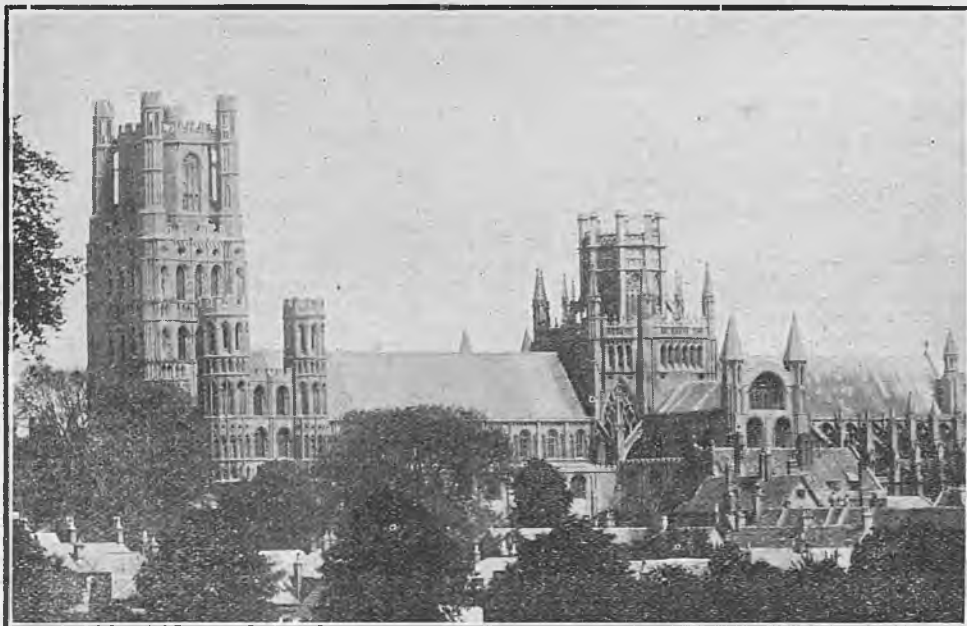
BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— ELY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

At the present time the western tower contains a light peal of five bells, tenor about 13 cwt., all cast by Henry Penn, the Peterborough bell founder, in 1723. The *Treble*,

In 1322 there were two bells in the western tower; of these the great bell was called "Bounce," and the lesser one "Peter." In the same year the central tower fell; but it was rebuilt by Alan de Waltringham, Prior.

A new peal of four bells was then cast for this tower. From the late Canon Raven's account we find that the weight of the great bell, called JESUS, was 37 cwt. 52 lbs.; that of the third, called "John," 27 cwt. 4 lbs.; that of the second, called "Mary," 21 cwt. 4 lbs.; and that of the least bell, called "Walsyngham," 18 cwt. 4 lbs.



ELY CATHEDRAL.

Second, *Third* and *Fourth* have no inscriptions, dates, or marks.

The *Tenor* is inscribed HENRY PENN MADE ME, 1723. These bells are chimed for service by means of a curious arrangement of hammers, wires and levers: at least this was the case when I was last at Ely, some 25 years ago. The *treble* is used as a clock bell.

Some years ago the late Dean Goodwin discovered the marks of four ropes on a beam on the south side of the lantern tower, which were evidently made by the ropes of these four bells.

The original single bell at Stuntney, since recast by Dobson, of Downham, is said to have come from the lantern tower of Ely Cathedral.

ODD CHANGES.

The Middlesex Association have scored a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and they are to be congratulated upon at length attaining to the height of their ambition. The peal was rung at Cripplegate last Saturday, and was composed and conducted by Mr. William Pye.

That peal, we believe, is only the seventh ever rung in the method. The first was achieved at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, by Mr. James Motts' company on August 15th, 1908, and they also rang the second in 1910. Since then the College Youths, who were the first to score Cambridge Maximus in London, have rung three, one at Cornhill and two at Southwark. The other peal was rung recently at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol.

We understand that the College Youths intend attempting a peal in this difficult method at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 26th. If this should be successful it would be a crowning achievement.

The Master of the Winchester Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) is intent upon increasing the peals of bells at his own church of Titchfield Hants, from six (tenor 12 cwt.) to eight. He has a young band of keen ringers, and with a complete octave some good work might well be expected. At the Easter Vestry meeting consent was given to the raising of funds by the Vicar and ringers to add two new trebles.

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By a typographical error we last week stated that the weight of the second bell of the new ring of eight at Twyford, Berks, was 6 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.; it should have been 4 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly practice of the Eastern District was held on Saturday, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Sunderland. Unfortunately there was but a small attendance, only three towers, Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius, Sunderland, and St. Peter's, Jarrow, being represented. Ringing was confined to Doubles, Minor and Bob Triples. However, the practice was very useful in forwarding the beginners.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL WIMBORNE BRANCH MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held on Saturday in Easter week, at Buckhorn Weston, the "furthest north" of the branch, where more than 20 years ago Messrs. Hughes D'Aeth started change ringing in North Dorset, and where, during the last few years they have revived the local company, and been the generators of progress through the whole district.

All who had engagements that afternoon anywhere in the South of England will not have forgotten the weather, but in spite of this, a party turned up from Okeford and Shillingstone about 2.30 and after raising the bells in peal, set them going to Grandsire and Stedman for over an hour, till a second party arrived from "furthest south," and changed the tune to Plain Bob and Kent.

At 4.15 there was festal evensong, fully choral, commencing with a processional hymn, a bell anthem having had unfortunately to be abandoned owing to the illness of some of the choir. In spite of his years, the Rector, the Rev. W. C. Hughes D'Aeth sang the service, and gave a stirring and vigorous address on the words: "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

After service the party were sumptuously entertained in the Parish Room by Mrs. Hughes D'Aeth, and several ladies of the place. There were present the Rector, the Rev. F. L. Edwards (Kington Magna), Messrs. Hughes D'Aeth, Mr. A. E. Coles (Bridgewater), the Rev. C. A. Phillips, secretary, and members from Bourne-mouth, Buckhorn Weston, Durweston, Kington Magna, Okeford Fitzpaine, Poole, Shillingstone, Wimborne, etc. The chairman of the branch (the Rev. Canon Mansel Pleydell) and the Master of the Guild (Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart) had hoped to be there, but were unavoidably absent.—A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and all his family, to the ladies, and to the choir for a most memorable welcome, service and entertainment.—Mr. Coles, in seconding, spoke especially of the reference in the Rector's address to the C.E.M.S.; and Mr. Hughes D'Aeth, in responding, expressed the wish that they would all come again soon, only in greater numbers, an invitation which all present will look forward to accepting as soon as it will be at all in order to hold another meeting at the same and so remote a centre, and will hope to find the Rector as hale and vigorous as on that Saturday.

After some courses of Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, on handbells, conducted by Mr. Townsend, the party broke up, most of the visitors driving back to Henstridge, where Preb. Firth had kindly put his bells at their disposal, while the rest set to work to finish off the evening with some Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and some good courses were brought round by: Messrs. A. E. Coles, C. C. D'Aeth, W. W. D'Aeth, Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. A. Burn (Okeford Fitzpaine), C. Forfitt and C. W. Goddenough (Bournemouth), F. W. Townsend (Poole). It is believed that this is the first time that any Surprise has been rung at a meeting of the Sarum Guild.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Erchfont, on Saturday, when there were present: The Rev. J. A. Sturton (Vicar of Market Lavington), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Rector of Beeching-stoke), Rev. J. A. Haines (curate of Erchfont), Mr. H. Brownlee West (Devizes), Hon. Secretary, and ringing members from Great Cheverell, Southbroom, St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes; Bishops Cannings, Market Lavington, Erchfont, Chilton, Westbury, and Beechingstoke.

Ringing took place in the tower during the afternoon and evening.—Tea was served at the Nag's Head Inn, to which 24 members sat down.—A short business meeting was then held, presided over by the Rev. J. A. Sturton (chairman), who, on behalf of the Guild, expressed its great regret at the death of the Earl Nelson, the late President; also at the death of Mr. James Selfe, captain of the ringers at Pewsey, which took place on March 7th last.—Seven new members from Erlestoke, two from Southbroom, two from Great Cheverell, and one from St. John's, Devizes, were proposed, and duly elected members of the Guild.—A vote of thanks was unanimously given to the Rev. J. Hamlyn Hill, D.D., Vicar of Erchfont, for the use of the church bells; and a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. BIGGLESWADE BRANCH MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Biggleswade Branch was held at Potton, on Saturday, when a goodly number of members attended from Sandy, Everton, Old Warden, Bedford, St. Neot's, and the local tower.—At the business meeting, the Rev. A. Shillito presided, and four members were elected to serve on the general committee, viz., the Rev. B. H. T. Drake (Sandy), Mr. W. J. Mayes (Old Warden), Mr. A. O. Bailey (Potten), Mr. C. A. Pratt (Clifton).—A proposition was made by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Blood) to hold a monthly practice of members, to promote eight-bell ringing at Biggleswade (providing permission can be obtained from the Vicar), on the first Monday in the month, so as not to interfere with the other practices.—A very pleasant time was spent by all the members. The Vicar kindly provided tea at the Vicarage for those attending, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his kind hospitality, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' RECORD.

The committee of the Midland Counties Association, in the annual report, have the gratifying statement to make that the record of the Association in 1911 (158 peals) surpassed all previous ones, and that again in the year 1912 a fresh and substantially increased record is created by the achievement of 172 peals. Of these 29 were rung by the Burton district, 27 by the Leicester district, 27 by the Nottingham district, 23 by the Derby district, 15 by the Chesterfield district, 14 by the Birmingham branch, 11 by members of the Hinckley district, nine by members of the Loughborough district, and 17 by mixed bands. Excluding the mixed bands, 27 companies appear to have contributed peals, a number falling short by three of the record figures of 1911. But the difference, even in view of the larger total of peals, is not of sufficient importance to detract from the satisfaction of the encouragingly wide distribution of the performances. The 6160 Oxford Treble Bob Royal (at Chesterfield) was the longest length in this method on ten bells by the Association. A fair number of peals of Superlative and Double Norwich Major had been scored. It was, perhaps, regrettable that only single peals had been rung in most of the other advanced methods. The number of hon. members was 37 against 40 in 1911; of ringing members 677 as against 686, and of life members 294 as against 279, making a total of 1,008, as against 1,005.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. BENEVOLENT FUND DISCUSSED.

On Saturday last, the members of the Manchester branch met at Eccles Parish Church. The meeting was very representative, including visitors from Bolton, Oldham, Macclesfield, etc.—Mr. J. Barratt, vice-president, presided, and gave a hearty welcome to the ringers. He expressed the hope that a deep interest would be taken by the members of the Association in the affairs of the society.—The question of a benevolent fund was discussed by several members present.—Mr. Burley Wallshaw, of the city police force, was elected a member of the Association.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, wardens, and local ringers, for the use of the bells, etc.—The following methods were rung during the day: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative.

MR. RICHARD NEWTON'S DEPARTURE.

On Saturday week, at the Manchester Town Hall, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Stedman Caters to commemorate the pending retirement of Mr. Richard Newton from the Manchester police force, and his departure to Boston, U.S.A. Unfortunately, after 1 hr. 8 mins. good ringing, the peal came to grief.

Afterwards, Mr. Newton entertained the band and some personal friends to tea. Subsequently Mr. S. Scott was elected to the chair, and moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Newton for his kind hospitality. He felt sure that all present would agree with him when he expressed sorrow that the peal had failed, and he was also sure those present were sorry they were about to lose Mr. Newton, who had won his way into the hearts of all ringers with whom he had come in contact. He assured him that he carried with him the good wishes of all his friends for his future prosperity.

Mr. J. W. Washbrook, in seconding the resolution, said he fully agreed with all that Mr. Scott had said, and thought Mr. Newton would succeed. He had been a pioneer of good ringing since he became a ringer in the Manchester police force.

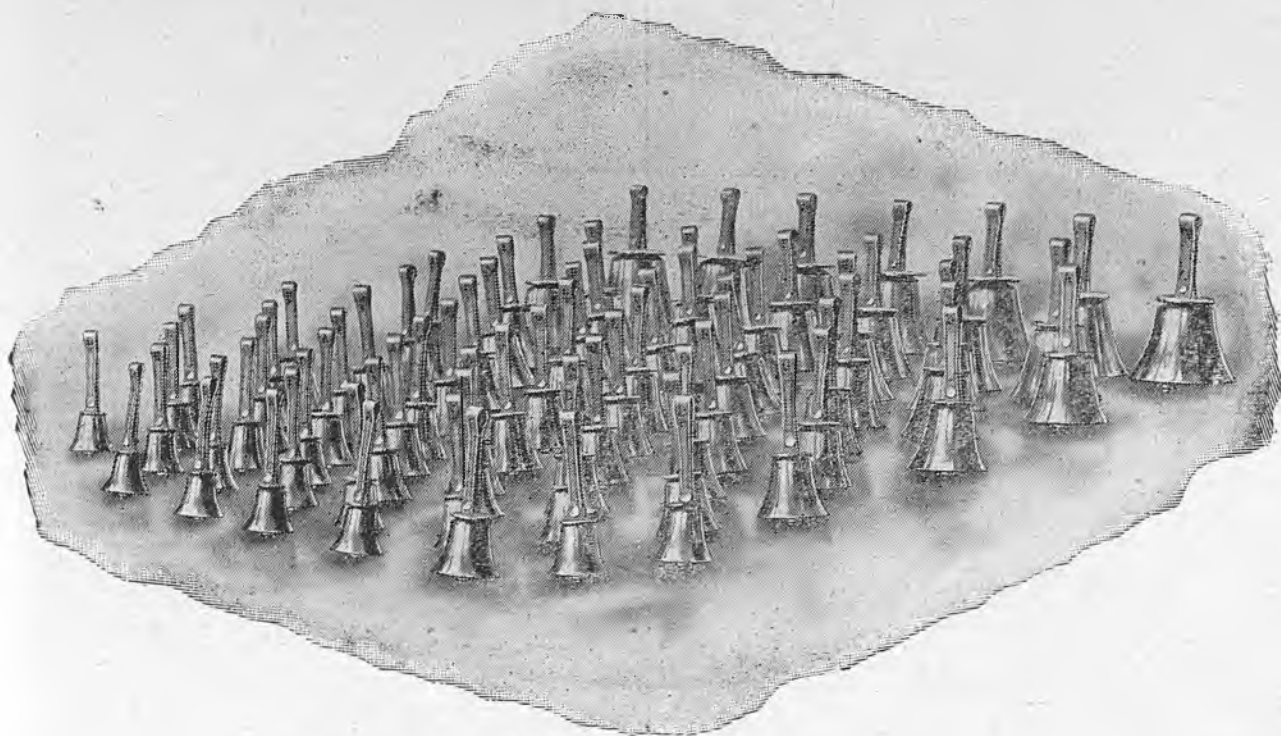
Mr. Alfred Barnes, who supported the motion, thanked Mr. Newton for having on several occasions invited him to take part in peals rung at the Town Hall. He had, however, always felt unable to accept, not because he did not appreciate the offers, but simply because the bells were too heavy. He assured them that he held Mr. Newton in high esteem, and he hoped he would prosper in his new venture in Boston.

Mr. W. H. Idle also supported the resolution. He felt great pleasure in being present, and spoke of the great esteem in which Mr. Newton was held by all ringers known to him in the Lancashire Association. He said he had known him personally for several years, and had had the pleasure of ringing several peals with him. Mr. Washbrook hit the nail on the head when he said that he was a pioneer of good ringing. His past work was sufficient evidence of that. With regard to his future career, he said he had great hopes of his success, for Mr. Newton had a stout heart, and was now undertaking what might daunt many a younger man. He wished him "God-speed," and hoped that they would often hear of him, either by letter or by means of the ringing papers.—The resolution was put, and carried with acclamation.

Mr. Newton, in response, thanked them one and all for their kind expressions and good wishes. It would be a source of great pleasure to him when abroad to think of the many friends at home and the many pleasant occasions on which he had met them. He would see to it that he kept in touch with them, and would always be glad to hear from any of them.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Barker 1, F. Ryder 2, Rev. J. S. D. Rider 3, T. Owen 4, W. Barrow 5, W. Hutchinson 6, T. Barrow (conductor) 7, H. Taylor 8.

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IN THE WEALD OF KENT.

A very successful and enjoyable time was spent during Easter in the Weald of Kent by the following members of the Kent Association: Messrs. Frank Bennett, of London; R. J. Dawe (or "Bobs"), of Sussex; H. Blackwell (The Village Blacksmith), from Chelsfield; R. Edwards, A. Allen and C. Tribe, of Tenterden; F. G. Burden and A. Blackman, of Rolvenden; the Brothers E. and F. Lambert, of Horsmonden; C. W. Player, of Stone-in-Oxney; and W. H. Lambert, ("The Earl of Benenden"). A start was made about 10.30 on Monday morning at Tenterden, and a good peal of Stedman Triples was successfully accomplished in 3 hrs. 14 mins. on this noble peal of bells. After a good sound huntsman's lunch and a rest, a move was made for Rolvenden, some on two wheels, others on four, and after a cup that cheers, etc., "go" was called, and the second peal of Stedman completed in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Then, with tender hands but glad hearts, all sought well-earned repose with orders for Beneden the next morning at 8 o'clock. Needless to say all turned up in good time, but an early service compelled the visitors to wait till 8.50 before commencing, and as there was another service at 11.30, time was all too short to squeeze a peal in. However, nothing ventured nothing had, so "go" for Stedman was called. But as the saying goes, "'Tis not the miles we travel, but the pace that tells," so it was in this case, for at the terrific pace they were going the first trip brought the bells in a lump, and so brought the peal to an abrupt termination. A touch of Treble Bob Major was then rung, and the bells lowered. After a look around the village the party dined with "the Earl" at Ye Old Manor House, and then off to Goudhurst for the last peal of the tour. After a stroll through the village and a successful hunt for the smuggler's stone recorded in James' book, "The Smugglers," tea was enjoyed. The tower was then ascended, ropes adjusted, etc., and the third and last peal of Stedman of the tour was well rung in 3 hrs. 5 mins. It was the first peal of Stedman by two of the band, and terminated a most enjoyable tour in the Weald. The band wish to thank the clergy of the various churches for their kind permission to ring; Mr. C. Tribe, hon. district secretary of the Kent Association, for making all arrangements; and, above all, Mr. F. Bennett, the New Cross pilot, for so ably conducting them through the "bobs" and "singles" of the "River Stedman," and bringing them safe into port with such a slight loss of "cargo."

A SUSSEX OUTING.

The Salehurst, Sussex, ringers held their annual outing on Easter Monday, when they visited Waldron and Dallington, accompanied by two members of the Battle company. Waldron was reached at 11.30 a.m. On the bells, a nice light ring of eight which "go" like tops, a touch of Grandsire Triples was tapped off to "ring in the bride," for there was a local wedding to be solemnised. Afterwards several touches were brought round, the band taking their departure at 2.30 p.m. Dallington was reached at 4.30. Here is a splendid ring of six, which could easily be made tell a better tale in method ringing. The visitors were met by Messrs. Johnson and Lovell, and several 120's were tapped off. The only "peal" tablet in the church is one bearing the date 1898, and recording a "peal of Doubles" called with three bobs and six singles, and rung in six minutes.

The bells having been lowered, the ringers repaired to the Swan, where tea was partaken of, and subsequently there was a smoking concert arranged by Mr. Jook, and presided over by the churchwarden, Mr. J. Peploe. The toast of the evening, "The Salehurst and Battle Ringing Societies," was proposed by the Chairman, and Mr. Booth, responding on behalf of the Salehurst band, urged, as a native of Dallington, the necessity of the Dallington band becoming without delay affiliated to the Sussex Association. Unless they did this, he said, they could scarcely ever hope to make progress, or to make the ringing of such a nature as to arrest the attention of the younger men, who were constantly coming and going. It had been said that they could get on if they had a leader like himself, but he would remind them that his knowledge was due to Mr. Franks, who had acted as instructor to the Salehurst band since they joined the Association.—Mr. Franks responded on behalf of the Battle Society, and endorsed what Mr. Booth had said. He knew quite well that a feeling existed sometimes after a meeting that the ringing had been of a very poor nature, and that it held out little or no inducement for fresh bands to join, but he reminded his hearers that it was a mistake to take this view. Those who attended these meetings were not a selection of "crack" ringers, got together to exhibit their skill before a few locals, but a number of men who came together for the benefit of one another, and to help forward those who were prepared to attempt a course or a touch of something that opportunity afforded. He looked forward with the greatest confidence of seeing the Dallington branch affiliated to the Sussex Association.—Mr. Booth next proposed the health of the Chairman, the toast being responded to by Churchwarden J. Peploe.

This is recorded as one of the best outings the society have experienced. The members who took part in the outing were: Messrs. T. Booth (captain), E. Mills, W. Hoad, J. Goodsell, C. Creasey, F. Morgan and Peacock (Salehurst), and Messrs. Franks and Thomas (Battle). The band regret the absence of Messrs. W. Cramp and W. Robinson, through indisposition. The ringers wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Rev. W. J. Humble Crofts, Rector of Waldron, and the Rector of Dallington for the use of their bells.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Easter meeting was held at Whitby on Bank Holiday, and there was a good attendance of ringers from Robin Hood's Bay, Skelton, Maske, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington, Shildon, Ormesby, Hemingbrough, and the local company. Dinner was provided at Bottrams Cafe, the Rev. W. P. Wright, President, being in the chair, supported by Mr. George Alexander (vice-president), Mr. White (churchwarden), and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe). The company numbered about 40. After dinner, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

The President proposed that the best thanks of the Association be given to Canon Austin and the churchwardens for the use of their fine old peal of bells, and coupled with it the name of Mr. White (churchwarden). He said he had a warm corner in his heart for the fine old town of Whitby, for he had been accustomed to visit Whitby from his boyhood, and had spent many happy days there. He thanked the number of ringers that had turned up to make the meeting such a success.—The motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander, and carried by acclamation.—Mr. White, in responding, welcomed the Association to Whitby. He had, he said, found that the bell ringers were a fine lot of men, and the interest they took in their work was shown that day by the numbers that were present at the meeting.

About a dozen new members were elected, and good ringing was done during the day in various methods, including Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Major, Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Kent Royal. All present were quite satisfied with the success of the gathering.

PRESENTATION.

An interesting function took place in St. Modwen's Church belfry, Burton-on-Trent, on the evening of Easter Day. Mr. W. J. Smith, who has been connected with the band for 29 years, and was leader for nearly half that period, was leaving the town, and his colleagues presented him with a handsome electro-plated tea pot, and a small purse of gold.—The Vicar, who was accompanied by the churchwardens and other friends, made the presentation. It may be mentioned that during his career, Mr. Smith has "pulled the ropes" at almost every church within a thirty miles' radius of Burton. He leaves the town with the hearty good wishes of his comrades.

STEEPLE KEEPER ELECTED COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

PRESENTATION AT MITCHAM.

At the conclusion of the weekly practice of the Mitcham Society, at the Parish Church, Mitcham, the members presented Mr. J. D. Drewett, the treasurer and steeple keeper of the society, with a handsome black marble inkstand, suitably inscribed, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by his brother ringers, and a mark of appreciation of the many kindnesses shown towards them.—The presentation was made by Mr. Chas. Dean, late secretary of the Surrey Association, and an honorary member of the Mitcham Society, who expressed the great regard and friendship felt by the members for Mr. Drewett.—Mr. Drewett, in a most feeling reply, thanked the members for the unexpected pleasure. He said he should treasure the gift as long as he lived. What he had done had been a work of love, and as his father before him had done, he should always have at heart the true interests of the ringers and their proper recognition as church workers.

Mr. Drewett has been connected with the Mitcham tower for the past thirty years, his late father having also been a ringer in the same tower over sixty years ago. Mr. J. D. Drewett occupies a place of high esteem among his fellow townsmen. He was chairman of the Croydon Board of Guardians during the past year, and has recently been elected a member of the County Council.

RINGERS IN CANADA.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—No doubt some of the ringers in the Old Land know of brother ringers who are living in or around the cities of Toronto and Montreal. I should be very glad if I could get the names and addresses of some, at least, of these men. The only way this can be done is for friends at home to let me have this information, and I should be glad if they will send to me at this address.

As you will be aware we do not possess many bells in Canada, but we have a fine peal of ten at Montreal, and it would be quite a treat if we could get a band to go down there and have a pull together.

I should esteem it a favour if you would make this known through your valuable paper. With best wishes, yours faithfully,

A. SIMPSON.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Jacques 1, B. Fisher 2, S. Smith 3, W. Freeman 4, F. Boswell 5, R. Perkins 6.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Brown 1, F. Willetts 2, T. Clarke 3, G. H. Detheridge 4, E. Homer 5, H. Dowell 6, A. Timmins (conductor) 7, W. H. Detheridge 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GRASSENDALE.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Easter Day, 720 London Surprise: T. J. Morris 1, *T. Jennion 2, G. R. Newton 3, *E. Caunce 4, J. Turner 5, J. Allen (conductor) 6. *First 720 in the method.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, March 30th, 1913, in 1 hr. 5 mins., a date touch of Minor (1913 changes), being 108 Double Court, 365 Plain, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Thompson 1, A. Ives 2, W. Underwood (conductor) 3, J. Harrington 4, G. Rice 5, E. Perkins 6. Rung in honour of the christening of Ronald William Wallace Maddaver, son and heir of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Maddaver, of Wales End Farm, Cavendish, which took place on the above date at the Parish Church, Brockley, Suffolk.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Monday, March 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, in 48 mins.: A. Greenfield 1, P. H. Doick 2, R. Wood 3, J. Burdfield 4, L. Stilwell (conductor) 5, J. Cook 6, W. Stanford 7, J. Netley 8.

COLNE, LANCS.—On Easter Monday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's), in 46 mins.: H. Wilson 1, *S. Lane 2, *James Foulds 3, A. Brooks 4, *H. Foulds 5, W. Mallinson 6, *R. Foulds (conductor) 7, *W. Heaton 8. *Longest length in the method, and on the bells.

BFACHAMPTON, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On March 24th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins.: C. N. Alderman 1, *J. Bennett 2, *F. Whiting 3, A. W. Alderman 4, *R. Linney (conductor) 5. First 720 by the local band. The ringer of the treble is only in his 14th year. *First 720.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—Lincoln Guild.—On Easter Monday morning, an attempt was made by St. John's Church Ringers' Guild to ring Vicars' six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after 1 hr. 35 mins.: T. H. Parker 1, O. H. Bird 2, T. P. Hocknell 3, J. E. Smith 4, H. Oliver 5, N. Shoot (conductor) 6, G. Vamplew 7, H. Strickland 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Easter Monday, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Double Bob Minor; at the Cathedral, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles; at St. John's, Grandsire and Bob Major; at Glinton St. Benedict's, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor; touches on the handbells in the Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Major and Little Bob Major were rung by: J. W. Lake, A. Holmes, R. Richardson and G. Jutson. Others taking part in the day's ringing were: H. Traynor, E. Tilby, J. W. Jarvis, R. Rowell, J. Jutson and H. Beechey.

CHESHUNT.—Hertfordshire Association.—On March 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, F. Jelf 3, H. G. Rowe (composer) 4, H. Cornwell (conductor) 5, G. Maxim 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. G. Rowe. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor) 3, G. Maxim 4, H. Cornwell 5, C. Dilley 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8. After evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. Cornwell.

ISHAM.—Central Northants Association.—On Easter Sunday, 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor: G. Valentine 1, E. M. Atkins 2, W. T. Wilson 3, A. E. Fourt 4, D. Mallett 5, G. A. Blaxley (conductor) 6. This is the treble man's first attempt for a 720, and the conductor's first attempt to call an extent in the method.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On March 19th, at St. Mildred's Church, before a Confirmation service by the Bishop of Croydon, 336 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, J. Manktelow 2, N. Tickner 3, C. Tribe 4, W. Savage 5, A. Snelling 6, A. Allen 7, F. Gilbert 8. Also a 308 in the same method after the service by the same band. Also 336 before evening service, and 168 before the evening service on Easter Day.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On March 11th, at the Parish Church, 774 Stedman Triples: H. Barton (conductor) 1, F. C. Lambert 2, C. Moss 3, A. Lee 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, J. Larter 7, J. Jolly 8.

FORTHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. Roles (conductor) 1, A. Newberry 2, A. Smith 3, F. Smith 4, F. Dutton 5, C. Strawford 6.

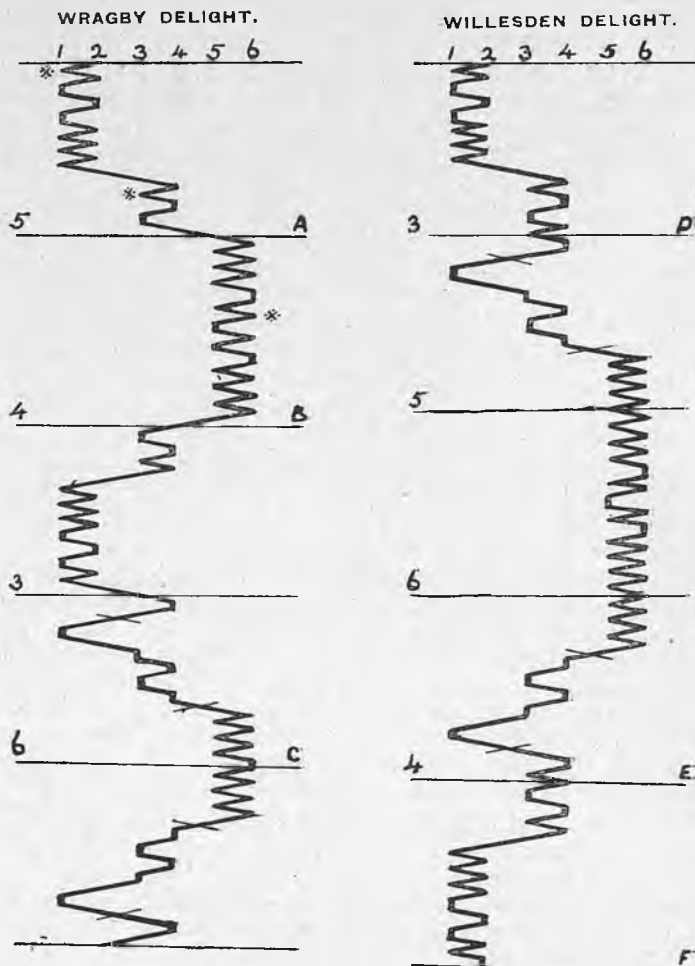
PLYMOUTH.—At Charles' Church, on March 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Erin Caters (1245 changes): E. W. Marsh 1, W. G. Hiscott 2, W. Hornbrook 3, R. Hornbrook 4, R. Dobson 5, F. Hockaday 6, W. Richards 7, G. R. Stroud 8, W. D. James (conductor) 9, F. Purse 10.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Easter Day, at St. John's Church, before early service, 420 Grandsire Triples: W. Pooley 1, W. Streeter 2, H. Jordan 3, A. Gear 4, F. Harman (conductor) 5, T. Streeter 6, O'Gilbey 7, H. Edwards 8.—On March 27th, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Streeter (first quarter) 1, W. Streeter 2, E. Horman 3, A. Gear 4, H. Edwards 5, T. Streeter (first quarter) 6, H. Card (conductor) 7, E. Dennis 8. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band.

BUXTON-ON-THE-HILL, GLOUCESTER.—On March 31st, in 30 mins., 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Hopkins 1, T. Haines 2, J. Youngs 3, C. Harris 4, F. Walton (conductor) 5, J. Keyte (Blockley) 6.

RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

The figures at the side show the starting place of each bell; the small lines intersecting the diagram mark the place where the treble crosses the path of the working bell, and the asterisks the place where the working bell dodges with the treble.



In addition to the asterisks shown above, there are dodging places with the treble in Wragby, in the second lead, after the whole pull in 5th's, and, in the third lead, in 3-4 down, and after the last whole pull on the front. In Willesden the dodging with the treble is, in the first lead, before the first whole pull on the front and the first dodge in 3-4 up; in the third lead before and after the whole pull in 5th's, and, in the last lead, in 3-4 down, and after the last whole pull on the front.

THE BOB WORK.

Wragby.—A, make 4th's and take up the work of the 4th. B, continue dodging and take up the work of the 6th. C, dodge instead of lying a whole pull and take up the work of the 5th.

Willesden.—D, make 4th's instead of dodging, and take up the work of the 4th. E, run in, instead of dodging in 3-4, and dodge with the treble, taking up the work of the 2nd. F, run out instead of making 2nd's, and take up the work of the 3rd.

NOTICES.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Leesfield Parish Church on Saturday, April 12th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Sec., 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available at 4.30. Tea at the Cafe, High Street, at 5.15. Meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly on Saturday, April 12th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth on Saturday, April 12th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 15th and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 22nd. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Thursday, April 17th. Bells (8), also Fordington St. George's (6), available at 2.30 p.m. Unveiling of peal board (Cambridge Surprise) by Mrs. Coote (the Rector's wife) at 4 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Institute, followed by business meeting, 4.30 p.m., service 5.45 p.m. Address by Rev. H. C. Coote, M.A. All ringers heartily welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Honorary Secretary, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, April 19th. Bells opened at 3 o'clock, tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector of Waldron (the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts, M.A.). Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by the 14th.—Geo. H. Howse, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at St. Mary's, Battersea; tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow; all ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron on Saturday, April

19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 19th. The bells at East Retford (10) and Ordsall (6) will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. at Howard's Restaurant, free to members, non-residents 1s., and to others 1s. 3d. per head. A hearty welcome will be given to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on April 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at St. Maries (R.C.), Sheffield, on Saturday, April 19th, 1913. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, April 19th. Bells available at 4 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the association will be held on Monday, April 21st, at St. Boltoph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. Tower open from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 9.15 at the Citizen, Houndsditch, E.C. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Saturday, April 26th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. B. Spink). Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.15, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, Brook Road, at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Putney on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6 at a small charge.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in the Mission Hall at 5.30, at 8d. each, to those who notify me by the 24th. The practice at St. Martin's on Saturday next, April 12th, is postponed.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's, Lane New Cross, S.E.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea at Mason's Arms Hotel, 5.30, 9d. per head, followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), with an address by the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A., Vicar of Coseley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 23rd. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service, with address by the Rev. J. E. Dawson (Rector), at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present for tea please send me word not later than Tuesday, April 22nd? All outstanding subscriptions should be paid now, so that a true report can be read at the annual meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 26th. Time of service and meeting will be published next week.—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Erdington, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged if sufficient members let me know by April 21st. — Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST, at St. John's Church, Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield, on Whit-Tuesday, May 13th, when prizes to the value of £17 17s. will be given. For further particulars apply to Frank Hardy, Haigh's Buildings, Lepton, near Huddersfield.

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