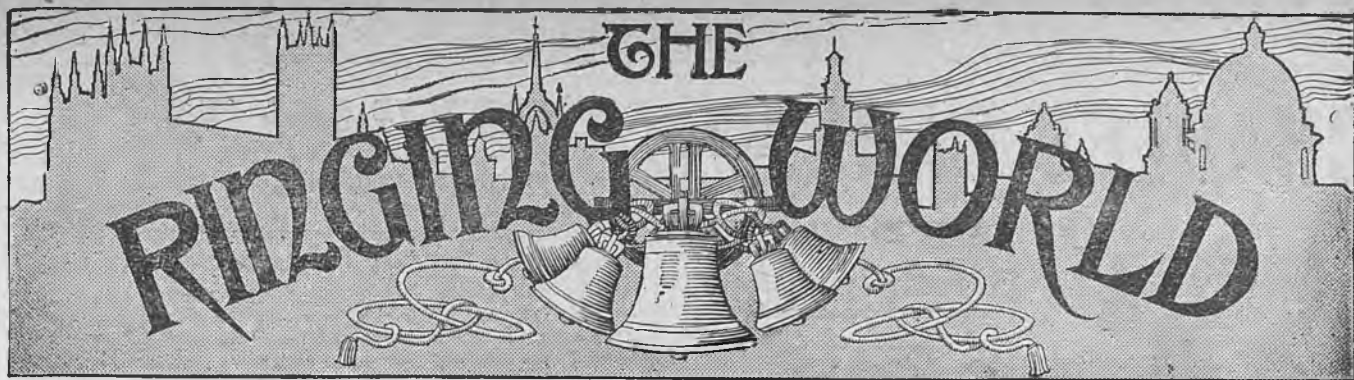




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Gentlemen,

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

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

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

MODERN WORK.

THE CARE OF BELLS.

An article, which we think extremely useful, appears elsewhere in this issue, giving some very practical hints to steeplekeepers upon the care of the bells committed to their charge. Mr. Hesse speaks with a long engineering experience behind him, as well as that of a practical ringer, and for that reason his article bears the full weight of that of an expert. There are steeplekeepers and steeplekeepers. Some there are, and we are happy to know they are an increasing number, who display the greatest interest in their work, and they grudge neither time nor trouble so long as the bells remain in perfect condition. On the other hand there are unquestionably many men who discharge their duties in a most perfunctory way. As Mr. Hesse says, a little grease now and again and the occasional shifting of a rope is all they consider necessary, and some trouble even less than that.

The office of steeplekeeper ought not to be treated as a sinecure. It is one in which a man can make or mar the reputation of a peal of bells, so far as, what we ringers term, their "go," is concerned. To bells, as to other things, the old adage of "a stitch in time" applies with much force, and neglect by a steeplekeeper soon brings a ring into such a condition that the attention of a bell-hanger becomes necessary. This expense, or the alternative, the abandonment of ringing, can be saved by a steeplekeeper, who is assiduous in the discharge of his duties. At any rate, it puts off the need for costly renovations for years, for it must not be forgotten that even the best cared-for bells will eventually require overhauling by a bellhanger.

The important matter, however, is that in appointing a steeplekeeper, a man should be secured who will show an intelligent interest in the work, and who will be prepared conscientiously to discharge the duties. After all, the proper care of bells does not need a lot of time, so long as attention is given regularly and frequently. But while much of the neglect, where it is to be found, is due to slackness, instances arising from ignorance are often constantly found. Often a man is made steeplekeeper in a tower who has little, if any, practical knowledge of how bells should be cared for, and, be he as willing as he may to keep the ring running well, he fails to get at the cause of trouble, when it arises, particularly where heavy bells are concerned, and, consequently, things go from bad to worse. Mr. Hesse's article should prove very valuable to all steeplekeepers, and we hope the hints he gives will not only be taken advantage of at the moment, but will be carefully preserved for future reference by those responsible for the care of the bells.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	†ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM SHORT 2	JAMES E. GROVES 8
*ALFRED J. HESSIAN 3	JAMES L. WELLS 9
WILLIAM FISHER 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
THOMAS H. REEVES 5	HERBERT KNIGHT 11
JOHN CARTER 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Cinques for the Guild. The band were afterwards entertained by the Ringing Master (Mr. James George).

TEN BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH AND
THE HIGH WYCOMBE AND BEACONSFIELD SOCIETIES.)

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FRED HAYES Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 6
RALPH COLES 2	WILLIAM PHIPPS 7
JOHN GRANSBURY 3	ROBERT H. YOUNG 8
*CECIL C. MAYNE 4	†RICHARD BUCKLAND 9
EDWARD MARKHAM 5	P.C. CECIL SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal. Arranged for G. F. Williams, of Hull, late of High Wycombe.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE Treble	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
J. FRANK PROCTOR 2	ERNEST NIDD 7
JOHN T. HOLMES 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON 8
HARRY THORPE 4	FRED TURNER 9
FRED WILFORD 5	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

This composition, now rung for the first time, is the author's number 140.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	DAVID WRIGHT 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
LEWIS ATTWATER 3	†ROBERT GRIMWOOD 8
*BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	†WILLIAM GROVES 9
ALFRED CLAYTON 5	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by JAMES REEVES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.
† First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, September 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 5
ARTHUR BAKER ... 2	SAMUEL BAKER ... 6
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... 7
*WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 4	ALBERT E. LAW ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 51st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Nicholls, of Coseley, who for 38 years were headmaster and headmistress of the Parish Church Schools.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON ... Treble	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 2	GEORGE BOWMER ... 6
WILLIAM FOX ... 3	BENJAMIN GREATORIX ... 7
FREDERICK JOHNSON ... 4	BRIAN HILDITCH ... Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORIX.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	CHARLES ROOPE ... 5
CHARLES BAKER ... 2	WILLIAM ROOPE ... 6
EDWIN WHITING ... 3	FREDERICK ROOPE ... 7
ERNEST WHITING ... 4	ALFRED SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

JOHN JENNINGS ... Treble	WILLIAM ALLSOPP ... 5
ARTHUR ALLSOPP ... 2	THOMAS BLOORE ... 6
CHARLES WATHMAN ... 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
GEORGE ROBERTS ... 4	JAMES REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

Rung, with the bells muffled, as a token of deep sympathy with the Rev. Canon Barnard (Rector and Rural Dean of Sutton Coldfield), and his family, on the death of his dearly-beloved wife, who was laid to rest on the above date, at Sutton Coldfield, amidst manifestations of the deep regret of the townspeople and many of the Rector's old parishioners from King's Norton. All the above are service ringers at this church.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*THOMAS SMITH ... Treble	*PERCY E. JONES ... 5
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 2	WILLIAM HONOR ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and

Conducted by J. J. PRATT.

* First peal in the method.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... Treble	MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 5
THOMAS H. NAISBY ... 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 6
*JAMES AYERS ... 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
WILLIAM A. CARR ... 4	†WILLIAM OXLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal on eight bells, † First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal on the augmented ring. All the band are service ringers at this church, and the peal was rung at the third attempt.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

*ARTHUR PAYNE ... Treble	*ROBERT GOFTON ... 5
R. ALDER GOFTON ... 2	WILLIAM STORY ... 6
BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method, and first peal in the method on the bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... Treble	WILLIAM FOX ... 5
THOMAS WHITE ... 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL ... 6
HENRY GREGORY ... 3	BENJAMIN GREATORIX ... 7
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by J. NICHOLLS, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

H. MEETEN ... Treble	G. NORRIS ... 5
W. HILLMAN ... 2	H. TULETT ... 6
H. EVANS ... 3	E. H. LINDUP ... 7
A. GROVES ... 4	A. ARNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Harvie and Mr. C. H. Vivian.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWIN J. PANNETT ... Treble	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 5
CHARLES EDWARDS ... 2	ERNEST NEWELL ... 6
ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 3	*GEORGE MILES ... 7
HARRY BUNGAY ... 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Bob Major. E. J. Pannett, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Lewes, Sussex.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER MURRAY Treble	GEORGE BOOKER 5
EDWARD LUTMAN 2	GEORGE F. WILMOT 6
ROBERT TAIT 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
RICHARD LYNCH 4	JOHN HUTCHINSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This is the first peal in the method in Ireland, and by all.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	MAURICE WARD 5
RICHARD W. COLLIER 2	FRANCIS WARD 6
JOSEPH ATKIN 3	WILLIAM S. PLANT 7
SAM THOMAS 4	CHARLES HAYNES Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This composition has the bells reversed in 5-6 without recourse to bobs before, with 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6th's place, and is the first to be rung on this plan. It was the first peal of Superlative on the bells and first Surprise peal by all except the ringers of treble and 4th. The conductor has now called a peal in a different method from each bell in this tower.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

GILBERT WILTSHIRE Treble	WILLIAM STOWELL 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	JOHN BURFORD 6
HARRY BROWNJOHN 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 7
GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR. 4	FRED G. MAY Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Arranged for J. H. R. Freeborn.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 5, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NOLFOK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

ALBERT V. MOORE Treble	*THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
JESSE J. MOSS 2	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6
CHARLES MASON 3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE 7
*REV. A. T. BEESTON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE, and

Conducted by J. FLINT.

* First peal in the method. C. Mason was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting the peal.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ROSE OF ENGLAND TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble	EDWIN WHEATER 5
*ARTHUR FARRER 2	SIDNEY KEIGHLEY 6
WALTER POPPLEWELL 3	CHARLES PRATT 7
SAMUEL WHEATLEY 4	FRED WALLER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by WALTER POPPLEWELL.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band and by a company of members of the Leeds and District Society.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in F.

*HERBERT A. HOLDEN Treble	WILLIAM EASTER 5
*JACK BURLS 2	†FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
†GUY R. AMBROSE 3	WILLIAM HARPER 7
FREDERICK HAYES 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Fredk. M. Mitchell and W. Easter. Messrs. Haigh and Easter come from Gillingham, Holden from Meopham; Burlis, Ambrose, Hayes and Mitchell from Milton-next-Gravesend, Mr. Harper being attached to the local tower. For calling see K.C.A. Report for 1912, p. 78.

EARLS COLNE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON Treble	JAMES FLEUTY 5
HENRY W. KIRTON 2	ARTHUR EDWARDS 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	JAMES FRENCH 7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

J. Fleuty has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
JAMES E. DAVIS 2	GEORGE A. CARD 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	HENRY J. CANTOR Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 15 cwt., in G.

FREDK. W. RICHARDSON Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	*ERNEST B. CROWDER 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by HARRY WHITTLE, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

ST. ANNE'S-ON-SEA, LANCASHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE B. BOLLAND Treble	WALTER IDLE 5
JAMES COTTERELL 2	PERCY J. JOHNSON 6
WILLIAM PEARSON 3	GEORGE NAYLOR 7
JONAS S. AMBLER 4	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

First peal of Major on the bells. All the ringers hail from Mid-Yorkshire, and the peal was rung whilst fulfilling a kind invitation for the week-end from Mr. Maude, of Pudsey, who is spending his holiday at St. Anne's.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ASPINWALL'S.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
*G. W. GROUNDS	Treble	FRED ABBOTT	5
GEORGE PINCOTT	2	TITUS BARLOW	6
WALTER GORTON	3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...	7
THOMAS WORSLEY	4	*ERNEST BRADSHAW ...	Tenor

Conducted by T. BARLOW.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells and Mr. Grounds for providing them with such a splendid tea after the peal. The ringers of the treble and tenor belong to the local company.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.	
ALFRED H. PULLING... ..	Treble	FREDERICK WEBB	5
ALBERT BROOKS	2	NOBLE SPINDLOW	6
WILLIAM JUDGE	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ...	7
JOHN MONK	4	GEORGE BROOKS	Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung to commemorate the Patronal Festival of the church.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 28 cwt.	
GILBERT WILTSHIRE	Treble	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	5
FRED G. MAY	2	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr.	6
HARRY BROWNJOHN	3	WILLIAM STOWELL ...	7
ALBERT STOWELL	4	ALFRED E. REEVES... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Arranged for Mr. J. H. R. Freeborn. First peal of Cambridge on the bells and the first in the method for the Bath and Wells Association.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.			
OSWALD RICHARDSON	Treble	GEORGE D. COLEMAN ...	4
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN	2	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ...	5
JOHN J. JUTSON	3	GEORGE JUTSON	Tenor

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Arranged for Messrs. Coleman, of St. Neots, and as a farewell to George Jutson, on his removal to Melton Mowbray.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
*THOMAS DREW	Treble
JOHN N. VIZOR	2
EDGAR R. JONES	3
ROBERT E. SPARKES ...	4
JAMES P. HYETT	5
THOMAS TURNER	Tenor

Conducted by E. R. JONES.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Capt. A. Glen Kidston, of Gwernyfed, who was laid to rest on the above date in Glasbury churchyard. He was a valued friend of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In three methods, viz. 1.—1,440 each of St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Bob, and 2,160 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN GILBERT	Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	4
*ROWLAND O. POLLARD ...	2	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ...	5
*ERNEST STONE	3	E. HARRY STONELEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First peal in three methods. J. Gilbert, who is only 15 years of age, was elected a life member of the Guild before starting, and this was his first attempt for a peal.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN	Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ...	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	ALFRED H. MARTIN ...	5
WALTER PERKINS	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

J. WORLEY CRADDOCK ...	Treble	HERBERT RAINBOW ...	4
JOSEPH C. DEENE	2	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ...	5
THOMAS LAW	3	FRED HOPPER	Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

Quickest peal on the bells. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd, this being his first peal with a bob bell, and previously he had never rung a 120 in either Oxford or Kent.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ALLEN F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Sampson. It was also his 100th peal.

SOUTH ANSTON.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-nine Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Munden, Morpeth, Newcastle, Chester, Whitley, Northumberland and Carlisle, was tapped on handbells by

JOHN SEGAR, Junr., of Retford.

Umpires and Witnesses: C. F. FOWLER, H. STENTON, S. SMITH, of South Anston, and H. HAIGH, of Workop, and Mr. J. SEGAR, Senr., some portion of the time.

This is the first peal tapped in seven Surprise methods.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Thursday, September 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL ...	1—2	FRANK J. LEVITT ...	5—6
HARRY A. TURNER	3—4	ALFRED ELY	7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. G. DEWELL.

Umpire: WILLIAM GOODSHIP.

FOR THE STEEPLE KEEPER.

SOME USEFUL HINTS ON THE CARE OF BELLS AND FITTINGS.

Dear Sir,—I have been asked, from time to time, by some of my ringing friends to write an article on the care of Church Bells.

The following few notes I hope may be of some use, and I offer them for what they are worth. There are many competent steeple keepers who are fully conversant with all the points to which I allude, but there are also many cases in which a man is appointed to take charge of a peal of bells who has not had previous experience, and I trust this may be of use to some.—Yours very truly,
JOHN H. B. HESSE.

The majority of steeple keepers and ringers think that, if they have peal of bells hung on up-to-date principles, with cast-iron headstocks and iron frames, bolted down to steel girders, they do not require to give any attention except to lubricate the main bearings, and sometimes shift a rope up or down an inch, and, later on, splice it. This is not quite the case, for no matter how good the job is, and how careful the bell hanger has been in his work, nuts will slack back. For instance, old bells that have been rehung in iron stocks, and have had the cannons cut off, have a wooden pad fitted on the crown between the stock and the bell, and, no matter how well this fits the crown, it is found to shrink; therefore, the nuts on the bolts that hold the bell to the stock require pulling up according to the amount of ringing that is done and shrinkage that takes place in the wooden pad. The wood pad will form its own bearing on the usually roughish surface of the crown, and while it is doing this the nuts are getting slack. Split pins are fitted to keep these nuts from coming off, and they usually do it, but I have had it said to me that the nuts cannot come off or get loose, as split pins are fitted. But split pins do not keep the nuts tight, as shrinking takes place below them.

BOLTS AND NUTS.

Too much care cannot be exercised in tightening up a bell on the stock, and to pull up all the nuts equally. If one side is pulled up more than another the bell gets false struck. This is often the case (especially with wooden stocks, with which I will deal later), but it is easy to rectify. Hold a straight-edge up to the bell mouth, and on one end that protrudes beyond the bell place a spirit level. This will prove if a bell is true on the stock. If it does hang true, next find out if the clapper hangs central, by measuring from each side of the clapper ball to the edge of the bell—care being taken not to disturb the clapper in measuring from side to side. If the bell is true on the stock, and the clapper is true in the bell, it follows that the clappering will be true.

The bolts and nuts that hold the wheel to the stock, and hold the two halves of the wheel together are frequently neglected, which means that the wheel gets, to an extent, loose on the stock, and the lower half drops away from the upper; these nuts should be kept tight. Where an iron frame is mounted on a wooden foundation (which I am glad to say is rare) the connecting bolts and nuts ought to receive attention continually, to allow for the shrinking of the timber, until the nuts will pull up no more. This tightening should always be done in the hot, dry weather. It is easy to think that a nut is up tight when it will turn no more, but it is not always the case. It may be rusted solid to the bolt; if so, use paraffin and soak it well before trying to shift it. A nut may also be screwed down to the end of the thread before it is home on its face; in this case take the nut off and use washers to make up the space.

Where wooden stocks are fitted, too much care cannot be paid to the four bolts at each end of the stock that hold the gudgeon shields in position, and to make sure that they are tight. But there is a right and wrong way to do this. When a bell is down, the natural tendency is for the gudgeon to tip upwards, and in screwing up the nuts of the gudgeon shields the two inside pairs, i.e., the pairs nearest the centre of the stock, should be screwed up first, and screwed tighter than the two outside pairs, in order to keep the gudgeons as true as possible. If these bolts are allowed to get slack the result generally is that one or more of these bolts shear off: but before this happens a bell is sure to go badly.

LUBRICATION.

The gudgeons are not the only parts that need attention in this respect. The rollers and crown staple pins on which the clapper swings seldom get the attention that they should. It makes a big difference to the "go" of the bell if the rollers are kept well oiled, considering the speed it has to run. It is also advisable to keep the slides free by using either grease or black lead, especially on the light end of a peal, where the slider is working continually owing to the small bells having to be rung very high; the sliders then are continually on the move. In the case of Hastings stays, the sides of the runners should be kept greased. Grease on the crown staple pin will often keep a clapper from rattling as well as make it swing freely. Sometimes it is very difficult to get the main bearings to hold the oil as they should. This is in some cases due to the fact that the brass has an open space of about 1/32-inch on the bottom, left there on purpose to drive in a chisel to lift the brass out of the cast-iron

plumber block, and it is through this space I have known the oil to run away. This can be cured in some cases by forcing down a piece of hard grease at the front of the brass, below the gudgeon, to form an oil-tight bottom between the brass and the plumber block.

All oil and grease that collects on the sound bow of the bell that may drop from the bearings should be wiped off, as it deadens the sound. If at any time the gudgeons get cut in rings from grit or some foreign matter, the bell should be lifted, and gudgeons lapped with emery cloth until the rings or cuts disappear, and the brasses be scraped out and relined. But this, in most cases, is a job for a competent bell hanger.

WASHBROOK'S "SURPRISE PRINCIPLE."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Neither Mr. Washbrook nor Mr. Hibbert have grasped the real meaning of the statement made by the members of the Methods Committee about the system produced by Mr. Washbrook, and rung at Caversham, and from what I hear from various parts, there seems to be considerable misunderstanding about the work which is being done by the committee.

We are simply trying to reduce the various systems from a condition of wild confusion to one of order, and when we say that Mr. Washbrook's system is asymmetrical, and, therefore, not legitimate, that it is not a principle, and not Surprise, we are not passing judgment upon it at all. We should equally say that what is rung as Stedman Triples is not legitimate and not Surprise; and all of us go on ringing it just the same. The practical question, "Is this system worth ringing?" can only be answered by practice; if it is really good it will live, and if it is not, it will die, but if it is good and lives, that will not make it legitimate, a principle, or Surprise. These words have already got meanings, and to call it a Surprise Principle is only to go back into the confused phraseology of the past, which is just what we wish to escape from.

Mr. Washbrook's system is a system of producing changes upon eight bells, i.e., a Major system which is neither a principle, nor a method, but something more complicated than either, and it should have a name which will indicate this fact.

Surfleet.

H. LAW JAMES.

HEREFORD GUILD'S LOSS.

DEATH OF CAPT. GLEN KIDSTON.

There are some laymen who are of as much value to the Exercise as the ringers themselves. One such was Capt. A. Glen Kidston, of Gweruwyd, who took the keenest interest in ringing, and particularly in the affairs of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, of which he was a generous supporter. His death, which took place last week, will be deeply regretted by ringers in that part of the country, and he will be sadly missed by the Guild. It was Capt. Kidston who instituted the annual competition for ringers in the Hereford Diocese and gave the cup and medals awarded to the winners.

Last Friday, on the occasion of the funeral at Glasbury, the local band rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled, and the same evening, at St. Mary's, Brecon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 46 minutes, by: S. Watkins 1, W. Hargest 2, G. Giblin 3, R. Kinsey 4, G. Hardwicke 5, W. A. Fletcher 6, Wm. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8.

On Sunday, the bells were again half muffled, when, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples, the first in the method by the band, and the first ever rung in the county, was brought round in 47 mins. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 49 minutes, the ringers who took part being: S. Watkins, G. Hargest, G. Giblin, R. Kinsey, G. Hardwicke, A. Matthews, C. Beach, W. A. Fletcher, S. Brookes, W. Evans (conductor), C. Powell and W. Griffiths.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

Ringers are requested to note the following dates: October 30th, concert at the Shoreditch Town Hall in aid of the "Bells Fund," chair to be taken by the Mayor at 8 o'clock; November 3rd, re-dedication of the bells at 8.30 p.m.; the Mayor and Borough Council will attend; November 8th, in the afternoon, opening of the bells and tea in the Parish Room; short service and an address by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. All ringers will be invited to these events. A fuller announcement will be made later.

Will all old ringers who have rung on Shoreditch bells, please communicate with Mr. H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch, with a view to having a photo taken with the bells.

C. SAMPSON'S 100 PEALS.

On tower bells: Bob Minor, 6, conducted, 1; Stedman Triples, 1; Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major (including 7008), 22; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 4; Double Norwich Major (including 11,040), conducted 22; Double Oxford Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 18; Cambridge Surprise Major, 13; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 4. On handbells: Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; total, 100.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

S.W. DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the South Western Division of the Essex Association was held at St. Andrew's, Romford, on Saturday, when about 20 members were present. Touches in several methods were rung before the service, at which the Vicar of Romford delivered a short and appropriate address. The service was followed by tea and business meeting, held in the Parish Hall, by the kindness of the Vicar. The Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard) was in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Romford, and the general secretary (the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre). Mr. H. Cantor, of Clapton, was elected a non-resident ringing member, and the election of Mr. W. Billenness, prior to a peal at Romford, was confirmed.

A letter received from Mr. Black, the Master of the Division, who was unavoidably absent, was read. He regretted his inability to be present, and added that as he felt he could no longer afford the time to look after the interests of the division as a Master ought, he begged the members to elect someone else in his place.—With much regret the members accepted Mr. Black's resignation, and wished heartily to thank him for his valuable services rendered in the past.—Mr. E. J. Butler, of Chadwell Heath, was unanimously elected to fill the office of Master for the year 1914, and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Rumens) again accepted the invitation to resume the duties for another year.

Wanstead was selected as the place for the next meeting, which will take place early in the New Year.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service, and use of the Parish Hall for the tea and meeting.—Afterwards the ringers again ascended the tower, and some excellent ringing was indulged in to a late hour.

A LIVELY MEETING AT HARLOW.

A meeting of the North-Western district of the Essex Association was held at St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday week, 29 members being present from Harlow St. Mary's, Harlow Common, Stansted, Saffron Walden, Bishop's Stortford, Great Totham, Boreham, Romford, Ilford and Hull. The Rev. J. B. Andrewes kindly provided tea at the Parish Institute, and the business meeting followed. The chair was taken by Mr. F. Pitstow, district master, who was supported by the Vicar (the Rev. J. B. Andrewes), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary of the Association), and Mr. W. Watts (district secretary). Bishop's Stortford was proposed for the next annual meeting.

A long discussion arose upon the minutes of the previous meeting, held at Saffron Walden on April 19th, with regard to a bye-meeting which it had been decided to hold at Elmdon. It had been resolved that a brake should be engaged at Stansted to meet the ringers from Walden at Wembdon. The Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) and the General Secretary were both present at this meeting, and supported the proposal, but, it was explained, when the district secretary informed the general secretary of the meeting having been arranged, the latter replied that he should have to refuse grants in aid of the brake this year, as the printers' bill was exceptionally heavy, and he did not want the Association to be landed in a deficiency.

The members failed to see where the secretary and master had power to rescind what had been passed at a district meeting, and freely voiced their opinions.—Mr. W. Prior spoke in favour of the bye-meeting being held at Elmdon to encourage the young members to join the Association.—The Rev. J. B. Andrewes proposed, and Mr. J. F. Penning seconded, a motion that this bye-meeting should be postponed till next year.—Mr. F. Pitstow, junr., however, moved, and Mr. W. Prior seconded, an amendment that the bye-meeting should be held this year, and that a brake should be provided from the funds of the Association.—The amendment was carried by seven votes to two.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for kindly providing tea.—The Vicar returned thanks, and said he was always pleased to welcome the members of the Association to Harlow.

Touches in the following methods were rung during the day: London and Superlative Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

OFFICIALS' POWERS QUESTIONED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—A good deal has been said at different district meetings of the Essex Association about missionary work in the villages, and, according to the views held by the master, this is one of the chief objects of the Association. At the district meeting, held at Saffron Walden, in April, a resolution was carried that a bye-meeting should be held at Elmdon, and that a brake should be provided for the conveyance of those wishing to attend, the master and general secretary speaking in favour of this proposal. Notice of this meeting was sent to the ringers of Elmdon, and Mr. Wilkes (an hon. member) was also communicated with, and intimated that he would be pleased to entertain the visitors. When everything was arranged, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre wrote to the district secretary to say that the brake could not be provided on account of great expenses incurred in printing, etc. At the meeting at Harlow on Saturday week, Mr. Eyre was asked to explain

the matter, and he said that after he got Mr. Watts' letter he saw the Master and the two auditors, and they came to the conclusion that the Association could not afford it, the funds not being in a very flourishing condition. This caused a great deal of argument, members wanting to know why two or three persons should be in a position to veto a resolution carried at a meeting of nearly 40 members, a good many of these being prominent ringers of the Association. The question, and one which should be settled at the next annual meeting, is how and when did these persons have this power? If they have it, what use are the district meetings (which entail considerable expense to the members attending and which are supposed to manage the business of the division) if the work is liable to be undone by others belonging to other parts of the county?

A BOB MEMBER.

SCHEMES THAT WENT "AGLEY."

DISAPPOINTMENTS FOR IPSWICH MEN.

As "Robbie" Burns said, "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft agley," and this the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, found very true, to their cost, on the occasion of their annual outing, which took place on Saturday. It had been arranged to visit Cambridge and attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's Church, but on Friday the secretary received a telegram from Canon Abbott to say ringing was impossible owing to illness near the church. This upset things rather, and the telegraph was put into operation to see if any other twelve-bell tower could be obtained, and eventually permission was secured, through Mr. Denison Hayward, for a peal attempt at Yarmouth. So at the last moment plans were changed, and Yarmouth was decided upon. The party numbered 17, and when they left Ipswich shortly before 9 a.m. the weather looked very unpromising for a seaside trip, but before the destination was reached the rain had cleared off, and it remained fine for the rest of the day. Arrived at Yarmouth, the party at once made for the church, where Mr. D. Hayward was waiting, and the visitors were informed that the peal attempt could be made at 2.30. This provided two or three hours in which to have a look round, and enjoy some of the many attractions for which Yarmouth is famous. The party met again at 1 p.m. for dinner, which was "well and truly" disposed of. Afterwards they adjourned to the church, but again disappointment was in store, for as they were stripping preparatory to the peal, a message came to say they were not to start till after 3 o'clock owing to a funeral at that hour. This knocked all thoughts of a peal on the head, for the return train left at 7.0 p.m., and to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques and catch a train in 3½ hours is bordering on the impossible. The visitors, therefore, contented themselves with two short touches. After this they went to Gorleston-on-Sea by the river steamer, and had a stroll round this pretty seaside village, and eventually, after a walk of—some said it might be twenty miles, but perhaps it wasn't more than two or three—came to the church where there is a nice peal of six. Permission to ring having been obtained, several touches were brought round by those who had not previously rung there. Yarmouth was reached again in time for tea, which, with appetites increased by the sea air, was much enjoyed. The party left Yarmouth by the last train, and Ipswich was reached at 8.50 p.m., after what turned out to be a very enjoyable day, which, if not memorable for the ringing accomplished, and towers rung at, as some "Tower" outings have been, will at least be remembered by its worst feature—its disappointments.

C.J.S.

MORE WONDERFUL TAPPING.

MR. J. SEGAR'S LATEST PERFORMANCE.

Mr. J. Segar, junr., of East Retford, Notts, has just completed another wonderful tapping performance. In the presence of competent witnesses, he has successfully tapped seven 720's in Surprise methods, and the achievement, of course, constitutes another record of a remarkable nature. Mr. H. Haigh, hon. sec. of the North Notts Association, who was one of the umpires, writes as follows concerning the peal:—

On September 3rd, I had the pleasure, along with Messrs. C. F. Fowler, H. Stenton, and S. Smith, of South Anston, of witnessing a very brilliant performance of handbell tapping by Mr. J. Segar, junr. Commencing at 6.42 p.m., the seven Surprise Minor methods (Munden, Morpeth, Newcastle, Chester, Whitley, Northumberland and Carlisle) were tapped by Mr. Segar in 1 hr. 59 mins., the last 720 being brought round at 8.41 p.m. The lead ends of each 720 were pricked out, and the bobs marked, each of which Mr. Segar called. These were checked, as the ringing proceeded, by myself and Mr. Fowler. I watched particularly the working of the tenor and treble in each method; and the course ends ran up in just under three minutes.

As a further proof of genuineness, a gentleman, who came into the belfry immediately the performance was finished, questioned Mr. Segar's ability to remember the whole of the course ends, and the calling of each 720, but he went away satisfied that the peal was a genuine performance, for Mr. Segar volunteered to recite or transpose row by row any of the 720's the visitor chose. After a recital, change by change of a number of these in Carlisle Surprise, "stand" was called, at the request of all present, and all went home with the knowledge and satisfaction that the 5040 was a most unique performance.

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By J. R. JERRAM.

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Second.

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD.

Third.

O, ALL YE WORKS OF THE LORD, BLESS YE THE LORD.

Fourth.

BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL.—I MARK THE PASSING HOURS.

Fifth.

O, BE JOYFUL IN THE LORD, ALL YE LANDS.—I MARK THE PASSING HOURS.

Sixth.

MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD.—I MARK THE PASSING HOURS.

Seventh.

O SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG.

Eighth.

LORD NOW LETTEST THOU THY SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE.

Ninth.

GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US AND BLESS US.—I MARK THE PASSING HOURS.

Tenor.

THIS PEAL OF TEN BELLS IS THE JOINT GIFT OF THE CORPORATION OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE AND JOHN HALL ESQ. J.P. OF THE SAME CITY; WM. SUTTON ESQ. MAYOR; BEN. J. SUTHERLAND, ESQ. SHERIFF; A. T. LLOYD, D.D. VICAR; A. J. ROBINSON, H. THOMPSON, T. BLENKINSOP, AND A. H. DICKENSON, WARDENS, 1892.

The Major.

PURCHASED FOR THE CLOCK TO STRIKE UPON AGREEABLY TO THE WILL OF GEO: ANDERSON, ESQ. 1833. ORIGINALLY CAST AT THE FOUNDRY OF SIR R. S. HAWKS AND Co BY JAMES HARRISON OF BARTON-ON-HUMBER, NOVEMBER 23RD, 1833. RECAST IN THE YEAR 1891 AT THE EXPENSE OF ALDERMAN T. G. GIBSON, ESQ. J.P., OF THIS CITY, BY J. TAYLOR & Co OF LOUGHBOROUGH. "TIME FLIES."

∪ [Arms of Major Anderson on the waist,—Or, a chevron gules, charged with three acorns, between three hawk's heads erased.]

The clock chimes the Cambridge quarters on the fourth, fifth, sixth, and ninth, and strikes the hour on the Major.

As regards the old bells, the original peal seems to have been five in number. The tenor was originally cast in 1593, and was cracked and recast at Colchester in 1615, and again in 1622. In 1754 she again became cracked, and was recast in London by Lester and Pack, but proving faulty was again recast, and was rung for the first time on New Year's Day, 1755; the weight was then a little over 30 cwt.; she was usually known in those days as the "Common Bell." The peal was augmented to six in 1658, and to eight in 1717. Before being recast in 1892 the bells bore the following inscriptions:

Treble.

RALPH REED, ESQR., MAYOR, FRANCIS JOHNSON SHERIF, R. PHELPS, LONDINI FECIT, 1717.

Second.

[The same as on the treble.]

Third.

+ WHEN · THIS · TOWRE · Æ · COVRT · TO · THIS · HEIGHT · YOW [end of first line] [below is]

SEE · IT · WAS · BVILT · WHEN · S 1658 ‡ I ‡ H ‡
[on the waist is the Newcastle arms,—Gules, 3 castles, or, with 2 sea horses as supporters.]

Many conjectures have been made as to the meaning of this inscription; but no satisfactory explanation has as yet been arrived at. The lettering is perfectly clear, and there is no difficulty in deciphering it. Probably the "Æ" between "towre" and "covrt" is used for "&."

Fourth.

+ Dulcis O Sixto O Petis O Campana O Vocor
O Michaclis ∪∪∪∪ [on the crown].

The stops between the words are medallions representing two birds sitting on a tree, and round the border "William ffounder me fecit." The mark of William Dawe, founder. The shields on the crown bear a chevron between three lave-pots.

Fifth.

THOMAS MEARS LATE LESTER PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT, 1791.

Sixth.

+ O mater dia me × sana + virgo + maria. □ □ □
[Figures:—The Virgin Mary and Holy Child.—A lily in
a vase.—A nun.]

Seventh.

+ Sum s Nicholasius s Obans + Tunctis + Modulamina
× Promans.† [Ornaments between words, a floriated letter
ess,—a quatrefoil surmounted by a cross,—a plain cross,—
a Latin cross intersecting a St. Andrew's cross.]

Tenor.

† CUTHBERT SMITHESON, ESQR., MAYOR,
WILLIAM ROWELL, ESQR., SHERIFF, 1754.
THOS. LESTER & THOS. PACK FECIT.

The old *Major* was inscribed CAST AT THE FOUNDRY OF
SIR ROBERT SHAFTO HAWKS & CO., GATESHEAD, BY JAMES
HARRISON OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, NOV. 23, 1833.
[Arms of Anderson as on present bell.] PURCHASED FOR
THE CLOCK TO STRIKE UPON AGREEABLY TO THE WILL OF
GEORGE ANDERSON ESQUIRE, 1833.

The old bell was a very poor one, though a great deal of
fuss was made when it was cast; and James Harrison,
the founder, was drawn round the town inside the bell,
which was inverted for the purpose, before it was hoisted
to its place in the steeple. When the present peal was put
up, the three old "black-letter" bells (4th, 6th and 7th),
were hung in the upper part of the steeple.

The old third was purchased by a local antiquarian, and
now hangs at Langley Castle. If any of your readers
could suggest a possible interpretation of the inscription,
which is perfectly legible, it would be of great interest to
many antiquarians.

The translation of the three Latin inscriptions is as
follows: (fourth) "I am of sweet sound, and am called
Michael's bell;—(sixth) "O Virgin Mary, divine mother,
save me";—(seventh) "I am Nicholas rejoicing, sending
forth melody for all."

ODD CHANGES.

When the first peal is rung on the new ring of ten at
Surfleet we understand the method will be something of a
novelty. The Rev. H. Law James is nothing if not
original, and his originality will probably show itself in
this case. We must wait and see.

The Sutton Coldfield ringers have lost a good friend by
the death of the Rector's wife. Since Canon and Mrs.
Barnard have been at Sutton Coldfield they have frequently
entertained the ringers, and Mrs. Barnard has said it was
"a real pleasure to her to have the ringers at the Rectory,
for she dearly loved the bells." Formerly Canon and
Mrs. Barnard were at King's Norton, and parishioners
from that town united with those of Sutton Coldfield in
their expressions of regret at the sad bereavement which
has overtaken the Rector. On the occasion of the funeral
a muffled peal of Stedman was rung by the Sunday service
ringers.

A prominent Surrey ringer, Mr. F. Holder, of Carshalton,
has suffered a severe bereavement by the death
of his wife, and on Monday week, the day on
which the deceased was interred, a quarter-peal of
Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints' Church
with the bells half muffled, by members of the
Carshalton and Beddington towers, of both of which Mr.

Holder is a member. The quarter-peal was from Holt's
Original, and was brought round in 50 minutes by: W.
Buck 1, H. Daniels 2, A. Boxall 3, G. W. Heather 4, A.
J. Perkins 5, J. Wignell 6, A. Clayton (conductor) 7, A.
Brindle 8.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. S. T. Wright,
leader of the ringers of St. Oswald's Church, West Hartle-
pool, who passed away early on Sunday morning after a
fortnight's illness. The deceased is a well-known member
of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and the news
of his death will be received with grief by his fellow mem-
bers.

The opening of the new ring of twelve bells at Chelms-
ford Cathedral will take place, as announced, on Saturday,
September 27th. Mr. H. F. Cooper, County Offices,
Chelmsford, will be glad to hear from all those members
who are likely to stay the night in Chelmsford, so that
ringing may be arranged both for Saturday night and Sun-
day. Towers open: Chelmsford (12) Boreham (8), Galley-
wood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Great Waltham (8).

With many people the practical side of ringing, what,
indeed, is really rope sight, is quite a gift. At Harlestone,
Northants, last Saturday, Joseph C. Deene rang his first
peal with a bob bell. It was a peal in three Minor
methods, including Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Yet
Mr. Deene had never rung 120 in either of these before
starting for the peal. It is wonderful how some people
"tumble" to a method directly they pull off in it.

Congratulations to the Warwickshire Guild upon its
first peal of Cinques. This was scored at Wolverhampton
last Saturday, and was, we hear, a splendidly-struck one
from start to finish. We can imagine how the breast of
the worthy Ringing Master swelled with pride upon the
achievement. Mr. James George never does things by
halves, and having rung the tenor well, he entertained the
band well at the conclusion of the peal.

With reference to the footnote to peal of Caters at
Hillingdon recorded in our last issue, we are asked to state
that it was not the first rung by W. Lawrence. He took
part in peals of Caters more than twenty-four years ago
with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Messrs. J. W. Wash-
brook and G. H. Phillott, etc., and recorded in the Oxford
Diocesan Guild peal book. His first peal (No. 241) was
rung at Abingdon, Berks, on June 14th, 1889.

LEWES RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Wednesday week the members of the Southover, Lewes, Guild,
together with a few friends, were entertained by Mr. J. T. Rickman,
one of the vice-presidents, and a most enthusiastic member of the
Sussex Association. Ringing took place at the Parish Church in the
afternoon, and tea followed at the King's Head. Subsequently, Mr.
J. R. Lusted (churchwarden and vice-president of the Guild) proposed
a vote of thanks to Mr. Rickman, and this was heartily carried. The
belfry was again visited, and touches in various methods brought round.
Returning to headquarters, the company spent the remainder of the
evening in harmony, those present including Messrs. J. T. Rickman,
J. R. Lusted, K. Hart and A. D. Stone (Brighton), J. Fiest and E.
Bish (Ditchling), R. J. Dawe (Scaford), A. J. Turner, F. Sturt, W.
Pelling, D. Turner, J. Ward, G. Richardson, G. Moppett, etc.

On the preceding Sunday afternoon, on the occasion of the christen-
ing of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sturt, a quarter-peal
of Grandsire Triples was rung by: R. Hide 1, E. J. Pannett 2, F. S.
Sturt 3, W. Pelling 4, G. H. Sturt 5, J. T. Rickman 6, A. J. Turner
(conductor) 7, D. Turner 8.



YORK MINSTER.

**MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
Spitalfields Foundry, London, have been entrusted
with the following rings of 12 bells:**

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH (Tenor 28½ cwt.)

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL (Tenor 32 cwt.)

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**MEETING AT WORKSOP.**

The September meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday at Worksop, the bells of the Priory Church, a musical ring of eight, with a 12 cwt. tenor, being, through the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. G. J. A. D'Arcy, M.A.) at the disposal of the members throughout the afternoon and evening. The opening touch of Stedman Triples was splendidly rung, so well, in fact, that it somewhat distracted the attention of those, the writer included, who were quietly admiring the ancient ruins of a portion of the old Priory. With the exception of a half-hour's service from 6.30 to 7, during which a majority sought out the various tea rooms, the bells were fully employed, touches, of necessity only brief, being the order of the presiding genius. They included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, and some Minor, including Plain Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Cambridge Surprise.

Without actually counting the number present, the estimate was put at 50, this being probably rather under than over the actual attendance, which was made up by members from the following towers: Anston, Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Dore, Eastwood (Rotherham), Eckington, Gainsboro', Misterton, Norton, Ranmoor, Rotherham Parish Church, Sheffield Parish Church and Staveley. The bells were lowered at nine o'clock, and a brief business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. H. Haigh presiding.—The usual votes of thanks were put and carried with something more than mere mechanical obedience, and Mr. Haigh, in responding, mentioned the pleasure it gave the Worksop company to have such a large gathering at their particular meeting.

The handbells were pressed into service with some courses of change ringing, while tunes were rendered by Messrs. Bugar and Evinson, whose performance received the warm approbation of a large audience. Needless to say, the artists did not manipulate, four-in-hand, the larger bells, an octave of which would not be out of place—in regard to size—as milking pails.—The meeting proved a most enjoyable one.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Erlestoke, on Saturday, and the afternoon being fine, a good number of ringers assembled at this most picturesque old-world village. The bells of St. Saviour's Church were raised just after three o'clock, and Bob Singles and Grandsire Doubles were freely indulged in until tea was served at the George and Dragon Inn, where, through the kind liberality of Mr. G. Watson-Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, a capital spread was provided, to which 27 ringers sat down.

The Rev. J. A. Sturton, Vicar of Market Lavington, occupied the chair, and was supported by the hon. branch secretary, Mr. H. Brownlee West. Amongst the company were the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Master of the Guild), Mr. G. Watson-Taylor (churchwarden of Erlestoke), the Rev. E. C. Alexander (Vicar of Edington), and the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston, Notts), together with ringing members from Great Cheverell, Potterne, Edington, Erlestoke, Devizes, Swindon, Southbroom, Poulshot, Market Lavington and Beechingstoke. The business part of the meeting was soon got over, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded to Mr. G. Watson-Taylor for his kindness.—The Churchwarden responded, and invited the members to walk through his park. Another vote of thanks to the three Vicars of Erlestoke, Edington and Bratton respectively for the use of the bells was passed, and responded to by the Rev. E. C. Alexander.

The company dispersed, some going on to Edington Church, where the heavy ring of bells were put in motion, and a good touch of Grandsire Doubles rung. Others returned to the Erlestoke tower for more ringing, and also a good practice on the handbells; whilst others were very kindly conducted by Mr. Watson-Taylor through his beautiful park, gardens, and mansion, where they were shown lovely plants and flowers, pictures, curiosities, etc., and enjoyed their visit of inspection very much. The meeting was most successful and enjoyable.

CAVERSHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The members of the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, held their annual outing on Saturday week, when they visited London. From Paddington they journeyed by train to the famous tower of Fulham, where permission had been given to ring for a short time. The visitors were kindly met by Mr. J. W. Driver, and the bells were soon set going to Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, Double Norwich, and, last, but not least, the "despised" method of Mr. J. W. Washbrook. The "go" and tone of the bells were greatly admired. Service stopped the ringing, which was all too short. The party then adjourned to tea, at which two or three of the local company joined them. Afterwards the visitors dispersed—some to meet friends, others making for the city. The Hippodrome was invaded later, and a capital programme was enjoyed, after which the homeward journey was commenced, Reading being safely reached at 1 a.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed himself. The St. Peter's Society, through the medium of "The Ringing World," wish to thank all those who contributed towards making their outing a success.

MEETING THE IRISH.**A LIVERPOOL GATHERING.**

On Saturday during the wee sma' hours of the mornin', I was wandering round the stacks of buildings in Manchester endeavouring to discover the redoubtable Mr. Harry Chapman. Having only just arrived in the city from Scotland accounts somewhat for the chip of the language that was left within me. After much searching and many disappointments, I at last perceived him in the distance approaching; a figure much in evidence in Manchester. Shaking my hand heartily and according a greeting, I was asked for my programme in the afternoon, I replied that nothing was booked except to follow the crowd to a contest in the shape of a football match and shout my hardest, to which he retorted that he had a better scheme than that. "What say you," says he, "to train over to Liverpool to meet our Irish friends from St. Patrick's, Dublin, who are coming over to ring at St. Nicholas', Liverpool?" I readily acquiesced and felt pleased with the prospects of visiting the dear old city and renewing acquaintances with the Irish party. After satisfying the noonday cravings of the inner self, we adjourned to the kitchen garden, and adorned ourselves with a buttonhole from the profusion of bloom on the potato plants. We eventually arrived in Liverpool to time, although our watches were not to be relied on, owing to them not having been wound up the night before. However, with bloom on our cheeks and flowers in our coats, we made our way into the busy thoroughfares of the city, and startled the natives with our freshness and elaborate buttonholes, especially the younger element, who frequently shouted, "Gi'us your flowers, mister." A crowd gathered around us until some old wag, with a rasping voice, shouted: "Get out of it, why they are only latie tops." Without further molestation we hastened to seek out the object of our visit, and finally reached the Church of St. Nicholas, where we found the notable Mr. W. Davis, in the midst of some strenuous duties, preparing for the members of the Irish Association. We had not long to wait before the arrival of the visitors, the estimable Mr. Gabriel Lindoff heading the party of about 14, who included Mr. Murray, Mr. Thos. Grant, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hutchison, and others. The party was increased by Mr. Fisher (a Liverpool veteran), Mr. H. Chapman, and Mr. W. C. Hunt. Mr. Lindoff soon set us off into Grandsire Cinques, the touch being brought round. Our conductor then treated us to a beautiful touch of 462 Erin Cinques, following which came some Erin Caters, when the ringing had to cease in order to allow the visitors to catch the 8 p.m. boat. Those who have not heard Erin Cinques have a treat in store, and I should like to add that the band from Dublin should be complimented in mastering complete touches at the very first attempt on twelve strange bells. When the ringing finished, the company wended their way to the landing stage to seek their berths on board the Dublin boat, which shortly after left its moorings, and steamed into the stillness of night. H.

DUDLEY GUILD MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at the charming village of Wombourne, Staffordshire, on Saturday week. The beautiful peal of eight were at the disposal of the members from 3.30, the usual Guild service being held in the Church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. P. Nicholas). The Rev. S. G. Craig kindly officiated at the organ. At the meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, and members were present from Bilston, Blakenhall, Coseley, Dudley, Old Hill, Sedgley, Tipton, West Bromwich, Willenhall, and the local band.—The Chairman presented to the Coseley band the president's prize for the best average attendances for ringing for Sunday services during the year 1912. The gift took the form of a volume entitled "The Antiquary's Book," by the Rev. J. J. Raven, D.D.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Blakenhall, the date being left to the secretary to arrange.—Several new members were added to the roll.—The Secretary thanked the members for their kind expression of sympathy sent to him at the annual meeting in his long and trying illness.—At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for taking the service in church, for the use of the bells and the church institute in which to hold the meeting; to the Rev. S. G. Craig for presiding at the organ, and to their old friend, Mr. R. Cartwright, for making the necessary arrangements, which were most satisfactory.—The Vicar, in returning thanks, said what a pleasure it was to meet the members of the Guild, and at the same time gave the members a hearty invitation to hold the June meeting again at Wombourne, and to be his guests.—The offer was unanimously accepted.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church, on July 20th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Walters 1, S. Green 2, F. S. Wilson (Tewkesbury) 3, F. Phillips 4, W. Martin (Nuneaton) 5, C. Goodenough 6, A. R. McDonald (conductor) 7, C. Forfit 8.

NUNEATON.—Warwickshire Guild.—On July 24th, at the Parish Church, 416 Double Norwich: T. W. Chapman 1, R. Pollard 2, E. Stone 3, H. Stoneley 4, T. Dickens 5, J. F. Clarke 6, J. F. Clarke, senr., 7, H. Argyle 8. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples, H. Reader ringing treble. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Canon Blythe, Rector of Stoke Coventry, an hon. member of the Guild, who was interred the previous Tuesday.

TWO PEALS OF ERIN TRIPLES.

By J. SEGAR.

5040 in 5 parts.						5040 in 3 Parts.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
B	4	5	2	6	3	1	C	2	5	3	1
A	2	5	3	1	6	4	A	3	5	6	4
B	1	6	5	4	3	2	A	6	5	1	2
C	6	3	5	1	2	4	A	1	5	4	3
A	5	3	2	1	6	4	B	3	2	5	6
C	3	1	2	5	6	4	C	2	4	5	3
A	2	1	6	4	5	3	A	5	4	1	6
A	6	1	5	3	4	2	C	4	3	1	5
A	5	1	4	2	3	6	A	1	3	2	6
In first part only											
after											
2	1	6	4	5	3	1	A	2	3	5	4
5	6	1	4	2	3	6	A	5	3	6	1
3	6	5	2	1	4	2	B	1	4	3	2
2	1	6	4	3	5	6	A	3	4	6	5
Omit single in next course.											
KEY TO BOTH PEALS.											
1 3 4 5 6											
A	s	---	---	---	---						
B	s	---	---	---	---						
C	s	---	---	---	---						

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal you republish for Mr. Sam Thomas is one of the best, and it tempts me to send you another containing the same qualities, but in two equal parts; and as the figures of composition can be brought up by two sets of calling, I give them both.

5120					5376				
M	B	W	H		M	B	W	H	
---	---	---	2	52364	---	---	---	2	
---	---	1	1	36524	---	---	1	1	
1	---	---	---	62534	---	---	2	---	
---	---	---	---	23645	---	---	---	---	
1	---	---	---	34625	1	---	---	---	
1	---	---	2	26435	1	---	---	2	
1	---	---	1	46325	---	---	2	1	
---	---	2	1	36245	---	---	2	1	
---	---	1	2	32465	1	---	2	2	

Repeated.

Repeated.

The following is another with the same course-end music in the least number of changes for a peal in two equal parts in this method:—

5056				
23456	M	B	W	H
52364	---	---	---	2
36524	---	---	1	1
62534	1	---	---	---
36245	---	---	---	2
24365	---	1	---	1
34625	1	---	---	1
26435	1	---	---	2
63425	1	---	---	---
32465	1	---	---	---

Repeated.

HY. DAINS.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A good meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, about 30 members from the following towers putting in an appearance: Ambleside, Brathay, Barrow, Kendal, Kirkby-in-Furness, Hawkshead and Silverdale, and a good number of the local band. There was ringing during the afternoon, and the meeting was held in the Schoolroom, the Rev. J. G. Leonard (Vicar of Dalton) being in the chair.—Silverdale was chosen for the next ringing meeting in December, and Barrow for the half-yearly meeting in March.—Tea was afterwards provided in the Schoolroom, the visitors being entertained by the local band.—The Rev. A. Partridge (Vicar of Kirkby-in-Furness) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Dalton ringers for their kindness, to the ladies for their attention, and also to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells.

The ringers then returned to the tower. During the day, touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor were rung, the visitors expressing themselves well satisfied with the "go" of the bells, which are a new peal of eight (tenor 21 cwt.), by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, London.

DEATH OF MR. W. NAPPER.

MEMBER OF A WELL-KNOWN HAGBOURNE RINGING FAMILY.

After a long illness, patiently borne, there has passed to his rest at Didcot, Mr. William Napper, who was for many years an active member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Hagbourne tower. Following the dual calling of farmer and farrier, Mr. Napper lived at Ladygrove Farm, Didcot, and served the parish in the offices of parish councillor, school manager and rector's churchwarden.

His connection with ringing, as indicated above, was at the neighbouring tower of Hagbourne, where, from 1885, when the band took up change ringing, he was the conductor. At this time the company were nearly all by name Napper. They rang only call changes, but struck their bells like clockwork. At one of their meetings, however, they decided to go in for method ringing, and with the help of Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, who kindly gave them a few lessons, they soon mastered Grandsire, and rang several peals of Triples, which the deceased conducted. Mr. Napper rang altogether about 50 peals, several of them being with the late Master (the Rev. F. E. Robinson), and Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

In his prime he was a man of powerful build, but a few years ago was smitten down with a paralytic stroke, from which he never recovered. Subsequent seizures reduced his strong frame to helplessness, and he passed away at the age of 64, mourned by a large circle of friends. On the occasion of the funeral, when the coffin was carried to the church by eight of the deceased's nephews, the Hagbourne band—which still includes many Nappers—rang a long touch of Grandsire with the bells half-muffled.

THE RINGING TOURS.

The tour in Devon and Cornwall is progressing very satisfactorily. At the moment of going to Press we hear that the following successes have been met with:—

Saturday: Stedman Caters, at Plymouth.
Sunday: Superlative Surprise, at St. German's.
Monday: Cambridge Surprise, at Liskeard, and Bristol Surprise, at Fowey.

Tuesday: London Surprise, at St. Kea.
A peal was to have been attempted at Kenwyn on Tuesday afternoon, but had to be abandoned owing to illness near the church.

The Cambridge University Guild's tour in Cheshire and North Wales was taken part in last week by 14 members. The whole of the ringing was not devoted to peals, but three were scored during the week: Stedman Caters, at Wrexham; Stedman Triples, at Bebington, and Cambridge Surprise at Frodsham. Unfortunately the report of the proceedings reached us too late for insertion this week.

RINGERS MARRIED.

It is not often that two members of one ringing company—and one of them a lady—are married within a week. Yet this is what happened recently at the little village of Shipley, Sussex. The first wedding was that of Mr. F. Denman, who is a member of the Shipley band, to Miss M. Barnett, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob was rung in celebration of the event, Messrs. T. Adams, J. Bowell, W. Denman, junr., G. Lucas, W. Pierce, L. Turrell and H. Turrell taking part.

A few days later, Miss D. Mitchell, a lady ringer, was married to Mr. H. Cuss and again 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob was rung, W. Denman, senr., taking part, in addition to the ringers mentioned above.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On July 19th, at St. James' Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. C. Edwards 1, C. A. Valentine 2, C. W. Clarke 3, A. J. Green 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, E. Yates (conductor) 6.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 20th, at St. Giles' Church, 720 London Surprise: H. C. Edwards 1, C. A. Valentine 2, E. Yates 3, A. J. Green 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 20th, at All Saints' Church, 720 York Surprise: A. J. Green 1, H. C. Edwards 2, E. Yates 3, C. A. Valentine 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 20th, at Holy Trinity, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. A. Valentine 1, T. C. Tompkins 2, H. J. Tucker 3, W. W. Bonham 4, E. Yates 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6. The above four touches were arranged for C. W. Clarke, of Bedford.

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NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 3; business meeting at 6.30. Election of Branch President and Secretary will take place at this meeting. All nominations for same to be sent in as early as possible to the Secretary, Joseph Ogden.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, to be followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eling on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 5 o'clock; meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Edgware, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45 p.m.; members 6d., non-members, 8d. All ringing friends welcome. Several subscriptions for 1913 are not yet to hand, and I should be glad to receive same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Olney, on Saturday, September 13th next. Service at 3 p.m.—Thos. Best, Bletchley.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 4.30.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 16th and 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 25th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus, 7.30; the others, 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, September 20th. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Hon. Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Borden on Saturday, September 20th. Tower open from 3.30; tea at the Maypole Inn at 5.30 (3d. per member will be charged), followed by business meeting. Will those

who intend to partake of tea let me know not later than Tuesday, September 16th?—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Redditch on Saturday, September 20th. Service in the Parish Church of St. Stephen at 4.30; business meeting, and tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5.30. The election of officers for this branch will take place at this meeting. Will all those intending to be present please let me know on or before Wednesday, September 17th?—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southwell on Saturday, September 20th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 4. when an address to ringers will be given by the Rev. — Thomas. Committee Meeting at 4.45, followed by tea (1/- each) in the National Schools. Will those who intend being present for tea notify Mr H. F. Clulow, Westgate, Southwell, by Thursday, September 18th? An excursion train will leave Nottingham, M.R., at 1.55.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at All Saints', Sheffield, on Saturday, September 20th, 1913. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on September 20th at St. Anne's, Highgate. Bells available at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Hon. Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Broughton on September 20th. Bells available from 3.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, Didsbury, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available at 4 p.m., meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, September 20th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Mayfield (8 bells) on Saturday, September 20th. Tower open from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 6d. each, to members. Those intending to be present must inform me by Wednesday, Sept. 17th.—George H. Howse, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, September 20th, and Castle Ashby on Saturday, September 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Dunchurch on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September meeting will be held at Middleham on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 1913. Bells of the Parish Church, 8, tenor 18 cwt., are available for ringing all day. Dinner and tea by the kind invitation of the St. Alkelda's Guild. Those intending to be at this meeting *must* notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, 1913, first post, or they cannot be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on September 27th (the fourth Saturday). For full particulars see circular. — Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

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