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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.
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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912
Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK.

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK

CLERGY & RINGING ASSOCIATIONS.

One of the most remarkable features connected with the annual meeting of the Sussex County Association at Brighton, on Saturday, was the absence of the clergy. Not a single representative of the Church attended the dinner or the business proceedings—an occurrence which, we believe, must be unique in the thirty years' history of the Association. An annual gathering, such as this, affords a special opportunity for the clergy to show their interest in those organisations which have done so much for the reformation of the belfry. It is pretty generally acknowledged, we think, that the improvement which has been brought about in the belfries of our churches has largely come from within rather than from the influences without—that it is the ringers themselves who have brought about the reformation and who have lifted the status of the Exercise to a much higher plane. The result, at any rate, whatever may have been the cause, has been to bring the clergy and the ringers into much closer touch, and we hope that the bonds which have been forged between them may be strengthened rather than weakened, although the total absence of clergy from an annual meeting of an association may tend to indicate, in the minds of some, that the incumbents of the parishes are showing an unfortunate lack of interest.

In may have been, in the case of Sussex—a county, by the way, that is not particularly well off for ringing parsons—that it was merely a coincidence which kept away every one of the clergy from the Bishop downwards, but all the same we hope that the ringers will act upon the suggestion of the Mayor of Brighton, who presided, and "each quarrel with his particular parson" in a tactful kind of way. And here comes the point which we think should be the chief concern of ringers. Each band should make it their particular duty to induce their incumbent to attend the meeting and thus give practical support to the association. This applies not only to Sussex but to many other associations. We frequently hear lament of the insufficiency of the honorary members. Here surely should be the ground where the first effort should be made to swell the ranks. The ringers are first of all a body of churchworkers, who, for the most part, give their services voluntarily, and though the clergy and churchwardens doubtless have innumerable calls upon them, a large proportion, at any rate, ought to be able and willing to show their appreciation of and interest in the organisation by giving that moral and practical support which honorary membership provides. In many societies there is a good deal of room for extension in this direction, and it is to the local bands that the officials of the associations must look for help, for much more can be done by those on the spot than by those who have to rely upon correspondence.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

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

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS 5040 CHANGES;

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR 7
HARRY HEAP 2	SAMUEL BOOTH 8
CHARLES BOWER 3	JOHN HARRISON 9
CHAS. BROADBENT 4	BENJAMIN GILL 10
THOMAS JAKEMAN 5	HARRY CHAPMAN 11
JONATHAN BROADBENT 6	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the wife of Mr. Albert Adams, one of the ringers, who was buried at Ashton-under-Lyne, on May 5th, touches of Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus having been rung on the evening of the funeral.

TEN BELL PEALS.

VETERANS' PEAL.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.	
JAMES JONES Treble	JOHN CARTER 6
SAMUEL SPITTLE 2	REUBEN HALL 7
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3	JOHN SMITH 8
THOMAS HORTON 4	JOHN BRADNEY 9
JOHN SANDERS 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Total age of the band, 653 years 10 months; average age, 65 years 4 months. This is supposed to be the oldest band that ever rang a peal on ten bells. The peal has the sixth the extent at home both in the titlums and handstroke home positions.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lbs., in C sharp.	
FRED HAYES Treble	WILLIAM HORNE 6
RALPH COLES 2	JOHN EVANS 7
JOHN C. TRUSS 3	JOSEPH J. PRATT 8
FRANK BOREHAM 4	BENJAMIN PAGE 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	P.C. CECIL E. SMITH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

Rung in honour of the foundation-stone laying of the new Royal Grammar School by the Lord Bishop of Buckingham, which took place on the above date; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the gth, who is foreman of the local company.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH),

AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD.

On Sunday, May 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt., in C sharp.	
FRANK JINKS Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 6
JAMES HEMMING 2	FREDERICK JORDAN 7
FRANK COOK 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS 8
HERBERT JORDAN 4	JAMES ADDIS 9
FRANK MOSS 5	HARRY MIDDLETON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

First peal of Royal by all the band except the conductor, first peal of Royal as conductor, and the first peal of Bob Royal on the bells. It was rung at the third attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lbs.

*FREDERICK WOODS Treble	WILLIAM MARGETTS 5
SAMUEL JONES 2	†ARTHUR LEWIS 6
*CHARLES KING 3	CHARLES GREEDY 7
*GODFREY STAFFORD 4	*CHARLES VINCENT Tenor

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells since being rehung in a new iron frame and retuned by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, of Croydon, upon whom the "go" and tone reflect great credit.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*EDWARD H. SPICE Treble	JOHN EXCELL 5
HERBERT BAKER 2	EDWARD E. FOREMAN 6
SAMUEL TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
HORACE GILBERT 4	FREDERICK S. MACEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

* First peal on eight bells.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble	FREDERICK CAUSBY 5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 2	WALTER GILBERT 6
CHARLES W. BIRD 3	ALFRED H. MARTIN 7
FRED WILFORD 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by Rev. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
JOHN H. PAICE 2	PERCY H. DOICK 6
HORACE TULETT 3	EDMUND H. LINDOP 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HARRY J. DOICK Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ARTHUR ROOKWOOD Treble	FREDERICK HUNT 5
JAMES ROOKWOOD 2	CHARLES WING 6
†GEORGE NEWSON 3	HARRY WALKER 7
†THOMAS KENDALL 4	ALFRED KING Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and

Conducted by ALFRED KING.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method by an entirely local band. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Major, Mr. A. Rookwood kindly taking the treble, which he rang very creditably. The peal was rung on the eve of the Sunday School Festival, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Shaw, who has been a ringer at the church for 35 years; also as a compliment to the talented organist (Mr. Fred Gostelow, A.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., F.R.C.O.), who has just completed his 25th year at the organ.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble	SIDNEY KEIGHLEY 5
SAMUEL WHEATLEY 2	FRED WALLER 6
CHARLES PRATT 3	JOE A. ROSS 7
WALTER POPPELWELL 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING, and

Conducted by JOSEPH BROADLEY.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Mr. John Cordingley, a ringer at this church over 60 years, who died on April 24th, aged 87.

SOUTH CHURCH, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK LAVERICK Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
WILLIAM LETTY 2	WILLIAM H. PORTER 6
*G. K. PEVERILL 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY 7
ALBERT HUNTER 4	LUCIAN VENUS Tenor

Conducted by WM. H. PORTER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the 1st and 3rd hail from Middlesbro', the 2nd from Marske, the 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th from Darlington.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs.

*JOSEPH HY. RIDYARD, Junr. Treble	JOHN WELSBY 5
FRED DERBYSHIRE 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
JOHN POTTER 3	PERCY DERBYSHIRE 7
THOMAS WORSLEY 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN A. WEBSTER Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 5
THOMAS MURRAY 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
HENRY FYLES 3	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7
GEORGE WOODHALL 4	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method by the Association and in the county. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of sixth and seventh.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALBERT E. KNOTT Treble	†ERIC G. FILTNESS 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	*JOHN LYDDIARD 6
ALFRED JAMES, Senr. 3	GEORGE DURLING 7
*FREDERICK H. HERBERT 4	THOMAS JONES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

* First peal. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. The ringers of the treble, 4th, 6th and tenor belong to the local band, the rest to the SS. Peter and Paul's company. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

HUMPFREY R. COOPER ... Treble	HARRY HOLIFIELD ... 5
ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	GORDON CAUDWELL ... 6
WILLIAM H. J. HOLIFIELD ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR. ... 7
MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD ... 4	FRANK HANKS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUNR.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS ROBERTSHAW ... Treble	ALBERT JAGGER ... 5
JOHN LAWSON ... 2	ROBERT W. JENNISON ... 6
EDWARD GREEN ... 3	JOHN HALL ... 7
THOMAS BANCROFT ... 4	SMITH MURGATROYD ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by THOMAS BANCROFT.

The ringers of the 2nd and 5th are from Lightcliffe, the treble man is one of the local company, the rest are from Keighley. The band also wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and the local ringers for having everything in readiness for them.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

ARTHUR EDWARDS ... Treble	† HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 6
* ERNEST CECIL PEARSON ... 3	ALBERT CATERWELL ... 7
HENRY F. COOPER ... 4	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.
First peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE (HOLLOWAY).

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH BARRY ... Treble	HARRY FLANDERS ... 5
ALBERT TURNER ... 2	REUBEN CHARGE ... 6
* JOHN W. CORNFORD ... 3	GEORGE CHARGE ... 7
* ARTHUR HART ... 4	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. CHARGE.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... Treble	* ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 2	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... 6
L. GEORGE MALLION ... 3	FRANK E. KEMPTON ... 7
CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 4	FREDERICK DENCH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal in the method.

REIGATE.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

ALBERT STREETER ... Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD ... 5
JAMES H. JUDD ... 2	HENRY F. EWINS ... 6
* HARRY JORDAN, JUNR. ... 3	OSCAR GILBEY ... 7
* WALTER CLAYDON ... 4	HARRY W. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. F. HOAD.

* First peal of Triples.

PENTRE RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs., in E flat.

* HERBERT DAVIES ... Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN ... 5
† GEORGE CROSS ... 2	* GEORGE WINES ... 6
HARRY PAGE ... 3	JAMES CROSS ... 7
WILLIAM PAGE ... 4	TOM PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Hamlin, daughter of the ringer of the 5th. First peal as conductor in the method; also first peal of Major for the Association by an entirely local band.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 5, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S No. 8. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lbs., in E.

LAZARUS PAYNE ... Treble	ERNEST LISH ... 5
WILLIAM LISH ... 2	ALFRED BAIGENT ... 6
GEORGE PAYNE ... 3	CHARLES TYLER ... 7
WILLIAM J. ALLISS ... 4	ARTHUR HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were recast and hung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. It is a very musical ring, and the "go" is excellent.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	* GEORGE GREEN ... 5
WILLIAM A. PYE ... 2	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... 6
WILLIAM BILLENNESS ... 3	ERNEST PYE ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 5, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

* PERCY SAULT ... Treble	GEORGE DAVIES ... 5
GEORGE HOLLIS ... 2	FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 6
FRED DAVIES ... 3	GEORGE A. THOMPSON ... 7
FRANK JACOBS ... 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Alderman S. E. Short, Churchwarden, who was interred on the above date.

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

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... Treble	GEORGE SPENCER ... 5
EVERED J. WALSON ... 2	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 6
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 7
WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung on Accession Day.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lbs., in D.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	*CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. 5
MAURICE SMITHER ... 2	SYDNEY G. STEER ... 6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	EDWARD G. HEATH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung in honour of the fourth anniversary of the King's accession. Mr. J. J. Jones kindly stood out to allow Corpl. Gilbert to ring.

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

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
ALFRED B. PECK ... 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
REUBEN SANDERS ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung in honour of Accession Day. First peal in the method for the Association.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

WILLIAM IRELAND ... Treble	ARTHUR LEEDER ... 5
ARTHUR R. SOWDEN ... 2	CLEMENT J. MORE ... 6
GEORGE ARCHER ... 3	JOHN SOUTER ... 7
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 4	THOMAS FORD, JUNR. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Ireland.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE I.LANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*REGINALD GREGORY ... Treble	JOHN W. JONES ... 5
*ALBERT JOHN STANLEY ... 2	DAVID R. JAMES ... 6
RICHARD BUNSTONE ... 3	JOHN COX ... 7
RICHARD EVANS ... 4	*BENJAMIN TOBY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN COX.

*First peal. John W. Jones hails from Newport. The above muffled peal was rung in memory of Mr. R. K. Pritchard, of Bryntirion, who was buried on that date at Baglan, Glamorganshire. He was a most generous benefactor of St. Illtyd's Church, having in 1904 defrayed the cost of re-casting six bells and adding two new ones for the tower. He also took a very great interest in bell ringing, and will be much missed in the parish. R.I.P.

ASHTON UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*JOSEPH HALL ... Treble	R. WIMPENNY ... 5
GEORGE GARNETT ... 2	JOHN HARRISON ... 6
HARRY HEAP ... 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
JOHN HALL ... 4	*ERNEST BARTON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. GARNETT.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. The treble ringer hails from Miles Platting.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	*BERTIE F. TURNER ... 5
CHARLES BRICE ... 2	GEORGE SNELLING ... 6
HENRY GARNHAM ... 3	FREDK. SEAGER ... 7
EDWIN WHITING ... 4	JOHN SNELLING ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

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

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

GEORGE HUGHES ... Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY ... 5
EDGAR MARLOW ... 2	BERT HORTON ... 6
THOMAS HILL ... 3	JAMES TYLER ... 7
CHARLES TYLER ... 4	EDWIN J. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by G. HUGHES, and
Conducted by JAMES TYLER.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Dudley and District Guild; also the first peal of Major as conductor by James Tyler. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Carter, who composed the above method, on the occasion of his attaining his 60th birthday.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE
SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	DAVID BREARLEY ... 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... 2	ARTHUR CRAVEN ... 6
THOMAS BETTISON ... 3	JOHN FLINT ... 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 4	SAM THOMAS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal of "Yorkshire" in which a lady has taken part, also Mr. Holman's first peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK ... Treble	WILLIAM MILLER ... 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 2	ERNEST PYE ... 6
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3	CHARLES F. WHITE ... 7
REUBEN SANDERS ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

W. Miller's 100th peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

SGT. F. A. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I. ... Treble	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 5
*FRANK BELSEY ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
WILLIAM EASTER ... 3	†CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 7
CPL. H. B. BONNEY, Essex	LCE.-SERGT. J. BENNETT,
Regiment ... 4	R.M.L.I. ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Belsey. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. The ringer of the 4th was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM GOBBETT ... Treble	ROBERT RAYNER ... 5
ROBERT RICHES ... 2	JACOB FILBY ... 6
JOHN SPENCER ... 3	ALBERT RICHES ... 7
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

REGINALD BROUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM HARPER ... 5
FREDERICK HAYES ... 2	*FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
JOHN WHEADON ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Serr. ... 7
JOHN BURLS ... 4	MARCELLUS DIGBY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Serr.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a compliment to J. Burls on his 21st birthday, and to R. Brough on his 20th birthday.

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

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*LIONEL E. ALFORD ... Treble	FREDERICK GODDARD ... 5
GEORGE SPENCER ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 6
†WILLIAM WARNE ... 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 4	*FREDERICK SHEPHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal. † First peal with an inside bell.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

*FREDERICK COPEMAN ... Treble	ALFRED NEWSON ... 5
WILLIAM MEARS ... 2	SIDNEY GASKIN ... 6
OLIVER BULLMAN ... 3	JAMES FULCHER ... 7
*FREDERICK R. MAPES ... 4	FREDERICK C. BURROWS ... Tenor

Composed by H. PRICE, and
Conducted by FREDK. C. BURROWS.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK BARKER ... Treble	*ROBERT LAUGHTON ... 5
JOHN APPLETON ... 2	DR. H. C. PAULI ... 6
†J. TUDOR GRAVES, Junr. ... 3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON ... 7
J. WILFRED ADDISON ... 4	WILFRED N. KIDD ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT, and
Conducted by FREDK. BARKER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, LINCOLN CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S PEAL.

Tenor 26 cwt., in D.

GEORGE CHESTER ... Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 2	JAMES OSBORN ... 6
ARCHIE C. STOKES ... 3	JOHN W. WOOD ... 7
ALBERT H. WARD ... 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The first peal of Major on the new bells, and the first peal of Cambridge in the City.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

*ALBERT SECKER ... Treble	WILLIAM EAGLING ... 4
FREDERICK BURROWS ... 2	SIDNEY GASKIN ... 5
ALFRED NEWSON ... 3	OLIVER BULLMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER BULLMAN.

* First peal, and first attempt.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of College Single, three 720's of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob, called differently.

*SAMUEL CHURCHLEY ... Treble	†HARVEY STREET ... 4
†THOMAS MIDDLETON ... 2	†JOHN HAMPTON ... 5
JAMES HEMMING ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT G. PRATT ... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
WALTER KERRISON ... 2	JOHN SPENCER ... 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the sister and niece of the ringers of fourth and tenor.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-in-Beverley,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

DANIEL GILDEN Treble	ARTHUR W. WARD 4
ARTHUR MACKEARS 2	REUBEN BEND 5
MARK BEND 3	SAMUEL BAKER Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

First peal of Minor, and first attempt by all except the conductor.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Grandsire, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure,
Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALBERT COLLEY Treble	LEONARD NICHOLS 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	†JOHN HAMPTON 5
†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	FREDRICK JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor in four methods. Also the first peal of Minor on the bells. This peal was rung on the birthday of the Vicar of Toddington (the Rev. W. A. Warner) to whom congratulations were offered.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM Treble	ALBERT J. GREEN 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS 5
EDWIN YATES 3	Cecil A. VALENTINE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

This is the first peal of Surprise Minor on the bells, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the Guild, and the first by all the band. This peal contains 105 Bobs.

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

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*JOSEPH WOOLERTON Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT 4
FREDERICK KELLY 2	CHARLES KELLY 5
SIDNEY PROCTOR 3	ARTHUR SKINNS Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal. J. Woolerton is only 14 years of age, and was complimented on the manner in which he rang the treble throughout the peal.

PENGE, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JIM MURRELL Treble	HENRY WILKES 4
FRANCIS FRASER 2	*WALTER SMITH 5
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods; also first on the bells. This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Arnold Speak, a late ringer and lay reader at St. John's, and now engaged in London City Mission work at Bow, E., and Miss Ethel Harriet Pobjee, youngest daughter of Mr. E. Pobjee, steeple-keeper of St. John's.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON. THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY CLARKE Treble	FRED WILFORD 4
FRANK ROLLINGS 2	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 5
THOMAS LAW 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

Rung as a compliment on the 21st birthday of the eldest daughter of Mr. H. Clarke, who kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

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

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES HURREN Treble	WILLIAM LEVERS 4
SAMUEL ELLIS 2	GEORGE EASTHAUGH 5
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 3	JOHN LARTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN LARTER.

The ringers of the 3rd and tenor are members of the Halesworth company, the remainder belong to the local band.

BEDFORD. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter de Merton,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Chester and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt., in G.

*ALFRED H. MARTIN Treble	CHARLES STAPLETON 4
*WALTER PERKINS 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
HERBERT SHARP 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
At the Residence of A. W. CLARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 1-2	WALTER S. WISE ... 5-6
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3-4	AMOS W. CLARK ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Umpire: THOMAS H. COLBURN.

Witness: MRS. A. W. CLARK.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: W. J. NUPPS.

The above is a short course composition in 69 courses with the first half in the titums and the last half in the inverted home position. It is the first short course peal of Cinques ever rung upon handbells and the third ever rung, the two previous peals having been rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

**BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
(ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)**

*On Tuesday, May 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR.*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;

HARRY BROWNJOHN ... 1-2	RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 5-6
JOHN A. BURFORD ... 3-4	GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR. ... 7-8

WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 9-10
Composed by WILLIAM J. SMITH, and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.
Umpire: GEORGE TOMKINS.

First peal of Stedman on handbells in Bristol, by the Association and all the band. Rung on the eve of the 21st anniversary of Mr. R. J. Wilkins' wedding day.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, May 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. POLLING,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Size 18, in G.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 9-10	

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN. Witness: MRS. POLLING.

This composition has the 6th in 2nd's place and the 5th in 5th's place in the first half, and it is the first time a lady has taken part in such a composition.

**KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, May 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. V. INNS,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

ALBERT V. INNS ... 1-2	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 5-6
DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 7-8

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

The handbell peal rung at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, on Easter Monday should have been credited to the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The peal in our issue of the 1st inst. stated to have been rung at Laxfield, was rung at Laxfield.

The composer of the peal rung at Tyldesley on April 25th was Peter Brickell, and not Birkell as published.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

FRED DERBYSHIRE'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 15; Major, 1; Caters, 2; Erin Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 22; Treble Bob Major, 39; Royal, 3; Double Norwich Major, 14; Bob Major, 3; total, 100.

W. PERKIN'S 200 PEALS.

Bob Minor, 1 (conducted 1); Minor in seven Methods, 5; in seven Treble Bob Methods, 2; Bob Triples, 2 (conducted 1); Bob Major, 3; (on handbells), 3; Grandsire Doubles, 1; Grandsire Triples, 10 (conducted 8); Stedman Triples, 44 (conducted 10); Stedman Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 57 (conducted 11); Superlative Surprise, 44 (conducted 10); Cambridge Surprise Major, 3 (conducted 2); Cambridge Royal, 1; London Surprise Major, 10 (conducted 2); Bristol Surprise Major, 5 (conducted 1); total, 200 (conducted 46).

H. W. WILKES' 100 PEALS.

The 100 peals rung by H. W. Wilkes, of North Stoneham, Hants, are made up as follows: On six bells (in seven methods) 2, Grandsire Triples 14 (conducted 7), Stedman Triples 28, Caters 1, Bob Major 10, Kent Treble Bob Major 16, Double Norwich Major 26, Caters 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1; total 100.

W. MILLER'S 100 PEALS.

Minor: in 4 methods 2 (conducted 1), in 7 methods 5; in 7 Treble Bob Methods 9 (conducted 2), in 7 Surprise Methods 30 (conducted 13), Stedman Triples 4, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich 1, Superlative Surprise Major 5, Cambridge 2, London 11, Bristol 10, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Caters 6, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3; total 100, conducted 16.

INTER-AFFILIATION.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION MASTER'S SCHEME.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Judging from the admirable articles contributed by Mr. J. Pigott and the Rev. C. Carow Cox, and from information which has been supplied indirectly, it is necessary to put before the Central Council in some definite form a scheme relating to inter-affiliation. Your readers are doubtless aware that the Central Council has no power to legislate on ringing matters, but can only discuss and advise, hence my reason for having stated at the outset that the matter could be put into operation by the societies themselves. When, however, the Llandaff Association adopted the course of recommending the matter to the Council, I, as a loyal follower, at once fell into line, and waived my suggestion. I now beg to offer what I hope will be considered a very modified and roughly drafted scheme, not by any means definite, but a step toward solution, keeping steadfastly in view the absolute necessity of avoiding, as far as possible, complications or onerous work for secretaries.

1.—Each society to supply the representative ringer of every band within its jurisdiction with a duplicate book of tickets, say, 20 in each book (cost of book need not be more than 2d.) to be kept in his custody, and for which he is to be responsible to the district or general secretary.

2.—The ticket should state the name of society and certify the affiliation of the applicant.

3.—Tickets may be issued to any ringer who is a member of a recognised society on payment of, say, 6d.

4.—Upon receiving the ticket he must sign the counterfoil or duplicate to be retained by the local secretary.

5.—All tickets to remain valid until December 31st in each year.

6.—The society issuing the ticket to take the whole of subscription.

7.—Affiliated members not to be eligible to partake of any privileges, other than ringing, or to have any vote whatever in the management or control of the society to which he becomes so affiliated.

At the end of each year each secretary will only have to send in his book and cash to the branch or general secretary to be audited for appearance in balance sheet. Should any doubt arise as to one particular society benefiting more than another, it is quite possible for any two societies by mutual agreement, to pool receipts from affiliation.

The publication of an improvement in your next issue on the above will give inconceivable pleasure to, yours truly,

Old Hill, Staffs.

A. E. PARSONS.

THE MOTION FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The form for the motion raising the question of inter-affiliation which has been sent to the hon. secretary of the Central Council to be submitted to the meeting on Whit-Tuesday is as follows:—

"That we, the members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association are of the opinion that the time has arrived for the Central Council to put into operation a scheme of inter-affiliation, or if the Council has not the power to do so for it to be so arranged with all Associations agreeable to inter-affiliation, whereby any member of a recognised ringing society could be presented with a card, such card to admit the bearer (whose name must appear thereon) to any affiliated society's meeting without the power to vote, and also to entitle him to take part in a peal as an honorary member for the time being.

"The inter-affiliation card to be issued at a charge of 6d. per annum, and if the Council as a body cannot undertake the issuing of the cards, for each society to issue their own, it being understood that each society agreeable to inter-affiliation accepts one another as hon. members.

"Each society agreeable to the scheme to announce it in the ringing papers.

"The holder of the ticket to understand that admission to hon. membership is an act of courtesy which can be withheld in any case at the discretion of any Association."

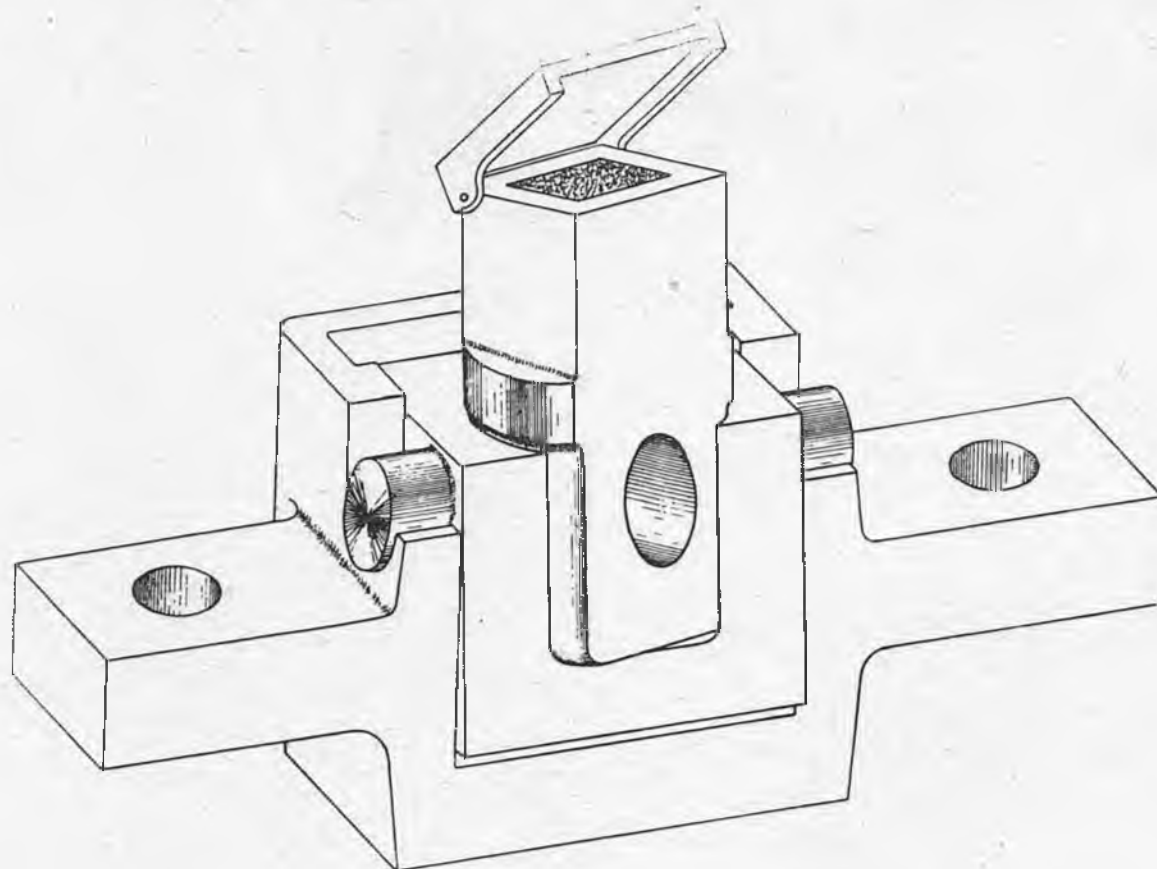
SELF-ALIGNING BEARINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—An illustration of a "Self-aligning Bearing for Bells" has been appearing lately in "The Ringing World." As will be seen from this week's foot-note to that illustration the engraving shows a type of bearing, one of three differing forms, designed 27 years ago by the President of the Central Council (Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.), and fitted to and still satisfactorily working on the peal of ten, tenor 17 cwt., which we placed in the Duffield tower. The sketch has been inserted in order to show to the Exercise generally that self-aligning bearings were being made as far back as that. It will be evident to every ringer with a mechanical turn of mind that the bearings which have recently been fitted to several peals of bells are identical in principle with Sir Arthur's. But (and this is a very great "but") Sir Arthur's are very much better in detail. We think that full credit and acknowledgment should be given to Sir Arthur Heywood, who has done so much for ringers and bell-hanging. With these few remarks we leave the question to the judgment of the Exercise—Yours truly,

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THE VETERANS' PEAL BAND.



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VETERANS' PEAL.

A gay lot of "youngsters," ranging in age from 60 to 77 years of age, have been displaying their prowess at Aston, where they have scored a peal of Grandsire Caters, and put to their credit what is believed to be a record, by being the oldest band to score a ten-bell peal. The conductor just qualified to squeeze into the band by reaching his sixtieth birthday a day or two before, while the task of ringing the tenor was pushed on to the next youngest in years, although, despite his youth, we can believe that it was a congenial job. But these two were almost juvenile compared with the real veteran, Mr. Sam Spittle, who carries his 77 years well, and Mr. William Rock Small, who at 74 is as keen as ever. The total age of the company was 653 years 10 months, giving an average age of 65 years 4 months. The band was:

	Years.	Months.
John Carter, Birmingham	60	0
Reuben Hall, West Bromwich	61	6
John Smith, Tipton	62	5
John Bradney, Wolverhampton	64	3
James George, Rugby	60	5
James Jones, Birmingham	64	1
Samuel Spittle, Dudley	77	4
William R. Small, Tipton	74	5
Thomas Horton, West Bromwich	67	7
John Sanders, Birmingham	61	10

We hope that all this band will be spared to ring many more peals together, and while their ranks remain unbroken why do they not make their peal attempt an annual one?

After the peal the band and other ringing friends were entertained by the conductor at the White Swan Hotel, Birmingham.

HERE AND THERE.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

How many peals of Cambridge Surprise Minor have been rung? Perhaps someone has a record of them and will give the information. Last week seven 720's in this method were rung at Story Stratford by the Oxford Guild, and the 720's, called differently, contained only one extent in which any bell was excluded from the bob making. In all, 195 bobs were called, and the performance is one of distinct merit.

WELL DONE BRISTOL!

The band at Bristol who recently scored their first handbell peal of Grandsire Caters have not been long in achieving their first peal of Stedman. This was rung on Tuesday of last week, and was the first in that method on handbells in Bristol, and by the Gloucester and Bristol Association, as well as by all the band.

A WEARY WAIT.

The genial secretary of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild is possessed of considerable patience. One evening last week he was included in a band for a peal at Holy Trinity, Guildford, but at the last minute stood out to allow Corpl. Gilbert to ring his first peal of Stedman. Mr. Jones, however, stayed too long in the belfry, and having waited to see the start, descended from the tower only to find the caretaker had locked the door and gone off to wait until the bells stopped. Rather than return to the ringing room and disturb the peal, Mr. Jones sat on the stairs in the dark until the peal was finished.

AMERICA'S LADY RINGER.

Mrs. Margaret H. Shurtleff, who, as Miss Margaret Nichols, took part in peals in England, was one of the company who rang 504 Grandshire Triples at the Perkins' Institute, Watertown, U.S.A., on April 5th, the band being: S. W. Sturgis 1, G. Mackman 2, W. Bashford 3, E. E. Randall 4, Mrs. Shurtleff 5, J. F. Laker 6, Richard Newton (conductor) 7, M. A. Abbott 8. On Easter Day, at Groton School, Groton, Massachusetts, the first half of Holt's ten-part was rung in 1 hr. 38 mins., by: S. W. Sturgis 1, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 2, W. Bashford 3, E. E. Randall 4, J. F. Laker 5, G. Mackman 6, R. Newton 7, M. A. Abbott 8.

BEDFORD SURPRISE MINOR.

Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, writes: "The above-named method which is published in your issue of April 10th, is given in the old 'Campanalogia,' fifth edition, dated 1766, as Royal Bob, by J. D., whose initials are, I suppose, those of John Denmead."

A BIRTHDAY PEAL.

A band of the Worcestershire Association visited Toddington, Gloucestershire, and rang a peal of Minor to celebrate the birthday of the Vicar (the Rev. A. Warner). After the peal, the ringers, with the Toddington band, were entertained to tea at the Vicarage, and a vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. Warner for his kind hospitality. The Johnson family gave selections on handbells, which were much appreciated. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. Ashley for having them ready, and Mr. C. Lawrence for meeting them at the church.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Shere on Saturday week, and was attended by about 40 members from Dorking, Leatherhead, Shalford, Guildford, Farnham, Aldershot, Frensham, Ewhurst, Cranleigh, etc. Service was held in the grand old Parish Church, and an appropriate address given by the Rector (the Rev. F. C. Hill). Tea took place at the White Horse, and was presided over by the Rev. R. H. Freeman. It was decided not to fill the vacancy of chairman of committee, caused by the departure to Canada of Mr. C. Willshire, till the annual meeting. It was resolved to hold a meeting at Newdigate and Capel in June, and a combined practice at Dorking on May 25th. The Ringing Master reported that 14 peals had been rung since the last meeting.—Mr. F. E. Dawe proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy and organist, which was unanimously carried, and some more touches in various methods on the tower bells brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district was held on Saturday last at Stockbridge, but owing to various counter attractions there was a small attendance, only 16 sitting down to tea at the Ship Restaurant.—The Rev. W. E. Colchester (treasurer of the Guild) apologised for the absence of the genial district secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins), who was too unwell to be present, and in welcoming the Rev. R. J. Chandler and his ringers, explained the objects of the Guild, and expressed the hope that Stockbridge tower might become affiliated, when an instructor would be sent.—During the afternoon and evening, touches in several methods were rung, and one local ringer, who had learnt change ringing before living at Stockbridge, was elected a member of the Guild.

RINGING PARSONS OF THE OXFORD GUILD.

Last week a "Clergy Training Week" was held at Twyford, Berks. About 70 clergy attended—and among them, twelve competent in handling a bell were to be found. The Bishop of the Diocese, in coming to lecture on the Wednesday evening, was welcomed with a peal by clerical members of his Diocese, the following taking part in the ringing:—

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Caversham, Oxon (Master of the Oxford Guild).
 Rev. G. F. Coleridge, R.D., Crowthorne, Berks.
 Rev. R. W. C. Bevan, Binfield, Berks.
 Rev. W. Boldere, Great Coxwell, Berks.
 Rev. J. Chevallier, Great Horwood, Bucks.
 Rev. H. P. Bowen, St. Giles', Reading.
 Rev. W. P. Carr, St. Sebastian's, Berks.
 Rev. M. H. Waller, Twyford, Berks.
 Rev. J. Payne, Aylesbury, Bucks.
 Ven. the Archdeacon of Oxford.

The latter shaped well, and rang the tenor in great style. He was formerly "stroke" of the Oxford "Eight."

NAMES OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you will kindly make known through your columns that Nos. 4, 6, 7 and 9, Fourth's-place Delight, and No. 31 Third's-place Delight in the C.C. Collection of Minor Methods, have recently been rung at Norbury, Cheshire, and named 'St. Werburgh,' 'Crowland,' 'Combermere,' 'Vale Royal' and 'Knutsford,' respectively.

I have long known No. 10 Fourth's-place Delight, named 'Newhall' in your last issue, as 'Braintree.' The extent in the Method was rung five times at Norbury in 1913.—Yours truly,

New Mills, Stockport.

A. T. BEESTON.

RINGERS AT DINNER.

The annual dinner in connection with the St. John the Baptist Church Society, Vaynor, took place on Friday week at the Drover's Arms Hotel (Cefn Coed), when an excellent spread was provided by the hostess (Mrs. Davies). A company, to the number of 18, sat down. In the absence of the Rector (the Rev. J. Davies), who was detained in London on business, the chair was taken by the esteemed curate (the Rev. W. R. Jones). The toasts of "The King," "The Bell Ringers," "The Rector and Mrs. Davies" and "The Visitors" were drunk with musical honours.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and Mrs. Davies for their kindness in defraying the expenses, to the chairman for presiding, and to the hostess for the excellent catering. Songs, recitations, etc., were given during the evening, and at the close the Welsh and English National Anthems were sung.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On March 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Slatford 1, *J. R. Main 2, W. H. Ette 3, G. Bassford 4, G. M. Ette 5, *T. Abbott 6, A. Smeathers (conductor) 7, A. Tompkins 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A NEW MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Berkeley, on Saturday last, when just over 100 members put in an appearance during the afternoon. This is the largest number that has attended the annual meeting for a number of years—certainly over 20—and was very gratifying. Ringing commenced at the Campanile just before three o'clock, and the bells were kept going in various methods until service. The opportunity was also used to pay a visit to Berkeley Castle, 48 availing themselves of it, as a result of which the local charities benefit to the extent of £1 4s. Permission had to be obtained for this, as Saturday is not a recognised visiting day, much to the disappointment of a motor car-a-banc party of 22 ladies from Bristol.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey gave the address at the service, and took for his text, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," 1 Cor. x, 31. A collection was made on behalf of the Church Building Fund.

After the service, tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, 111 sitting down. At the business meeting which followed, the Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) took the chair, and gave a short account of the peals rung during the past year, especially mentioning the first peal of Cambridge Maximus by the Association, and also the 7329 of Grand-sire Cinques, his comments upon these performances being greeted with applause.—He then asked to be allowed to make a departure from the agenda, and, before receiving the balance sheet, requested the members to proceed to the election of Master, in order that he might leave to catch his train. He said that for 11 years they had done him the honour of electing him to that position, and 11 years was a good slice out of a man's life. He was now nearer 60 than 50, and thought they should elect a younger man. He thanked all the officers, who had worked with him, for their kind and considerate treatment, and was glad to say that whatever difference of opinion might transpire in the course of a meeting, it made no difference to their personal friendship. There were two nominations for the office of Master, Mr. John Austin (proposed by Mr. R. J. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. W. Hale), and Mr. F. K. Howell (proposed by Mr. H. Fussell, seconded by Mr. F. G. May). The proposers and seconders made very neat speeches in praise of the respective candidates. As the result of a show of hands, Mr. Frank R. Howell was declared elected by a large majority, and the first to shake hands and congratulate him was Mr. J. Austin.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies having to leave, the new Master took his place at once, and led a hearty send-off to the late Master, every one rising in his place and singing "For he's a jolly good fellow," followed by three hearty cheers.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

After the new Master had returned thanks for his election, the business was resumed, and the Hon. Treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed that the balance in hand had increased during the year by about £20, while the number of members had increased by 66. The balance sheet was adopted, after a little discussion, as to the different methods of the various branches.

The remaining officers were unanimously re-elected, viz.: Hon. treasurer, Rev. H. A. Cockey; hon. secretary, Mr. W. A. Cave.

The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

- That in the opinion of the members of this Association the ladies are already sufficiently represented through their Diocesan, County and District Associations; but should at any time it be decided that a lady cannot represent these Associations then the question of separate representatives for the Ladies' Guild be again considered.
- That this Association is not prepared to support the scheme for inter-affiliation as at present proposed.

During the discussion on the last resolution, the Vicar having to leave, the Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him for the service and the use of his bells, and this was carried enthusiastically.—The Vicar, in his reply, said he felt that Berkeley was honoured by the visit of the Association, and hoped there would not be such a long interval before they came to Berkeley again.

After the meeting, the Bristol contingent had to hurry to catch their train, and while on their 2½ miles' walk, could hear the beautiful peal of eight being well struck by those who were left behind.

The following were the branch attendances: Bristol and Wotton-under-Edge, 35 each; North Forest, 17; Stroud, 7; Biton, 4; Gloucester, 2. The tower with the largest number of representatives was Westbury-on-Severn (11). South Forest, Stow, Cirencester and Swindon branches were not represented.

The new Master was first elected a member of the Association on January 9th, 1882, and was proposed by Mr. G. Staddon, who was also present on this occasion, and despite his advanced age, walked the 2½ miles to Berkeley from the station and more than half the way back, but not having allowed himself sufficient time had to receive a little mechanical assistance, or he would have missed his train.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—At St. James' Church, on March 10th, for Confirmation service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Dowling 1, C. Jackson 2, J. S. Calvert 3, H. Rodmell 4, A. E. West 5, L. Rodmell (conductor) 6.

Chelmsford Cathedral Bells.

April, 1914.

Chelmsford Cathedral.

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Organist, Chelmsford Cathedral.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Dear Sirs,

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We are, Dear Sirs, yours sincerely,

WILLIAM LINCOLN,

Master for S.E. Division.

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Master of the Essex Association.

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Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating I am perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you, of recasting the old Peal of Ten and adding New Treble and Tenor, to Chelmsford Cathedral.

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Yours truly,

HENRY F. COOPER,

Steeplekeeper and Master Chelmsford Cathedral Guild of

Change Ringers.

Secretary S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

Boreham, Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs,

In my opinion the Twelve Bells placed in the Tower of Chelmsford Cathedral by you, are a noble peal; in fact, I think they are perfect, and remind me of a beautiful wave of music floating in the air, the "go" of which is all that could be desired.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR EDWARDS.

February 27th, 1914.

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I am very pleased to say that the New Ring of Twelve at Chelmsford have proved such a great success. They are a magnificent Peal, and I'm sure that the "go" of them from Treble to Tenor is most excellent, and great credit is due to the Firm for the able way in which the work has been carried out.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT BRIGHTON.

The Sussex Association returned to Brighton this year for the annual meeting, which was held on Saturday last. During the morning, and at other periods of the day, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and other methods were rung at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Churches, the grand new ring of ten at the former church being much admired. Luncheon was partaken of at the Unicorn Hotel. The Mayor of Brighton (Alderman J. L. Otter, J.P.) presided, and supporting him were Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Chichester, Master of the Association), the Misses Humble-Crofts (Waldron), Mr. J. T. Rickman (Lewes), Mr. A. Hughes, Mr. G. Watson (hon. secretary), and Mr. R. C. Ford (hon. treasurer). Among the towers represented were St. Peter's (Brighton), Steyning, Battle, Angmering, West Tarring, Arundel, Pulborough, Shoreham, Warnham, Boxhill, Bolney, Heene, St. Leonards (Christ Church), Waldron, Heathfield, Lindfield, Rotherfield, Shipley, Eastbourne (Christ Church), Buxted, and Seaford.

The Mayor briefly submitted the toast of "The King."

Mr. Clement Hill, in proposing "The Church and State," deplored the fact that the former was not represented at their gathering.—The Mayor, in responding, regretted that there were no clergymen present, considering the close association between bell ringing and the clergy. He thought that when they arrived home they must each quarrel with their particular parsons. As Mayor, he could say that the civic authority had a great interest in bell ringing, because bells were used not only for calling people to services, but for all sorts of purposes with the common life of the community. He was glad to see from the report that Brighton had taken a leading part in the performances during the year. He wished success and prosperity to the Association for the ensuing year (applause).

THE CHALLENGE BELL.

The Mayor next presented to a representative of Christ Church, Eastbourne, the challenge bell for the greatest number of points gained for peals during 1913. St. Peter's, Brighton, headed the list, but having won the trophy last year, and the rule being that a church cannot hold the bell for two years in succession, it was handed over to the Eastbourne ringers, who were second.

The Mayor having to leave, a vote of thanks was accorded him on the motion of Mr. F. B. Tompkins, the master, who, upon the retirement of the Mayor, occupied the chair for the business meeting which followed.

Several new members having been elected, the Bishop of Chichester was re-elected president. The vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of the new Bishop of Lewes. Mr. F. B. Tompkins was unanimously re-elected master; Mr. R. C. Ford, hon. treasurer; Mr. G. Watson, hon. general secretary; Mr. G. Howse, hon. secretary of the Eastern District; Mr. A. D. Stone, hon. secretary, Central District; Mr. H. Evans, hon. secretary, Western District; Mr. A. Gravett, hon. peal secretary; and Messrs. A. Harffey and A. White, auditors.

The report was presented, and stated that the financial condition of the Association continued to flourish. Not only did the general fund start the new year with a good balance in hand, but the new benevolent fund—drawn in a large measure from the general fund—was now in a very healthy state, and able, in all probability, to meet all calls likely to be made upon it in the immediate future. This fund had already proved of service to three deserving cases which had arisen since the last annual meeting. The donations had been given without delay, and, although of necessity small, had proved to be of great help to the recipients. The number of peals rung during the past year was 112, which was a record for the Association. Twelve district meetings were held during the year, and most of these were well attended. Once again it behoved them to express—on behalf of all their members—hearty thanks to those of the clergy who so kindly entertained the visitors to their several belfries on these occasions. Thanks were due to Mr. A. Gravett, who had so well filled the position of peals secretary. Since the last annual meeting, the bells of Ditchling had been tuned and re-hung, and two trebles added, making a ring of eight. A new ring of eight had been installed at Coleman's Hatch. The Loughton bells (5) had been rehung, and those of Goring (6) were about to be rehung in a new iron frame. Thanks to the munificence of Mr. J. T. Rickman, of Lewes, St. Peter's, Brighton, had recently been provided with a grand ring of ten bells, this tower thus possessing what was believed to be one of the finest rings in the South of England.

The Chairman commented on the satisfactory report and accounts, the latter showing a balance on the year's working of £29 12s. 5d. He particularly referred to the Benevolent Fund, which showed a balance of £28 6s. 2d. Two grants had since been made, however.—The report was unanimously adopted.

The Hon. Secretary moved: "That the committee be authorised during the coming year to make grants—if necessary—to the widows or nearest relatives of members who may die during that time."—This was seconded and carried unanimously.—It was also decided that the rules should be amended in this sense, and that a notice to that effect should be placed on next year's agenda.

By a large majority it was decided to hold next year's meeting at

Brighton, after amendments in favour of Eastbourne and Hastings had been put. The second Saturday in May was provisionally fixed.

THE OLDEST CRAFT.

After the luncheon a number of the ringers proceeded to St. Peter's Church, where a short service was held, the preacher being the Bishop of Lewes. He said it was a great pleasure to know that the first duty which fell upon him was to speak to them as bell ringers. They were among the oldest craft of Church workers. The ancestry of bell ringers was one they might be proud of. In 680 the Venerable Bede told them of a bell which was brought from Italy. So that bell ringers had been connected with the Church more than twelve hundred years. He did not think there was anything touched one more than the sound of the bells, which conjured up visions of bygone days. The bell spoke of what human voices could not say. Bell ringers were like preachers; they sent their message out on the air, not knowing, but hoping that the message would strike a human heart.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this branch was held, by the kind invitation of the president (the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill), at Leigh-on-Mendip, on Saturday week. The bells were available from 2 p.m., and early in the afternoon they were going merrily, their lovely tones reaching the ears of eager ringers making their way against hills and wind to the pretty old-world village, perched right on the ridge of the Mendips. By 4.30 p.m., the hour appointed for special evensong, a goodly number of members had arrived. The service was conducted by the president, and a very inspiring and helpful address was given by the Rev. C. C. Parker, the universally-esteemed Master of the Association. At the conclusion of the service, the ringers foregathered at the Church Institute, where, through the never-failing hospitality of the president and Mrs. Honnywill, they were entertained to a sumptuous repast, to which, on the call of "go," they did not fail to do ample justice, this "touch" being brought round without the slightest suspicion of a slip, much to the complete satisfaction, no doubt, of the genial "conductor." The usual business meeting followed.

The President, in a few well-chosen words, said how very highly honoured they all felt at having with them that afternoon the Master, whose kindly interest in and devotion to the work of the Association were well known to all the change ringers in the diocese. The meeting was also favoured by the presence of two other prominent gentlemen, the Rev. Prebendary Randolph (Vicar of St. John's, Frome), and Mr. A. M. G. Daniel (Frome), a former and most highly-esteemed honorary secretary of the branch.—The following ringers were duly elected to membership: Messrs. F. Haynes (Paulton), Reg. Ryman (High Littleton), E. Gould, E. Robbins (Ston Easton), Misses D. A. Carter, A. M. Holmyard and B. Maggs (Midsomer Norton), and the Rev. W. H. W. Williams (Vicar of Midsomer Norton) as an honorary member. The president and honorary secretary, retiring from office in accordance with the rules, were again unanimously elected for the ensuing year, and in returning their thanks for the renewed honours conferred upon them, each assured the meeting of their earnest desire to please the members and to promote, as far as lay in their powers, the well-being and continued progress of the branch. The meeting concluded with heartfelt votes of thanks to all those who had in any way contributed towards the success of the gathering, special mention being made of the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Mrs. Honnywill, Rev. C. C. Parker (Master), Rev. Prebendary Randolph, Mr. A. M. G. Daniel, Rev. E. D. Sear (Vicar of Wells) for the use of the belfry and bells of his church, and the members of the church choir.

After the business had been transacted, the members lost no time in mounting to the belfry, and the bells were soon swinging gaily, and so continued till approaching darkness warned the visiting ringers that they had better be getting on the road for home. Some few of the members finished up the day's pleasure by going to Wells, where they rang some Grandsire Triples and Stedman Doubles on the magnificent bells there—bells which most certainly deserve to be made more ringable than they are at present—and these ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to tender to Mr. Burge (the captain) their sincere thanks for the ungrudging trouble he was put to to have all things in readiness for them. May we hope, in the very near future that the Wells ringers will be enrolled as members of the Association?

The towers represented were Leigh-on-Mendip, Wanstrow, Frome, Buckland Dinham, Midsomer Norton, Chewton Mendip, Paulton, High Littleton, and Ston Easton. It will, we venture to think, be admitted by all who were present, that the meeting was one of the most successful ever held by the branch, and apparently everybody spent a thoroughly enjoyable time, and went home feeling all the better and all the happier for having attended one more gathering under the auspices of their well-beloved and ever-genial friend and president, the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, their debt to whom will never be paid. The Hon. Sec. (Mr. I. B. Holmyard, Midsomer Norton) feels that these few remarks would be incomplete without an acknowledgment on his part of the gratitude he feels towards all those members who so faithfully and ably assist him by their regular attendances at the branch meetings, often at great personal inconvenience to themselves.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Chesterfield on Saturday week, and proved very successful. Between 50 and 60 ringers were present from Barlborough, Bedford, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Dore, Dronfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Norton, Rammoor, Rotherham (Parish Church and Eastwood), Sheffield Cathedral, Staveley and Worksop. The ten bells in the church of the famous crooked spire (tenor 24 cwt.), were kept going at intervals during afternoon and evening, the methods rung including Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, and Plain Bob Major, and one or two Minor methods. The meeting coincided with the death of Alderman Short (Vicar's warden), and with the funeral of Mr. Harvey, M.P. for N.E. Derbyshire, and the clappers were half-muffled for the occasion, some good striking being heard. During the time, some members enjoyed a climb up to the "crow's nest," near the top of the spire, about 220 feet high, and the wonderful construction of this unique piece of architecture, consisting of a mass of wood-work, coated with lead, which has warped in every direction, caused much interest. A good view was also obtained of several aeroplane flights by Mr. Hucks, who was giving an exhibition in the town.

The business meeting was held in the vestry, the chair being taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Crosse, Vicar of Chesterfield, whose genial presence is always welcomed by the ringers. The balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £12 17s. 3d. on the capital account, was adopted.

THE REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary, in his annual report, remarked that it was with much pleasure that he was able to say that the society was still in a flourishing condition. They possessed 18 affiliated towers, and a membership of 259, made up of: Honorary members, 4; life members, 14; attached to various affiliated towers, 171; unattached, 60. Compared with last year, this showed an increase of 33 members, including one honorary, 16 attached and 16 unattached, which was, he thought, satisfactory progress. There was an apparent decrease in the life members, but this was due to re-classification. It might be of interest to point out that during the last three years the membership has increased by about 100. No new towers had joined the society during the year, and none had dropped out, though the name of Wortley was omitted from the list, as they had long since ceased to take any active interest in the society; indeed, he doubted if there were any change ringers there at present. The monthly meetings had on the whole been well attended, and the standard of ringing had been high. The attendances had averaged about 35, which was an improvement on the last two years, though, with a membership of over 250, they might be much larger.

A SPLENDID PERCENTAGE.

The society's silver cup and framed certificate for the best Sunday ringing attendances for the year ending March 31st, 1914, had been won by the Dronfield company with 99.50 per cent., followed by Anston and Penistone with 98.36 per cent. each; Worksop with 97.91 per cent., Doncaster with 96.93 per cent., Beighton with 96.24 per cent., and Rammoor with 94.24 per cent. He thought that the Dronfield company were deserving of much congratulation on their fine record, indeed all the figures reflected much credit on the companies concerned. He was glad that this competition was being taken up much more seriously by affiliated companies, as he thought it deserved to be, though he would like to see a much larger entry than at present. Referring to the balance sheet which had just been presented, he was glad to be able to say that the society was in a sound financial position, though the income for the present year had only just covered the expenditure.

The proposed division of the Yorkshire Association into districts had come about, and should, he thought, be welcomed as a step towards the advancement of change ringing. There was no intention to interfere with the work of that society in any way, nor, he was sure, would they approve of any such interference. It was only fair to say that he had heard the opinion expressed privately, that the Yorkshire Association would sooner or later take the place of that society in the district, with which opinion he strongly disagreed. Their society was, in his opinion, in a better and more healthy condition than it had ever been. He did not think there had ever been more interest taken in its doings, and now was the very worst time to suggest limiting the scope of their activities. If, however, members continued to take an active interest in the society, as they were now doing, they need fear nothing, as there was plenty of room both for the Yorkshire Association and ourselves. The peals rung during 1913 numbered 16, a decrease of ten as compared with the previous year, though the standard was very high indeed. There was one peal of Surprise Royal, four of Surprise Major, and one of Surprise Minor. Grandfire Triples and Plain Bob do not appear, another sign of the high standard maintained. Messrs. Sam Thomas and A. Knights headed the list of conductors, with four peals each to their credit, followed by Mr. J. Flint with two, and Messrs. A. H. Ward, G. Hollis, B. A. Knights, G. Lewis, W. Lambert, and C. Severn, with one apiece. Mr. Sam Thomas was to be

congratulated on conducting the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal to be rung by the Association, and the Killamarsh ringers upon ringing a peal of Surprise Minor. In connection with these peals, it was mentioned that the peal book, which was kindly presented to the society by Mr. Sam Thomas, was now filled up. It had lasted about ten years, and he thought contains a record of which any society might be proud. Mr. Sam Thomas was kindly going through it at the present time, checking the peals and callings, and they owed him thanks for the trouble that he was taking.

After expressing thanks to the various committeemen and secretaries, the Secretary welcomed Archdeacon Crosse, the report remarking that if all clergy acted in the same kindly way as Archdeacon Crosse did, the advancement of change ringing as a branch of church work would make even more progress than it did. The society, he concluded, was still on the up grade. He believed they were doing a good work in promoting change ringing, with its attendant advantages of orderliness and decent behaviour in belfries. It was one of the aims of that society to avoid all friction and ill-feeling in connection with the art of change ringing, and he appealed again to all members to do all in their power to carry out this object, and to continue to set a good example in their dealings with Church Authorities and others. In that case, he believed there was a big future in front of the society, and that they would continue to make good progress in every sense of the word.

Mr. J. P. Tarlton (North Wingfield), who was proposed by the retiring president, Mr. G. H. Halksworth (Doncaster), was unanimously elected president. Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield) was re-elected vice-president, and Mr. W. Biggin (Norton) was elected to take the place of Mr. J. P. Tarlton. Mr. D. Brearley (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. E. L. Cockey (hon. secretary), Mr. G. Hollis (assistant hon. secretary), and Messrs. G. W. Bemrose, and W. Peabody (auditors), were all re-elected.

THE VICAR ASTONISHED.

Before presenting the cup and certificate to the Dronfield company, Archdeacon Crosse gave an eloquent address to those present. He remarked that ringers astonished him at every turn. Their performances filled him with wonder and awe. A ringer was born, not made, he felt assured. And then for their society to be able to produce a credit balance! During a lengthy career he had attended many meetings, but it was seldom that he came across a band of church workers in such a healthy financial condition. Why, in Chesterfield they hardly knew what a credit balance was! He heartily congratulated the society on the balance sheet, it was a proof of substance, a proof of the enthusiasm and zest of the ringers. Change ringing, he considered, was like a sieve; when one shook it up, all the refuse dropped out, and only that of value remained. Referring to the division of the Yorkshire Association into districts, he felt sure that overlapping should do no harm. There was so much enthusiasm amongst ringers that there was doubtless room for both societies, but he deprecated the idea of the Sheffield District Society limiting its scope in any way. It was such a healthy society that it would be folly to suggest such a thing. One secret of success amongst change ringers, he remarked, was the good attendance put in by members. In a choir, for instance, one man late made little or no difference, but with a band of ringers, a man short might spoil everything. He advocated the system of fines adopted by many companies, as assuring good attendances, and urged members to loyally carry out their obligations in this respect. He hoped that ringers would feel that they were not only church workers, but an integral part of the ministry. Proceeding, the Archdeacon remarked, "I suggest to you chaps (perhaps you have never thought of it before) that you should pray for the bells. If a clergyman were to preach without praying about his sermon it would, I believe, carry little weight, however eloquent. Ask God's blessing on the message of the bells. In my experience, many people have been drawn back to the church after, perhaps, a long absence, by the sound of the bells—reminding them of the worship of God."

REMARKABLE ATTENDANCE.

In handing the cup and certificate to the Dronfield company, he remarked that for ringers to put in an attendance for a whole year of 99.5 per cent. was simply astonishing. Not only that, but for Anston and Penistone to finish second with 98.36, and for all the competing companies to register over 90 per cent., was, he thought, remarkable. He felt sure that in no other branch of church work could such splendid attendances be approached, and he heartily congratulated Dronfield on their success. "May God bless you all and the message that you ring out," he concluded.—Mr. E. Allen, in receiving the cup and certificate on behalf of the Dronfield company, suitably responded.

The fixtures for the ensuing year were next confirmed, and four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. W. Kennan, P. Morris, P. Hibbard, and W. Leak, of Barlborough.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring president (Mr. G. H. Halksworth) for his services during the past two years, and to the local company for making all arrangements for the meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to Archdeacon Crosse, was proposed by Mr. Sam Thomas, and seconded by Mr. G. W. Bemrose. Archdeacon Crosse, in responding, wished great success to the society, and assured members that he was always ready to be of service to them in any way. The meeting then concluded with prayer.

YORKSHIRE AND THE CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of May 1st, you publish an account of the Easter meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and in that account Mr. Wright, the president, is reported to have said that "neither he, nor Mr. Metcalfe, the secretary, had had any official reply" to the resolution which he had sent to the Yorkshire Association. I am sure that Mr. Wright does not wish to mislead the outside public, but in justice to myself and my brother officers of the Yorkshire Association, I wish to say that after very careful consideration by the committee, a full official reply was sent to Mr. Wright under my signature in December last, and was acknowledged by him, and further that that reply ended with these words, "assuring you of our goodwill, and desiring you to bring this letter before your members." As both Mr. Wright and Mr. Metcalfe were present at our annual meeting at Leeds, and heard all that transpired at that meeting, it hardly seemed necessary to send a further letter setting that out in detail. In conclusion, may I say that my own hope for the future has always been not that one society should "go under," but that some way should be found for amicable working together, by means of affiliation or something of that kind.—I am, Sir, yours sincerely,

C. C. MARSHALL,

President, Y.A.C.R.

P.S.—I am writing this with no desire to start a newspaper controversy, but simply to lay certain facts before you, and I trust that the matter will be allowed to rest there.

[Other letters replying to Dr. Pauli's communication last week, are unavoidably held over.]

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

SUPPORT FOR INTER-AFFILIATION AND LADIES' GUILD.

For the April quarterly meeting the Guild paid its first visit to Boldmere on Saturday week, and, though the attendance was small, a pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent. During the afternoon the methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles and Double Norwich Major. After tea, at the "Gate" Inn, the business meeting was held, the Ringing Master, Mr. James George, presiding, supported by the hon. secretary (the Rev. C. C. Cox), and ten members, representing Boldmere, Coventry, Sutton Coldfield, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Rugby and Stratford-on-Avon. Monthly meetings were arranged to be held at Grendon on May 30th, at Coleshill in June, at Kineton in August, and at Brinklow in September, and the hon. secretary was requested to arrange for a special meeting to be held at Stoke Golding about the second week in July. It was resolved that the other monthly meetings should, where possible, be held on the third Saturday in the month.—Twelve new members were elected.—It was also resolved that the Guild's representatives on the Central Council should approve proposals for inter-affiliation and for the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Council, at the next session.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Ringing Master to the Rector of Boldmere for the use of the bells, and also to Messrs. T. Bloore and W. G. Anker for their arrangements connected with the meeting, and Mr. B. Witchell for obtaining the use of Erdington Abbey bells in the evening. Members adjourned to the latter belfry at the conclusion of the meeting.

FINE NEW ESSEX EIGHT.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM BELLS DEDICATED.

A very fine peal of eight is the result of the addition of two trebles to the ring at Sible Hedingham, Essex, which were dedicated recently by the Bishop of Colchester. The bells are the gift of the Misses Webster, who, in 1912, defrayed the cost of rehanging the old five bells, and the addition of a new one to make a ring of six. The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and the peal, with a tenor of 18½ cwt., in E, are now looked upon as one of the finest in the county. A large number of ringers attended the dedication, at which the opening touch was one of Bob Major. Among those present were Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary), Mr. G. Pannell (N.E. District Master), Mr. B. Redgwell (district secretary), and ringers from Earl's Colne, Colne Engaine, Braintree, Bocking, Rayne, Lavenham, Great Yeldham, Gestingthorpe, Halstead, Greenstead Green, Great Bentley, Great Bardfield and Belchamp Walter. The visitors were entertained to tea by the donors of the bells, and the Bishop and Rector thanked the Misses Webster for their generous gift, while the Master thanked them for the invitation extended and the hospitality shown to the ringers outside the parish. During the day, touches of Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich Major were rung.

A LADY'S FEAT.

On Saturday Miss Elsie Bennett took part in a handbell peal of Stedman Caters at Guildford, having cycled to the Surrey county town from London. She returned to the Metropolis by road after the peal—a ride of, altogether, nearly 60 miles! Not a bad feat for a lady.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Wyke Regis, when the following towers were represented: Bournemouth, Charminster, Dorchester, Fordington, Poole, Upwey, and Wyke Regis. The visitors were warmly welcomed by the local band, who had everything in readiness, and took the opportunity of ascending to the top of the tower from which a magnificent view is to be obtained. The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The Guild service was held in the church and was of a hearty character. It was conducted by the Rector (Canon S. E. Davies) and the Rev. A. S. Hasluck, the singing being led by the choir, and the Rector giving an excellent address.

Following the service, the visitors were entertained to a high tea by the Rector and the local band, and provided under the auspices of the Women's Union. Afterwards the Rev. H. C. Coote proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his excellent address, the use of the bells, and his kind hospitality.—The vote was carried with acclamation, and was acknowledged by the Rector.—Votes of thanks were also accorded to the organist and choir, and to the ladies for their kindness in assisting at the tea.

The business meeting followed, Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch) being in the chair.

It was decided (at the kind invitation of the Rev. H. A. Caryl) to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hilton, in July, and that the annual meeting should be altered from April to December now that the report and financial year conclude at the end of that month.

The Secretary next presented the annual report, which showed an increase in members of 19. Ten towers composed the branch, and nine were practising change ringing. It is hoped to get more towers affiliated in due course. Four well-attended quarterly meetings had been held during the year, and three meetings for practice of change ringing, in which good progress had been made. St. Peter's, Dorchester, besides ringing Stedman and Grandsire Triples, with the aid of Mr. Wiffen, were now practising Kent Treble Bob, and this band had brought round the first peal of Stedman Triples by the branch. Wyke Regis had passed from Grandsire Doubles to Triples and Bob Minor, Upwey were now practising Doubles, and the other towers had improved in this direction. At Buckland a new treble bell had been added to complete a fine peal of six (tenor 19½ cwt.), and the tenor bell at Wyke Regis had been rehung. The report concluded with thanks to the different incumbents for the use of their bells. The financial statement showed a balance on the right side of £3 4s. 8d.

All the officers were thanked for their past services and re-elected. At the conclusion of the business, the members paid another visit to the tower. Messrs. Townsend and Baverstock (Poole) gave some fine touches and selections on the handbells, and good spade work was done, several members ringing their first 500 of Triples in fine style. Stedman and Grandsire were the order of the day, and Messrs. J. Bengier, F. W. Townsend and L. W. Wiffen acted as conductors.

DEVIZES BRANCH AT WESTBURY.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at All Saints' Church, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday week. Among those present were the Rev. J. A. Sturton (Vicar of Market Lavington), chairman; the Rev. W. H. McCann Clarke (Vicar of Westbury), and Mr. Hy. Brownlee West (Devizes), hon. branch secretary, together with ringing members from Edington, Westbury, Southbroom and Market Lavington. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and a company of 14 sat down to tea in the Parish Room.—Afterwards a short business meeting took place, at which the Vicar of Westbury was duly elected as an honorary member of the Guild; and upon the proposition of Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Rev. T. Roberts (Vicar of Holt), together with his son, Mr. Thos. Victor Roberts, were duly elected as ringing members.—Six new ringing members from Westbury, were also unanimously elected.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Westbury, for the use of the church bells, and also the parish room for the meeting, to which he made a suitable response, expressing his pleasure at having the Guild to meet at Westbury.—The ringers then moved off to the tower, where more ringing was indulged in, the handbells also being brought into use, and a very happy and successful meeting was brought to a close.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above Society took place on Saturday week at St. Thomas's, Moorside. There was a good attendance of ringers, and the bells were set going during the afternoon, and the members and a few friends afterwards partook of a splendid dinner at the Moorside Hotel, to which full justice was done. The business meeting followed, when Messrs. S. Stott, C. Platt and F. Chapman were again elected ringing master, secretary and treasurer respectively. In the evening there was further ringing, touches in the following methods being brought round: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Major.

DEATH OF MR. H. L. WADDINGTON.**ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday of last week there was laid to rest in the Cemetery of St. Albans, the mortal remains of the late Mr. Henry Lee Waddington, one of the founders of the Hertford County Association, and a past president of the society. Mr. Waddington contracted a chill, and succumbed to bronchitis, which supervened. Born in 1838, it was not until 1879 that Mr. Waddington took up ringing, joining at that time the St. Albans Cathedral Society, when only call changes were rung. This kind of ringing, however, did not appeal to Mr. Waddington, and he soon resigned, but subsequently, owing to a disagreement between the ringers and churchwardens, set about forming, in conjunction with Mr. N. N. Hills, a change ringing band. Mr. Waddington was the first treasurer of the Herts Association, which was formed in 1884, and he also acted as hon. secretary of the Cathedral Society until 1907. In 1911 he was elected President of the Herts Association, and held office for a year. Altogether Mr. Waddington had rung about 25 peals, principally on the treble and tenor.

An owner of extensive property, he took his share in the public life of St. Albans, and had served as chairman of the Board of Guardians.

The funeral, the first portion of which took place at the Cathedral, was conducted by the Dean of St. Albans, the Rev. T. G. Dixon, of Holton Hall, Lincoln, formerly curate of St. Albans, and the Rev. G. C. Rolfe. Among those who attended the last sad rights were representatives of public bodies, and Canon Papillon (president), Mr. E. P. Debenham (treasurer), and Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary), representing the Herts Association; Messrs. E. E. Whitbread and R. Hammond, representing the Cathedral Society.

Conspicuous among the floral emblems was a large bell made entirely of white stocks, with clapper and cannons composed of forget-me-nots. This was the tribute from the Herts Association, and was sent as "a token of brotherly esteem." The St. Albans Society also sent a wreath in remembrance of their former colleague, and attached to it were the words: "This is all. Stand!" the familiar direction given at the close of a peal.

Preaching at the Cathedral, the Dean of St. Albans paid an eloquent tribute to the life of the deceased gentleman, whose demise is deeply regretted by a very large circle.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**A WELCOME AT PONTYPRIDD.**

The quarterly meeting of this association at Pontypridd proved to be a most successful one. The weather was delightful, and on arrival at the church tower, which contains a new ring of eight bells by Taylor, the members were heartily welcomed by the locals, and the bells kept going until the business meeting was held in the Parish Rooms.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. Watkins Edwards, who had early in the week been inducted to the parish, was given a hearty welcome on entering the room. He at once took the chair and made some very kind and encouraging remarks, wishing the Association every prosperity in the good work it was doing, and welcoming the Association to Pontypridd for the first time.—Arising out of the minutes, the Hon. Secretary mentioned that the incumbents who had been given grants from the Association towards the restoration of their bells had written thanking the Association for their assistance.—Several new members were elected, including the ringers of two new towers which are now in union with the Association, namely, Pontypridd and St. Mellons, the latter asking for assistance in instruction.

The place for the next Glamorgan meeting was discussed, and it was unanimously carried that it be held at Llantrissant, the next Monmouthshire meeting having already been fixed for Caldicot.—The question of the Ladies' Guild being represented on the Central Council was mentioned, and the meeting was unanimous that, when their number permitted according to rule, they should be allowed to have their own representative.

The Vicar then invited everyone present to the adjoining room, where it was found the ladies were waiting with an excellent meat tea. At the conclusion, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and the ladies for their kindness, and the opportunity is now taken of thanking Mr. Churchwarden Forrest for the untiring efforts which he made in arranging and welcoming the Association in the manner he did.

The tower was afterwards visited, and touches in the standard methods rung, which brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is my duty to ask you to withdraw the 5011 Stedman Caters, rung at Loughborough on August 5th, and on handbells at New Cross on October 22nd, also the 5013 at West Ham on December 20th, as it has been pointed out to me the compositions are false. At the same time, may I ask those who were unfortunate enough to take part in them, to accept my sincere apologies for the annoyance it will cause them.—Yours truly,

F. BENNETT.

INAUGURATING YORKSHIRE'S NEW DIVISIONAL SCHEME.**FIRST MEETING OF EASTERN DISTRICT.**

Favoured with a lovely spring day, upwards of 40 members of the newly-formed eastern district and friends attended the inaugural meeting at Goole on Saturday week. The eight bells of the Parish Church are in good ringing condition, and were kept going almost continuously until 8.30 p.m., some good touches in the Standard methods and Double Norwich being brought round.

After a capital ringers' tea had been enjoyed in the National Schools, the business meeting was held. The chair was taken by the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall), supported by the Vicar and churchwardens of Goole, etc.

The position of vice-president was filled by the election of Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull, and that gentleman, in returning thanks, pledged himself to do all in his power to further the advancement of the eastern district.—Mr. Thos. Smith, of Goole, was elected as district hon. secretary, being undoubtedly well fitted for the post. Mr. H. Ludkin, also of Goole, was voted to the position of ringing master, and here again the right man is undoubtedly in the right place. The following members' names were submitted for the district committee and elected en bloc: Messrs. Walters and Pickard (Pontefract), Cutsforth (Hull), Fearnley (Yorks), Cryer (Selby), Gibson (Beverley Minster), R. B. Smith (Howden), England (Hatfield), and the Rev. W. P. Wright (Hemingbrough). Of these, Messrs. Fearnley and Cutsforth were elected to serve on the Central Committee, with the three principal officers.—It was arranged that the next district meeting should be held at Hatfield on August Bank Holiday. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Goole for the use of the bells and schools, and in his reply, the Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome the members to Goole. He was very glad to see so many of those present wearing the badge of the Church of England Men's Society. As regards his own ringers, he had nothing but praise for them as a fine body of men, both in their zeal as campanologists and church workers.—In seconding a vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies who presided at the tea tables, the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver spoke of the excellent state of the ringing chamber, which, he thought, was second to none.—Mr. Ludkin replied on behalf of the local ringers, and Churchwarden White for the ladies.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

Will members of the eastern district please note that new and renewal subscriptions, applications for reports, etc., should be sent to the district secretary, Mr. Thos. Smith, 132, Weatherill Street, Goole.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the South-Western district of the Essex Association was held at Christ Church, Wanstead, 45 members being present. The bells were rung during the afternoon in various Minor methods. A short service was held, the address being delivered by the Rev. Canon Papillon (the late Master of the Association).

Tea, which had very kindly been provided by Mrs. Bodger and Mr. Harold Bodger (a former member of the Wanstead band), was served in the Institute.—A business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. Canon Corbett (Rector of Wanstead), supported by the Bishop of Barking, Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (general secretary), and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association). The election of Mr. W. D. Smith and Mr. G. H. Piggling prior to a peal rung at Epping was confirmed, and the band of St. Mary's, Chigwell, was elected.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Epping or North Weald.—Votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs. and Mr. Bodger for providing the tea, to the Association Master and secretary for their presence, and to Canon Corbett for the use of the bells and Institute.—After the meeting the bells were again rung, and some of the members went to St. John's, Leytonstone, where the bells were opened for the occasion, while others went to St. Mary's, Walthamstow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Hayes, where various touches were brought round on the light ring of six. About thirty ringers attended divine service, and listened to an excellent address by the Rev. L. W. Coleman (curate), and an honorary member of the Association. An adjournment was then made to the tea gardens, on the border of the common, where tea, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, was waiting. The business meeting followed, the Rev. L. W. Coleman presiding, and apologising for the Rector's absence, owing to a cold.—The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. C. G. Ball (St. Mary Cray) explaining why the meeting could not be held there.—Two new members were elected, and Erith was selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, July 18th.

The Secretary brought forward the inter-affiliation scheme, but it was decided that this was a matter for the general meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. L. W. Coleman for arranging the service, and giving the address, and for presiding; to the organist for his services, and to the Rector and churchwardens for so kindly providing tea.—The Rev. Coleman replied, and said he would convey the thanks of the meeting to those mentioned. The tower was afterwards again visited.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on May 19th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral, on the 19th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 26th; 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.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, May 16th. The bells of Walmer (8), Upper Deal (6) and Mongeham (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5 p.m. in Walmer Parish Church. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m. at the Hare and Hounds, Upper Walmer. Business meeting after tea. All subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting and social to follow. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The May general meeting and the first meeting of the Southern District, will be held jointly at Rotherham and Eastwood, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available for ringing—Parish Church (10) from 2 to 5; St. Stephen's (8) from 2 to 9, except during the tea and meeting. Subscriptions, etc., will be attended to, tea tickets issued and the order of ringing arranged in St. Stephen's vestry. Business meeting after tea for the election of district officers, vice-president, ringing master, secretary and committee. As regards the general meeting, will members please accept this notice instead of a circular.—Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells of St. Mary Magdalen's Church available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the class room 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson) at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells available from 4.30. Service at 6. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 6.30. By invitation of the Vicar a mid-week meeting will be held at Acton, on Wednesday evening, May 27th. Tea provided at 5 o'clock; service at 6; ringing to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914, at Shawbury and Moreton Corbet. Ring-

ing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Vestry of Shawbury Church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914. East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6 bells) towers will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 to 9 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed. Tea at Howard's Restaurant, Grove Street, at 5 p.m. Free to members, 1s. to non-residents, and 1s. 3d. to others.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available at 4.30; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Ottershaw on Saturday, May 23rd, meet at 4 p.m. Combined practices:—Oatlands Park, May 30th, Hersham, June 13th, both at 6.30 p.m.; Weybridge, June 27th, 7 p.m. Supporters are asked to make a note of above information.—George B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place on Saturday, May 23rd, to Sharesill (6). Bells available from 3.30. Tea can be arranged. Those intending to be present should write at once to Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Linslade on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield, on Saturday, May 23rd.—George H. Howse, Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available at 4 o'clock, service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Rev. Prebendary Nicholas (Vicar). A free tea will be provided by the Vicar for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 26th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Grendon, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shotton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whitsun-Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry, 11 a.m. Service at All Saints, 12 noon (preacher, Rev. T. K. Sopwith, Vicar of Aylesford). Dinner (in Boys' Schoolroom) 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. At this meeting four representatives to serve on the Central Council will be elected; nominations of candidates, signed by two members, must be forwarded to the honorary secretary before Saturday, May 23rd. It is particularly requested that members will apply for dinner tickets by May 27th at the latest.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

NOTICES—continued.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton, on Whit Monday. Service in Parish Church at 12.15, dinner in Parochial Schools at 1 p.m. (members' tickets 1s. if applied for by May 20th). Business meeting after dinner. Ringing in neighbouring towers throughout the day.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Holbeton, Plymouth.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton, on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service at All Saints' at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel at 1 o'clock, 1s. each. Meeting after. The bells of All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Sepulchre's, and St. Edmund's will be available from 10 a.m.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

THE LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above Guild will be held at Portishead, near Bristol, on Whit-Monday, June 1st. Bells available at 11 a.m. Business meeting at 2.30 p.m. in the Belfry. Members will be entertained to tea by the Portishead ringers at the "White Cot" Dairy at 4 p.m., charge for non-members 1/- each. Service in Church at 5.30 p.m.; gentlemen cordially invited. Will all who intend being present kindly notify me before May 25th.—Edith K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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