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## GILLETT & JOHNSTON

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At St. Michael's Parish Church,  
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The Record Long Peal of  
Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes)  
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In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were  
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The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record  
Peal wrote:—

"Your work to this Bell is a **SPLENDID  
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James George,  
April 18th, 1911.

### PEALS OF MINOR.

Anything that tends to increase the standard of change ringing should be welcomed by true lovers of the Art, and one step in this direction was ably advocated at the Central Council meeting by the Rev. H. Law James, as a result of which the Council made a recommendation to six bell ringers that in future peals of Minor in more than seven methods should consist of at least seven true and complete 720's. It has already been rung, and a fortnight ago we were able to give the figures of the peal so that the performance has been placed within reach of all Minor ringers. The recommendation carries with it, of course, no compulsion, and at present, at any rate, fourteen methods rung in separate 360's will rank as a peal. The Rev. H. Law James is intent on raising the standard for six bell ringers, and, perhaps, in the future he may induce the Council, as he at first suggested, to recognise only those peals rung on the plan he advocates. This much is certain with regard to peals of Minor that, as it is impossible to obtain a peal of 5000 changes without repetition, the next best thing is to get it with as little repetition as possible. When fourteen 360's are rung there is not only the fact that some changes are produced fourteen times over, but there is also the extreme probability that many of the possible changes are never obtained at all. Although this does not affect the skill necessary successfully to ring a peal in fourteen methods, it does detract from the value of the performance on its theoretical side. Until quite recently, of course, it was not thought possible so to arrange the seven true and complete 720's that two methods could be introduced into each, and, had the resolution before the Council been carried as it stood, there would have been, as was pointed out, some hardship on those six bell ringers who are working away at 14 methods on the old principle. The Council were wise, therefore, not to force the matter unduly, for the method of obtaining these seven 720's is novel. With the publication of the figures, however, we are certain a far greater number of six bell men will take up this plan of ringing more than seven methods. It is one that should appeal to the progressive mind, and will, we warrant, add to the complexity of the task. The idea, we believe, which the Council had in taking the action they did this year of merely making the recommendation, is to follow it up next year by passing a resolution basing the definition of a peal of 5000 in more than seven methods upon this plan. If, however, the Council feel that the change would even then be too sudden, they might help matters forward by giving peals rung on this method more points—and it would unquestionably deserve them—than peals rung in the old way.

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## **TESTIMONIAL.**

John O. Sager, Todmorden.  
Solicitor, December 10, 1910.  
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,  
Bell and Brassfounders,  
Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully  
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, July 3, 1911, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*CHARLES STRAWBRIDGE ... Treble	JAMES JONES ... .. 5
SAMUEL MASON ... .. 2	SIDNEY MASON ... .. 6
JAMES REED ... .. 3	GEORGE ATKINS ... .. 7
REV. E. V. COX ... .. 4	JOHN R. PASSMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox.

\* First peal.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, July 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*CHARLES STRAWBRIDGE ... Treble	THOMAS A. ELLIOTT ... 5
CHARLES W. THRUSH ... .. 2	REV. E. V. COX ... .. 6
ROBERT HOLE ... .. 3	JAMES J. HOLE ... .. 7
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT ... 4	JAMES JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, July 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs., in F.

*WILLIAM OSTLER ... .. Treble	JOHN C. SELF ... .. 5
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON 2	WILLIAM FLORY ... .. 6
*E. HOBART SMITH ... .. 3	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 7
STANLEY BONNEY ... .. 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal in the method. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band since 1899 and was rung as a birthday compliment to the rector, the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington.

LICHFIELD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Thursday, July 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

SAMUEL REEVES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 2	THOMAS BLOORE ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. COPE ... .. 3	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 7
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 4	JAMES H. GALLIMORE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, July 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN T. BOTTRILL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 5
JOHN OLDHAM ... .. 2	ERNEST ABBOTT ... .. 6
ALBERT B. MASON ... .. 3	EDWARD READER ... .. 7
DANIEL RICHARDS ... .. 4	WILLIAM THORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

First peal of Stedman Triples by the ringers of the first five bells.

NETHERSEALE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

W. J. SMITH ... .. Treble	*J. HOUGH ... .. 5
*H. HURDMAN ... .. 2	F. SHEPHERD ... .. 6
†W. HAIR ... .. 3	L. BULLOCK ... .. 7
W. W. WORTHINGTON ... 4	*D. COTTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. BULLOCK.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*REGINALD BROUGH ... Treble	RICHARD MORGAN ... 5
FREDERICK FRENCH ... .. 2	EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. 6
GEORGE POVEY ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	WILLIAM FLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

\* First peal in the method.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

*On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19¾ cwt., in E.

HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. Treble	HENRY F. COOPER ... 5
GEORGE F. MARGETSON ... 2	HENRY HEAD ... .. 6
ARTHUR EDWARDS ... .. 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 7
LEWIS GREEN ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN ... Treble	FRED C. MAYNARD ... 5
JOHN A. DART ... .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... .. 4	ALBERT W. COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

This was Reuben Sanders' 100th peal.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

EDWARD HARPER ... .. Treble	JAMES HENRY RIDING ... 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING, Junr. 2	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT ... 6
WILLIAM RIGBY ... .. 3	IRWIN MASSEY ... .. 7
DONALD BOOTH ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr. Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, and  
Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.

## LYMINGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 5
PERCY J. PAINE ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 6
EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... 3	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4	HENRY CASTLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

The band beg to thank Mr. W. E. Pitman for his kind hospitality before the peal, and the Rev. A. F. Ruty for the use of the bells.

## HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*CHARLES ROCHESTER ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
†HARRY J. RANZETTA ... 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	ERNEST PYE ... .. 7
†GEORGE H. JAYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method; also the first peal in the method on the bells.

## LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

J. B. FENTON ... .. Treble	C. H. FOWLER ... .. 5
W. MALINS ... .. 2	A. J. HESSIAN ... .. 6
H. O. WHITE ... .. 3	J. W. CHANDLER ... 7
J. A. FENTON, Junr. ... 4	J. GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. B. FENTON.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Mr. C. H. Fowler, who hails from Leicester, was elected a member before starting the peal.

## EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Treble	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 5
THOS. H. COLBURN ... .. 2	ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6
WALTER S. WISE ... .. 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM HEWETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

First peal on the bells, which are a credit to the founders.

## WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN M. BRINKWORTH ... Treble	LOUIS A. WILSON ... .. 5
ALFRED LAWRENCE ... .. 2	HENRY W. L. WELLS ... 6
ROBERT W. HYNTER ... .. 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 7
*OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. 4	RICHMOND ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNTER.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrence, the band wishing them many happy returns of the day.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS ... .. Treble	JOHN LUCKEY ... .. 5
GEORGE JORDAN ... .. 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 6
THOMAS JORDAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... 7
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM WATTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Police Constable Wiffen hails from Rickling, and Mr. H. F. Dawkins from Romford.

## CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

J. CARTER'S No. 30.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES ... .. Treble	JAMES REYNOLDS ... .. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2	HARRY PRICE ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 3	CHARLES L. SADLER ... 7
JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 4	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

**SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.**

## COOKLEY, KIDDERMINSTER.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB AND GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN WOODBERRY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 4
GEORGE DAVIS ... .. 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 5
ERNEST J. BROOKES ... .. 3	JOHN SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. WOODBERRY.

Rung to commemorate the Coronation of King George V. This peal was postponed owing to the lamented death of Mr. Benjamin Pope Griffen, late churchwarden. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. Rowley-Moir) for so kindly entertaining them to supper after the peal.

## SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, July 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 of Double and Single Court, 720 of Double and Single Bob, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON ... Treble	C. WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 4
REV. H. LAW JAMES ... .. 2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Hollingworth (a member of the above band) and Miss Victoria Richardson, sister of the ringers of the treble, 5th, and tenor.

## WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)*On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**Being 720 of Double Court and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble  
Bob and Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED CLARK ... .. Treble	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 4
ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. 2	*CHARLES W. SMITH ... 5
EDWIN YATES ... .. 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

\* First peal in four methods with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday  
compliment to A. Clark, his brother ringers wishing him many happy  
returns.

## HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)*On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ERIC L. BENNETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. SHARP ... .. 4
FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 2	*CHARLES WEBB ... .. 5
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which have recently been  
rehung by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. The "go"  
is excellent.**HANDBELL PEALS.**

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, July 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANCES;**

JAMES HUNT ... .. 1-2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 7-8
FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 9-10	

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
Umpire, T. W. RADFORD.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY,

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, July 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;**

MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 1-2	JAMES HUNT ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 7-8
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 9-10	

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to S. Radford.

## RUGBY.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.)

*On Thursday, July 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

*J. B. FENTON ... .. 1-2	A. J. HESSIAN ... .. 5-6
H. O. WHITE ... .. 3-4	W. MALINS ... .. 7-8

Conducted by W. MALINS.  
Umpire, J. A. FENTON, Junr.

\* First peal upon handbells.

## BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.*On Monday, July 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

*F. DEWELL ... .. 1-2	A. E. MOORE ... .. 5-6
*H. A. TURNER ... .. 3-4	*J. SPARROW ... .. 7-8

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpires, Messrs. F. LEVITT and C. WOODCOCK.

\* First peal in the method double-handed.

In the report of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Lawton on  
Saturday, June 17th, 1911, the name of the tenor ringer should have  
been Thomas Rigby and not John as stated.**COMPOSITION.**

## 5003 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS.

BY ARTHUR KNIGHTS (Chesterfield).

23456789	
23456978	5 7
42356	6
46253	4 6
24653	6
62453	6
63254	4 6
64352	4 6
32456	4s 6
43256	6
46352	4 6
34652	6
63452	6
62354	4 6
64253	4 6
23564	I 4s 6
24365	4 6
32465	6
35264	4 6
34562	4 6
53462	6
52364	4 6
54263	4 6
25463	6
42563	6
43265	4 6
45362	4 6

Repeat the last 12 courses omitting the bob at 1 produces:

45263978	
34265879	1s 4s 5 7s

Round at 5 leads. Has the 6th 24 courses behind the 9th  
and is the first peal composed on the plan. 7th's place bob.Rung at Chesterfield on the 10th June, 1911. Conducted  
by Sam Thomas.



## THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

Despite some imperfections, that interesting book, the "Collection of Legitimate Methods," is one of the publications that should be in the hands of all six-bell ringers. It is not, of course, quite a book of instruction for beginners, but to those who have mastered Minor ringing it provides a wide and varied field of practice. One can quite appreciate the fact ringers may be glad of explanation in regard to some of the points in the book.

"Ringer," referring to the preface of the collection, enquires the meaning of "cross section," and of the classification of methods expressed on page viii, in the following terms:

1. Treble Bob methods proper, having no places made at a cross section.
2. Pasallatessera methods, having places made at all cross sections but four.
3. Pasallatria methods, having places made at all cross sections but three.
4. Exercise methods, having places made at all cross sections but two.
5. Delight methods, having places made at all but one cross section.
6. Surprise methods, having places made at all cross sections.

A cross section is the passing of the treble from 1—2 into 3—4, 3—4 into 5—6, 5—6 into 7—8, 7—8 into 9—10, and 9—10 into 11—12.

Class 1 exists on 6, 8, 10, and 12 bells.

Class 2 „ on 12 bells only.

Class 3 „ on 10 bells and 12 bells only.

Class 4 „ on 8, 10, and 12 bells only.

Classes 5 and 6 exists on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

Then, "Ringer" wants to know how many cross sections there are in a lead of Oxford.

There are only two cross sections in a lead of Oxford or any other Treble Bob Minor. In Major there are three; in Royal, four; in Maximus, five. The second half of the lead does not count, as it is only the reverse of the first half, and every cross section place on the way up must be repeated in the same place on the way down.

The Minor methods are all Treble Bob, *i.e.*, no cross section places; Delights, all cross section places but one (*i.e.*, only one); and Surprise all cross sections, and they are so classified in the collection. The Delights are further sub-divided into 3rd's place Delights (the 3rd's place being made at the second cross section—from 3—4 into 5—6), and 4th's place Delights (4th's place being made at the first cross section—1—2 into 3—4).

Exercise methods (which have places at all cross sections but two) appear on 8 bells, and as "Ringer" asks for an example, which no doubt will interest many others besides himself, here is an example of such a method:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7  
1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7  
2 1 6 4 8 3 7 5  
————— cross section, 4th place.

2 6 1 4 3 8 5 7  
6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5  
6 2 1 4 8 7 3 5  
2 6 4 1 7 8 5 3  
————— cross section, no place.

2 4 6 7 1 5 8 3

4 2 7 6 5 1 3 8  
4 7 2 6 1 5 8 3  
7 4 6 2 5 1 3 8

————— cross section, no place.

7 6 4 5 2 3 1 8  
6 7 5 4 3 2 8 1  
7 6 4 5 3 2 1 8  
6 7 5 4 2 3 8 1

————— half lead.

7 6 4 5 3 2 8 1

CONDUCTOR.

## SHOREDITCH CHURCH.

The fine old peal of 12 bells at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, were once again, after many years, kept going on Coronation Day. A volunteer society of ringers has just been formed, and although it is impossible to ring, owing to the bad condition of the frame (a defect, which on account of finance, cannot be set right) the society settled down to about two hours of chiming, and a touch of about 2000 changes was chimed. Again on Sunday, the 25th June, on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and aldermen of the borough, the bells were merrily chimed.

It certainly seems a great pity that sufficient money cannot be obtained to put into proper order such a valuable piece of church property as a peal of 12 bells. Shoreditch, we believe, was among the first of the London churches to have a ring of twelve bells.

## NEW PEAL AT ALDERSHOT.

The opening of the peal of six bells at Aldershot, which were dedicated on May 31st, took place on June 27th. The peal hangs in the old parish church, which has been enlarged and restored, and the tower of which originally contained three bells. The old treble has been recast, and a second, fifth and tenor (8 cwt.) added. The opening was entrusted to the Farnham ringers, who were met by the local men, and Mr. Tebbitt (churchwarden). Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and afterwards a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob was brought round in 23 minutes, by C. Edwards (conductor) 1, G. Upshall 2, H. Chaffy 3, J. F. Laker 4, T. Uphall 5, W. Horne 6. Afterwards 360 Bob Minor was rung, conducted by W. Horne. Everyone was pleased with the tone and "go" of the bells.

## CORONATION BELLS AT MACHYNLLETH.

Two new bells, the gift of Mr. J. M., Miss E. A., Miss F. and Mr. D. L. Howell, of Plas Penhelig, have been added to the peal at Machynlleth to complete the octave, in commemoration of the Coronation. The trebles were dedicated on the eve of Coronation Day, and bear the following inscriptions: (1) "George V. Coronation bell. God save the King." (2) "To tell the crowning of Queen Mary, 1911. Given by J. M., E. A., F. and D. L. Howell." Many touches were rung on them on Coronation Day, and in the evening the ringers were kindly entertained to supper at the Ship Hotel by Mrs. Bonsall, of Morben, the Rector (the Rev. C. P. Price) presiding. Among the toasts honoured were: "The Donors of the bells" and "The Machynlleth Church Bell Ringers." In proposing the latter, Mr. D. E. R. Griffith complimented the members upon the exceptional regularity with which the bells have been rung during the past ten years or more, and remarked that they deserved the highest praise. Every encouragement should be given to the ringers to give an effective display of their campanological skill.—A most enjoyable programme was carried out during the evening, and Mr. W. E. Evans, who was entrusted with the arrangements is to be congratulated upon the success of the proceedings.

## DEVON GUILD AND SIX BELL "PERFORMANCES."

To the Editor.

Sir,—The secretary of the Devonshire Guild, in moving the adoption of the report at Plymouth on Whit-Monday, bemoans there had not been satisfactory progress in the Guild. This is not to be wondered at, when a six-bell band are not classed as peal ringers, after ringing seven complete 720's, and to bring in a motion to simply class them as "Performances" and not equal to a peal of Triples or Major, is one way to cause dissatisfaction and the withdrawal of membership. As a six-bell ringer, I emphatically protest against such a definition, and if I were a member of the Devon Guild I should do my utmost to have it rescinded. Let some of the Major ringers try to ring seven methods on six bells, and see which is the easiest to perform.—Yours truly,

A NORTH COUNTRYMAN.

## A DEVONSHIRE OUTING.

The Heavitree Society of Change Ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, leaving Exeter by the first train for Crediton, where a brake was in waiting. No time, writes a correspondent, was lost in getting on the road to Winkleigh, this stage being done well under schedule time. Here the genial Vicar (Rev. H. Bremridge) met the party, and led the way to his spacious well-kept lawn, where, 'neath the delightful shade of a fine spreading cedar, was laid a substantial luncheon—all the more welcome because unexpected. The inner man having been well satisfied, a move was made to the tower, not without slight misgivings, for had not the Vicar warned us "there are critics about." Our rise was not faultless, but it passed muster, and then two touches of Grandsire with decent striking positively weaned over the critics, and they deigned to speak to us. Further soft persuasions induced a few of them, including the Vicar and the village blacksmith, actually to stand in with us, and ring a short 'peal' of call changes. Truly a model Vicar, from a ringers' point of view, and loved by everybody. Would there were more like him. After some more of his cider, and three shots from the local artist's camera, at which Peter, the Vicar's terrier, never even blinked, we tore ourselves away from our newly found friends, and started for Sampford Courtenay. But this was a land of promise we were destined never to reach. We could see the tower down in the valley, first before and then behind us; yet the way down to it was a mystery. After an hour's wandering round hilly country lanes, during which we expended more horse-breath, and good temper than the game was worth, we gave it up, and regained the main road, where, as a local rustic put it, the friendly "telegram" wires led us to North Tawton. Here, at the Gostwyck Hotel, we found our dinner waiting, so we fell to at once, and soon forgot our former disappointment. Augmented by reserves from home we rang some Stedman and Bob Major, for the bells "go" beautifully, although for tone we said, "Give us Winkleigh." Then a stroll round the town brought starting time, and, with horses rested, we rattled homewards through Bow, once noted for its champion "wrastlers," and Coplestone, with its prominent Celtic cross. Near Barnstaple Cross a halt was called for refreshments, which were distributed in picnic fashion in a field by the road side, some diversion being caused by the appearance of a ferocious looking bull, which, however, proved harmless. An attempt to arrange for some ringing at Crediton, to make up for loss of Sampford Courtenay, was voted "off," so we wound up with a band concert and skittle match. We have had enjoyable outings before, but Winkleigh will always be remembered as one of the best.

## PEAL TABLET UNVEILED AT LUDLOW.

On Saturday last, a marbelette peal tablet, subscribed for by the Venerable Archdeacon Oldham, the Rev. J. M. Lester (Rector of Bridgnorth), the Rev. A. E. Lloyd Kenyon (Rector of Ludlow), Mr. Robert Marston, of Ludlow, and the ringers of Coalbrookdale and Ludlow, was unveiled at St. Lawrence's Church, Ludlow. There were present at the ceremony the Rector of Ludlow, Messrs. E. R. Marston and E. H. Rickards (churchwardens), Messrs. C. H. Deighton and A. Lee George (churchwardens of St. Leonard's Church, Bridgnorth), Messrs. John Overton and W. Overton, representing the ringers of St. Leonard's, Messrs. W. Saunders and F. Downing, representing the ringers of Coalbrookdale, and all the local band. A short service was held in the belfry, conducted by the Rector.—After the service, the Rector mentioned that letters regretting their inability to be present had been received from the Ven. Archdeacon Oldham, the Rector of Bridgnorth, Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Wolverhampton, and Mr. John Clark, of Ross.—The Rector then called upon Mr. John Overton to unveil the tablet, which read as follows: "Here-

ford Diocesan Guild.—On Wednesday, November 24th, 1909, in three hours and nine minutes, at the Church of St. Lawrence, Ludlow, a peal of Stedman Triples (5040 changes), tenor, 22 cwt. 3 qrs. (Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part): John Overton treble, A. T. Baker 2, J. Elcock 3, E. Foxall 4, B. Head 5, W. Overton 6, H. M. Overton 7, R. Jones tenor. Conducted by Wilfred Overton. This peal was rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess of Wales to this church. It was the first peal in the method on the bells by the Guild, and was rung by the ringers of St. Leonard's Church, Bridgnorth."

Mr. E. R. Marston thanked all those who had kindly assisted in providing this handsome tablet for the Ludlow belfry, and said that it would be much valued, especially as it had been given chiefly by ringers in the diocese. He hoped that those who represented the tower of Coalbrookdale would convey to their brother ringers very many thanks for the assistance they had given in this matter.

Two touches of Grandsire Triples were then rung, the bands being composed partly of visiting ringers and partly of local men. All those present were then invited to the residence of Mr. E. R. Marston, who most kindly provided an excellent tea, which was very much appreciated by all.—Several touches of Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells, and those of the visitors who did not take part in these had the pleasure of playing bowls. In the evening the tower bells were rung again, and 168 Stedman Triples was brought round by the following: G. D. Acton 1, F. Downing 2, F. S. Wilson 3, J. Overton 4, A. Chester 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, W. Sanders 7, A. Upson 8, this being the first touch of Stedman Triples by G. D. Acton and A. Chester. Several touches of Grandsire were also rung, and brought to a close one of the most enjoyable events in connection with the Ludlow Guild of Ringers.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting for 1911 was held at Blyth on Saturday last, the weather being ideal. The meeting, however, was very poorly attended, the date being a very unsuitable one for the majority of members, haymaking, village feasts, cricket matches, and other business, preventing the attendance of a great number of ringers. However, the Anston ringers, who can now master upwards of 60 six-bell methods, came by conveyance in full strength, accompanied by their churchwardens (Messrs. Turner and Airey)—a kind of brotherhood we all desire to see existing between ringers and church officials. After an early visit to the sacred edifice and interesting questions answered connected with the antiquities of this dear old church, the ringers ascended the belfry and attempted to ring a 720 of Coronation Surprise, a new method which has received the official sanction of King George V, and composed by Mr. C. F. Fowler, of Anston. This 720, however, was doomed to failure, and as a previous attempt had been made on June 22nd, it was decided to try again to ring the first 720 on the composer's birthday, the following day (July 9th). A 720 of Arnold's Victory was rung by the following: W. Platts, H. Turner, H. Stenton (conductor), R. Smith, S. Smith and C. F. Fowler.

A splendid tea was provided at the Commercial House by Host and Hostess Hind, the Vicar of Blyth (the Rev. Scott Moncrieff) being in the chair, supported by the hon. sec. (the Rev. B. Darby, Rector of Harthill).—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Anston on Feast Saturday, October 7th, when a record attendance is desired.

A social evening was spent by ringers and friends at the Red Hart Inn, when songs were sung by Messrs. Stenton, Turner, Haigh, and others, and the proceedings were brought to a close with "Auld Lang Syne."

## NEWPORT PAGNELL BELLS.

The bells of Newport Pagnell, which have been recast and rehung, were dedicated on June 28th by the Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Gunnery). The work, which has been carried out to commemorate the Coronation of the King and Queen, was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have tuned the new bells on the Simpson principle, and rehung them in a steel and iron frame. At the dedication service, the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), who, in the course of his address, said in that parish they had just completed a work upon which they could be truly congratulated. The work of recasting and rehanging the bells had not taken long to carry through, but it was a work which must bring joy to all who had taken their share in its accomplishment, and had helped to bring it to a successful issue, because no pains had been spared to make it excellent. He asked them to take an interest in their bells, and to guard them with zealous care. Though they were out of sight, they must not be out of mind. The bells required care and attention, and they must see to it that this responsible work was in the hands of a conscientious person, who would carry it out thoroughly. The reverend gentleman pleaded for the encouragement of the ringers, and asked the ringers to be considerate of others.—Prior to the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by W. Smith 1, H. Sear (Bletchley) conductor 2, T. Best (Bletchley) 3, C. Johnston (Croydon) 4, Rev. C. O. Jenkyn 5, F. Tompkins 6, W. Webb 7, W. Ellis 8. After the service, touches of Kent Treble Bob and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

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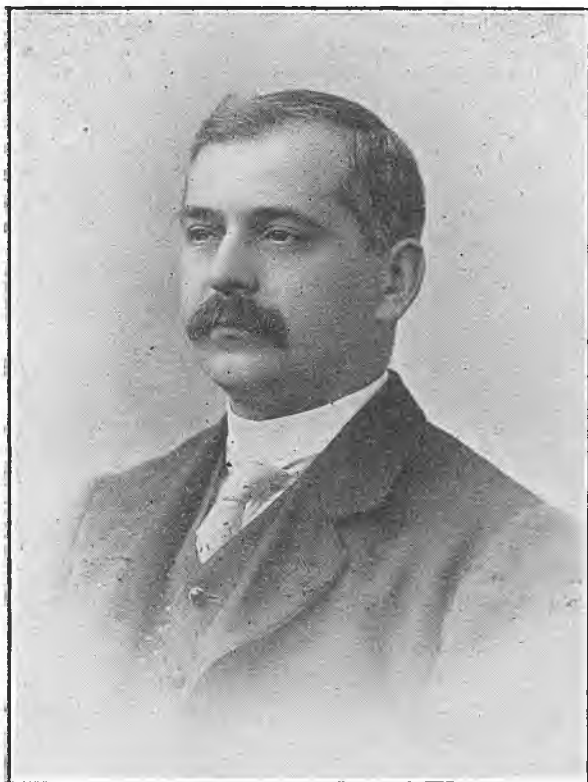
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## OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

### The Master of the Essex Association.

In its Master, Mr. Charles Harry Howard, of Braintree, the Essex Association has an enthusiastic worker, whose interest in church matters is by no means confined to the belfry, for he has occupied every voluntary church office open to a layman. He is one of the world's busy men who do not shirk their public responsibilities, and who find time to carry out duties in the interests of their fellow men. Mr. Howard, who was born at Great Baddow in 1868, has had nearly a life-long interest in bell ringing, and, despite other claims upon his time, has set an almost unique



MR. CHARLES HARRY HOWARD.

example of regularity in the belfry for service ringing and practice, although his record of peals is not a large one.

His connection with church work began at the age of only nine years, when he joined the choir in his village church, where, subsequently, he learnt to pull a bell. At that time there was no change ringing at Great Baddow, but when, in 1885, Mr. Howard went to Braintree, he soon found his way to the Parish Church, and took up the fascinating study with the company then under the leadership of Mr. Samuel Hammond. In 1899, when the 700th anniversary of St. Michael's Church was celebrated, the event was marked by adding two trebles to the existing peal of six. Mr. Howard took in hand the work of raising the necessary funds, and carried his task to successful fruition. During his 25 years' connection with Braintree Church Mr. Howard has done a good deal to extend the art of ringing in Essex, and he is a welcome figure in every

tower. He was elected to the mastership of the association in 1909, on the retirement of Canon Papillon, and has since attended nearly the whole of the meetings, while he has missed but one annual meeting since 1885. Although in his own parish he has for some years past filled the onerous office of churchwarden, he makes it a practice of taking his place in the belfry to ring for matins and evening-song every Sunday, and for 25 years without a break he has rung for early service at Easter and Whitsun, at the dedication festival on St. Michael's and All Angels' Day, and on Christmas Day, and during this quarter of a century, also, he has not missed ringing the old year out. Mr. Howard is an excellent ringer and conductor in Standard methods, while, before they had the complete octave of bells, his company were able to ring nearly 50 Minor methods. His nineteen peals, all rung under the Essex Association, include Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. He is also a Surprise ringer, and has rung 720's in nearly all the Surprise Minor methods. Mr. Howard is one of the Essex representatives on the Central Council.

In other sides of church and public life Mr. Howard has been and still is exceedingly active. He sang in Braintree choir for 17 years, and was a sidesman and member of the Church Council until he was made warden some six years ago. His present office entails a good deal of work, for the living is very poorly endowed, and necessitates the raising of at least £450 a year to carry on the services and maintain a curate. Last Christmas Mr. Howard was presented with a handsome silver tea service by the parishioners in appreciation of the valuable work he has done over a long period of years. Among the public offices which he holds are the following: Member of the Braintree Urban Council, director of the Braintree Corn Exchange Co., director of the Braintree and Bocking Building Society, and director of the Braintree Penny Bank.

### THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

The attempt for the record length on handbells at Guildford on Saturday was not successful. The hottest day of the year, as it turned out to be, is hardly the ideal occasion for such a task as this, and, if mortals could have ordained otherwise, the temperature would have been made far different. Handbell ringers are only human, and subject to the drowsiness that will overtake both the mind and body in oppressive heat no matter how alert one may desire to be. Thus it was with some of the band who attempted the long peal. They know the practical part of Stedman Cater ringing "inside out," as it were; they were keenly intent upon establishing the record, and yet with all they were unable to make headway with the peal. Despite whatever else may be said, there can be no question that the day was one which was all against ringing, and handbell ringing in particular. First of all four courses were rung, and then came an abrupt termination. Afterwards, however, there was some excellent ringing until at the end of an hour and ten minutes a slight lapse caused a shift course. That the day was an "off" one was still further manifested afterwards, when, with one of the umpires taking the place of one of the original band, an attempt was made for a 5000, and even that came to grief about half way. But, with ordinary good fortune, that 14,000 will be rung later on.

## ODD CHANGES.

### Collected from all Quarters.

We have received several peal lists, in compliance with our request for the records of those who have rung over 400 peals. Will those who have not yet sent in kindly do so in order that the complete list may be published at an early date? All we require are the total of peals rung, and conducted on tower and handbells; date of the first peal; the longest length, and, if possible, the number of towers and counties in which the peals have been rung.

A correspondent, "H. B.," wants to know the best way to play "fairy bells" without blistering his thumbs. Perhaps some of our readers who have had experience with this instrument will oblige. Our correspondent also inquires what kind of bells are used in cinematograph theatres for special pieces. We presume these would be tribular bells. As to prices we must refer him to the makers.

A rather bigger order is another inquiry. A reader asks: "I should be obliged if any ringer would kindly tell me of all the rings of bells in the county of London that cannot be or are never used, or where they ring anything else but half pull?" We fancy our correspondent will have some difficulty in getting a reliable list.

Can we call the date touch rung at Tong, made up of 1911 changes from Violet, Tulip and Primrose Treble Bob Minor, arranged by H. Oddy an oddity?

The half-muffled peal rung at Blewbury on Good Friday has been recorded upon a tablet in the belfry, and at the unveiling a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the peal band, except that A. T. Busby stood out to allow T. Aldworth to ring the tenor. The ringers were: G. Welch 1, G. F. James (conductor) 2, E. G. Aldridge 3, C. E. Gregory 4, R. G. James 5, W. J. Grace 6, C. Greenough 7, T. Aldworth 8.

Any ringers attending the Territorial camp at Shoeburyness, from July 29th to August 12th, and wishing for a peal are asked to communicate with E. P. Bendix, 176, North Road, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea. Towers in district: Prittlewell (10), Rayleigh (8), Leigh (6) and Great Wakering (5).

Mr. E. R. Martin, hon. secretary of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association, writes to point out that the peal of Grandsire rung at Croston, and recorded last week, cannot be credited to the association, as only three of the band are members to his knowledge.

### HANDBELL RINGERS AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

At the invitation of Messrs. J. Warner and Sons the handbell ringers of the All Saints Society, Fulham, visited the Crystal Palace on Wednesday week, and rang the first touches on the peal of handbells which are being exhibited on their stand. From seven o'clock to half-past ten various methods on eight, ten, and twelve bells were rung; short touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Stedman being successfully brought round. Intensely interested crowds gathered round the stand while each touch was being

rung, and gazed in wonderment at the operations of the performing ringers. That evening Messrs. Warner and Sons' stand became a centre of unusual interest, which added greatly to the splendid work already done by them at the Crystal Palace.

## RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

### TO-MORROW'S GATHERING.

This event at the Crystal Palace to-morrow promises to be the great success we anticipated. From all over the country we have received intimations from ringers who intend to take advantage of the opportunity to join in this great reunion. The full details were given last week, and all we need add is that we hope ringers will enjoy themselves to the full. The Concert Hall (adjoining centre transept) will be at their disposal for rest and handbell ringing from 2 to 8 p.m., and here also during the afternoon the tickets for tea will be issued to those in possession of badges, and the cheap coupons for admission to side shows will also be obtainable. In addition to the peals of bells which will be opened for ringing in London, we have also been informed that St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12), are available for chiming (ringing being unsafe upon them) during the morning.

Appended are the arrangements for the day:—

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#### AT CRYSTAL PALACE.

2 to 8 p.m.—Concert Hall reserved for ringers and friends.

4 to 4.30 p.m.—Informal "at home."

4.30 to 5 p.m.—Tea in the Concert Hall.

5 p.m.—Pageant of London, Part IV.

8 p.m.—Grand Military Tattoo.

Other attractions, including the Exhibition (free), throughout the day.

### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Northern branch was held at Kidderminster on Saturday week. Ringers and friends were present from Stourbridge, Brierley Hill, Clent, Oldswinford, Nether-ton, Old Hill, Wolverley, Halesowen, Birmingham, Hartlebury, Kidderminster, and Selly Oak. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar of St. Mary's (the Rev. L. B. Sladen) and partaken of on the lawn in front of the Vicarage by about 40. The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. It was arranged that the quarterly peal should be attempted at Kidderminster, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Chaddesley Corbett, on Saturday, September 30th.—Mr. T. J. Salter (Master of the Association) gave a very interesting account of the Central Council meeting, and of the attitude of the members, with reference to "The Ringing World."

Owing to evensong being held at St. Mary's at 5.30, it has been difficult to attempt peal ringing on Saturdays, and after discussion the Vicar very readily gave his consent for one or two peals to be attempted during a quarter.—Mr. A. Parsons moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in providing such an excellent tea, and this was carried unanimously.—The Rev. L. B. Sladen, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the visitors there, and hoped he would have the pleasure of entertaining them again.

After an inspection of the pleasant grounds, which were much admired, especially the rose garden, a visit was made to the tower of St. Mary's, where the bells were set going to London and Superlative Major, Stedman. Bob Major, Double Norwich and Grandsire, which brought a very successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

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"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

A very enjoyable day was spent by a large number of ringers at Winchester on Monday, when they visited the Cathedral City, upon the occasion of the annual festival of the Diocesan Guild. Members came from all parts of this widespread diocese, but the gathering was not, perhaps, quite so large as in some previous years. The fine peal of ten at the Cathedral were available during the day, but not much ringing was done before the business meeting, which took place at the Guildhall in the afternoon.—Mr. J. P. Stilwell, the President, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), and the hon. sec. (one Rev. W. E. Colchester).

The annual report stated that the work of the Guild had gone on steadily during the past year. Good ringing had been done, and interest was being taken in the ringing in the more remote country towers. Nearly twice as much instruction had been given during the year as in 1909. The sum of £9 2s. was sent by the Guild to the Robinson Memorial. There was an increase of seven in the number of peals rung, viz., 65 against 58, although the number of towers represented showed a decrease of seven, viz., 24 against 31. Grandsire and Stedman Caters, as usual, came out on top of the list, but the more advanced methods had received more attention, peals of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise having been recorded. Mr. A. H. Pulling had conducted 29 peals, and Mr. G. Williams 14, and 13 other members had also been responsible for peals.

The balance sheet showed that the balance in hand on the general fund had been increased from £41 4s. 2d. to £45 7s. 11d., while the special purposes fund, which comprises the life members' subscriptions, had increased from £22 8s. 4d. to £23 16s., in addition to which grants of £2 2s. to North Stoneham Bells, and £5 5s. to the Cathedral Restoration Fund had been made from it.

Replying to Mr. A. H. Pulling, the Hon. Secretary pointed out that according to the rules, sixpence per head only could be paid out of the Guild funds for teas at meetings. Anything in excess of that amount must be paid by the members.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.

#### OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Mr. Stilwell, who has been president for over 20 years, was re-elected to that office, and the vice-presidents were also re-elected.—The re-election of the Master was carried by acclamation, and the Rev. W. E. Colchester was re-appointed hon. secretary.—The latter stated that the Guild was making its position financially more sure, and from the ringing point of view, he thought they were also doing really good work. He would, however, like to see more done to spread change ringing. There was still a great deal to be done in the diocese in this direction, for while in some towers they found tremendous keenness, they went to others and found nothing but call changes rung. They wanted to bring these towers up to the mark, and get the members to take an interest in change ringing (applause).

Mr. A. M. Kennett was re-elected hon. solicitor; Mr. T. W. Fairey, recorder of peals; Mr. H. White, auditor; and the Master, Mr. H. White, Mr. J. W. Whiting and Mr. C. Willshire, representatives on the Central Council.—In proposing the last-named, Mr. Pulling hoped the meeting would instruct their representatives to vote at the next Central Council meeting to give "The Ringing World" official recognition.—Mr. Whittington, who seconded, also asked the representatives to vote upon this question.—The Master said he hoped the representatives would be allowed to use their own judgment. One had one's own private opinions, but very often one had to consider what was good for the Exercise generally.—Mr. H. White thought the Guild should have sufficient confidence in their representatives to know that they would do their best in the interests of the Guild.—Mr. Pulling said he would withdraw that part of his resolution, because he had confidence from what the Master said at the last meeting of the Central Council, that it would be all right at the next.—Mr. Whittington said he hoped if their representatives attended the meeting that they would vote one way or the other.—Mr. White: In justice to myself, I may say I was one of the six who did vote (hear, hear).—The motion having been carried, the Master replied, and said that he was sure the members could rely upon the representatives doing what was best for the interests of the Guild and the Exercise at large.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO RINGERS.

The next annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, June 29th, 1912, at Winchester, the service to be held at St. Maurice's Church.

It was decided to eliminate the rule requiring that four members of the Council should be honorary members.—The Master intimated that the committee had that day passed a resolution "that tea, not exceeding 1s., shall be provided for members attending the annual district meetings during the next year." The question as to whether they should allow rail fares or give the tea was discussed at length, and ultimately it was decided that the allowance should be made for tea.—This was confirmed by the meeting, as was also a recommenda-

tion that in future members in arrear with their subscriptions for one year should have their names printed in italics in the report, and that their names should be omitted if the subscription remained unpaid after that time.—The Hon. Secretary also asked that in future unattached members would send their subscriptions direct to the general secretary.

The Master said it was usual for the representatives on the Central Council to say something about what had taken place at the meeting, but it had this year been so accurately and so promptly reported by "The Ringing World" that he did not think it was necessary to go into details. He thought on the whole the meeting at Leicester was less interesting as regards ringing matters than in previous years. The Master directed attention to the value of the Council's "Collection of Legitimate Methods," which was exceedingly useful to six-bell ringers. Proceeding, he congratulated Mr. A. H. Pulling upon what he had done for the Guild, and he was sure they were all extremely proud that they had him in their Guild (hear, hear). Having mentioned the peal of Stedman Cinques and the 7777 Stedman Caters rung on handbells, the Rev. C. E. Matthews proposed that they should place upon the minutes a record that the sincere congratulations of the Guild be offered to Mr. Pulling and the rest of his band upon their recent successes in peal ringing.—The resolution was at once carried, and this terminated the business.

#### SERVICE IN THE CATHEDRAL.

The members attended service in the Cathedral, the usual evensong being adapted to the special occasion. Assembled within the choir of the grand old mother church of the diocese, the visitors took part in a most beautiful service, the musical portions of which were exquisitely rendered by the choir. The specially selected anthem, taken from Psalm ciii., was one of the features of the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who gave a forceful address of singular appropriateness, based upon the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians, "Giving no offence in anything that the ministry be not blamed." St. Paul, he said, was speaking of the clerical priesthood, but there was also the priesthood of the laymen, and he pointed out how bell ringers had their share in the ministry. They came there feeling that they were recognised as church officers, and they ought to thank the men who founded the Guilds in years past, that this object of theirs had been attained. The preacher pointed out where there were causes of stumbling, for which the ministry might be blamed: They must, he said, make their ministry an efficient ministry. The best ringing must be for the services on Sundays and festivals, and it ought to be recognised that every practice and peal was intended to improve the Sunday ringing. There was surely nothing to be said for ringing peals from time to time on the week-day unless they always had that end in view, to make themselves able to ring the better on the Sunday and for the festivals. They should be careful to have a rule in their company to ring for early celebration on the great festivals of their church. They should grasp the fact that ringing was not a mere recreation or pursuit, which was to be taken up like some game, but that it was part of the Christian ministry that helped to lift them higher and nearer God. Unless they looked upon it as such, then, by mere secularism would there be a cause of stumbling, and the ministry might be blamed. He hoped they would go back to their towers with the thought more firmly implanted in their minds that bell ringing was a ministry in the church, a high and great calling, and that they would pray before they left that building that God would indeed pardon their shortcomings in the exercise of that ministry in the year that was passed, and give them strength in the year to come.—The service concluded with the Guild's hymn, written by the Master, "The sacred bells of England."

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

Subsequently the members returned to the Guildhall for tea, at the close of which the Master proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher, to which the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn responded. He remarked upon the fact that that was the first time he had officiated in an English Cathedral, and added that his visit revived memories of their dear friend, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who looked upon the Winchester Guild as something like an elder child. He had a great affection in his heart for that Guild, and he (the speaker) felt that Mr. Robinson was nearer them that day than he had been for sometime, because they were not only back with the Guild he loved so well, but in the place where, as a boy, he went to school and they had worshipped in the Cathedral which he loved above all other Cathedrals.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for giving them the use of the bells, and for allowing them to make the evensong at the Cathedral their service.—The Rev. F. G. Hume seconded, and the Archdeacon of Winchester responded. He remarked that his duty frequently carried him into the belfries in the churches of the diocese, and he was very glad to say that he had been instrumental in getting two or three sets of bells looked to and rehung.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, in thanking the authorities of Winchester for the use of the Guildhall, remarked upon the wonderful swing of the pendulum since first he entered ringing. In those days ringers were a different class of men, and were almost ignored by the church officials. Now they were received by the Dean and Chapter of one of the most



ancient Cathedral cities of the country, and entertained in a palatial building, and they were very grateful indeed for the encouragement they received.

In the evening the Cathedral was again visited, and touches in various eight and ten-bell methods rung from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise and Stedman Caters.

## SHEFFIELD RINGERS' MEETING.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY HAVE AN ENJOYABLE OUTING.

By the kind invitation of the Rev. J. H. Brooksbank, a meeting of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield, was held at Hathersaye, on Saturday, July 1st. This being the first visit to the picturesque and historic village, which is situated in the midst of the moors, the fixture was looked forward to from more points of interest than one. The weather was all that could be desired, and everyone enjoyed themselves to their heart's content. On arrival at the church, the visitors were met by the Vicar and the local ringers, and received a hearty welcome. The bells, a nice peal of six, were raised and set going to Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, etc. The local ringers not having yet entered upon the intricacies of change ringing were initiated into the elementary portion of Grandsire Doubles, and standing in one at a time, gave fair promise of becoming efficient with the assistance of an instructor. Tea had very generously been provided by the Vicar in the schoolroom, and the company, numbering about 30, were joined by Mrs. and Miss Brooksbank, Mrs. Shuttleworth, Miss Shuttleworth, and others, who very kindly officiated at the table. During the demolition of the good things provided, the Vicar, ladies, and local ringers were eagerly inquiring what was required, and the best means of obtaining proficiency in the belfry. A short business meeting followed, Mr. F. Willey, vice-president, taking the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the president. In thanking the Vicar for his kind invitation and his generous hospitality, Mr. Willey outlined the objects of the Society, whose aim it was to graft into the minds of learners and beginners the mysteries of the art and science of change ringing, and he was pleased to say they had that day succeeded in creating a large interest amongst the ringers and inhabitants of Hathersaye.—Mr. C. Glenn supported the vote of thanks, and in reply, the Vicar said he was pleased to welcome the Society to Hathersaye. He trusted the meeting would result in the bells again being heard in peal. He did not wish to say his present ringers were at all slack, but doubtless they needed some spur in the form of instruction to start them in the right way of change ringing, and if only this were effected he should be more than repaid if he could hear the bells rung as they should be rung.—A course of Grandsire Caters and several tunes were rung on the handbells, after which the Vicar offered himself as an honorary member of the Society, while the whole of the local band were elected as ringing members.—The Chairman announced that the next meeting would take place at Ecclesfield, when he hoped to see as many of the new aspirants as could make it convenient to attend.—A vote of thanks to the ladies concluded the business.

A group photograph was taken in the school yard, and the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until late in the evening, the Vicar remaining the whole of the time. On reaching the station with time to spare, various courses and tunes on the handbells were given on the platform, much to the delight of a large holiday crowd. This, however, did not end the day's enjoyment, for on the arrival of the train it was, as is usual at this time of the year, packed with return pleasure parties, and the journey was performed made in the company of the guard, along with a party of trippers, who took advantage of the commodious van to turn it into a "ballroom," causing roars of laughter, and the anticipated discomfort into the utmost pleasure. Never before, we are assured, had the ringers witnessed such merriment.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

To the Editor.

Sir,—As I was not able to attend the meeting at which the recognition of your paper was discussed, I will only say of the discussion that, so far as I can judge, the motion for recognition was perhaps premature; but that having been accepted, it had better have been met in a less provocative spirit, and without generating so much unnecessary heat. But the mischief (if mischief it be) is done, and nothing can now be gained by insinuating against the impartiality of the President, or against members of the Council for not being "practical change ringers" and for attending its meetings, some "for the purpose of grinding their own axes," others "for a cheap outing." Most, if not all, members of the Council are practical change ringers in the obvious meaning of the term; many, if not most of them, have at some period of their lives even rung peals. With regard to motives for attendance, it is a cheap sneer at anyone who holds de-

cided views and tries to convince others, that he has his own axe to grind; while as for the insinuation that some of us attend for the sake of a cheap outing, I should have thought that this, amid the crowded traffic of a Whitsuntide holiday, was at best a doubtful attraction. Be this as it may, I hope that those who have excited themselves over this matter on either side will now welcome the conciliatory attitude of my friend Mr. King in your issue of June 30th. We all wish "The Ringing World" well in its attempt to meet what several of your correspondents have noted as a long-felt want: and if, as seems probable, it has come to stay, ringers will gain nothing by throwing mud at it, or at the Central Council, or at each other.—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON.

St. Albans, July 3rd, 1911.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. King did not state that he had communicated with me before sending his admirable letter to you, and that I heartily agreed with it. Perhaps you will allow me to say so now. The storm appears to be subsiding, and I have no wish to raise it again, but sincerely hope that hasty words spoken or written during the recent controversy may soon be forgotten, and that we shall all continue to work for the good of the Exercise at large. I should like to mention that your report of what I said in moving my amendment gives a wrong impression. It may have been my fault, but I hoped I had made it clear that I was speaking not for myself, but for other members of the Analysis Committee, whose time was not so much at their disposal as mine happens to be, and that I had already taken into account with considerable care the peals published in your paper. Conductors will simplify the work of the committee if, in sending reports to both papers, they will be careful to make them identical. This is not much to ask.

With regard to the apportionment of points, I am more and more convinced that it is not possible to make a satisfactory comparison between Doubles and Minor performances and peals on higher numbers, and that it would be much better to have two separate analyses. One of the Peal Values Committee has told me that he knows very little about Minor ringing, and probably the rest of the committee are in much the same position. Could not the Peal Values Committee delegate their work on that side to some expert five and six-bell ringers, who might get out a scale entirely independent of peals on higher numbers? They would be able then to apportion points to peals including different classes of methods, a work which is beyond the present Analysis Committee.

E. W. CARPENTER.

Boothby Rectory, Grantham.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Derby district of the Midland Counties Association was held at Youlegrave, on Saturday, and, despite the tropical weather, a very good number availed themselves of the opportunity of having a ring on this fine peal of bells.

The church lies in one of the most charming spots in the Derbyshire hills, and the bells throw out their harmonious sounds far over hill and dale. It is unfortunate that the railway is so far away, the nearest stations being Bakewell and Rowsley, but to one who loves the country, as does the writer, five miles is nothing, especially in the company of a champion pedestrian, to wit, one Charles Draper. I have had several long walks with him, and have never yet heard him confess to being tired. But this, by-the-way.

The peal of bells (tenor, 26 cwt., in E) are claimed to be the best peal in Derbyshire, and are, I should say, one of the finest productions of the Whitechapel Foundry, and a credit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, along with others one can mention. The bells of St. Andrew's, Derby, were taken from their pattern, although a lighter peal.

The ringing included touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob, and, considering the heat, and also the weight of metal, the striking was very satisfactory. Members turned up from the following towers: Bakewell, Butterley, Darley Dale, Derby, Eastwood, Etwall, Leek (Staffs), Ripley, and Wolverhampton, with the local company. At the subsequent meeting, held in the belfry, Mr. Shepherd presided, and it was unanimously decided, on the proposition of Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Jenney, that Wirksworth be visited in August for the next meeting, and the secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.—The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of bells, and asked the local men to convey their best thanks.—A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a most successful and enjoyable meeting.—M.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 25th, at St. James' Church, in 1 hr. 8 mins., a date touch of Minor from the following methods: Violet, Tulip and Primrose, arranged and conducted by H. Oddy: C. J. Sallaway 1, J. H. Hepworth 2, G. Lambert 3, E. Oddy 4, H. Oddy 5, S. Oddy 6.



**ST. MARTIN'S, GOSPEL OAK.**

A peal board, recording a peal of Treble Bob Minor rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths was unveiled on Thursday in last week by the Vicar (Rev. T. H. Russell), in the presence of the churchwardens and many ringers and friends. Mr. F. Smith, in asking the Vicar to perform the ceremony, explained the object in thus recording the peal, and paid a glowing tribute to Mr. N. Alderman, who has been associated with ringing at this church for nearly 46 years, during the whole of which time he has done everything possible to further the advancement of change ringing.

The Vicar congratulated the ringers upon their success and in adding such a fine ornament to the ringing room. He referred to the lamented death of their old friend, James Nixon, whose name he was pleased to see had been placed upon the board to perpetuate his memory. The churchwardens then went up "amongst the bells" to watch their permutations, while the same band that rang the peal tapped off 360 of Woodbine.

The peal board is in Gothic style, written in gilt letters, upon a black ground, and is the work of one of the ringers (Mr. F. Smith). It bears the following inscription, surmounted by a bell, "Royal Cumberland Youths. On Saturday, September 11th, 1909, the following members of this society rang upon these bells in 2 hours and 42 minutes a peal of Treble Bob Minor (5040 changes), containing 720 each of the following methods: New London Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Newland Alderman, treble; Ernest A. Bonfield, 2; Albert E. Brightman, 3; Richard Bevan, 4; Frank Smith, 5; William J. Nudds, tenor. Conducted by W. J. Nudds. This was the first peal of Treble Bob ever rung upon these bells. Rev. T. H. Russell, Vicar; F. C. Buckoll and W. F. Barling, churchwardens; James Nixon, steeplekeeper."

**WESTMINSTER ABBEY TENOR.**

An interesting inquiry is made by "Londoner" upon the identity of the old tenor at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and the present tenor at Westminster Abbey. The latter, he writes, "is inscribed 'Remember John Whitmell, Isabella, his wife, and William Rus, who first gave this bell 1430. New cast in July, 1599, and in April, 1738, Richard Phelps, T. Lester, fecit.'"

"Now, Stow, in his 'Survey of London,' 1603 (speaking of St. Michael's, Cornhill), says: 'The fair new steeple or bell tower was begun to be built in the year 1421, which, being finished, and a fair ring of five bells therein placed, a sixth bell was added, and given by John Whitwell, Isabel, his wife, and William Rus, Alderman and Goldsmith about the year 1430.'"

"Can any of your readers tell me whether the present Westminster tenor is the same bell? There is a carving on one of the seat ends at St. Michael's of a bell inscribed 'R.V.S.' in connection with the legend of the 'ugly shapen sight,' mentioned by Stow. The present peal of twelve at St. Michael's was cast by R. Phelps and Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, 1728. Now, did they at that time remove the old tenor from there and place it in the Abbey tower when Lester recast several of the Abbey bells some ten or twelve years later?"

**A RINGERS' OUTING.**

The Stowmarket Company had their annual outing on Tuesday week, when in delightful weather they drove through picturesque country to Lavenham where Double Norwich and Stedman were rung on the

celebrated bells, and on to Hadleigh, where dinner was partaken of at the Kings Head, and touches brought round on the tower bells. Afterwards the party proceeded to Ipswich, where they were met by Mr. W. Motts, who kindly had the bells ready at St. Margaret's Church. On this pretty little peal, Oxford Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples were tapped off. After tea, served at The Halberd, the headquarters of the St. Mary-le-Tower Company, the visitors were welcomed at St. Mary-le-Tower, and with the help of some of the Ipswich men were able to ring touches of Stedman Caters and Treble twelve, which was a great treat and much appreciated by the Stowmarket men. The visit to Ipswich concluded with a pleasant half-hour at headquarters, and Stowmarket was reached at 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The best thanks of the company are due to the various Church authorities for granting permission for the use of the bells; to Mr. A. Symonds, at Lavenham; to Mr. W. Motts and the Ipswich company for helping to make the day such a pleasurable one.

**CORONATION TOUCHES.**

The following were among the touches rung in celebration of the Coronation:—

**BIRMINGHAM.**—Midland Counties Association.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: S. Coley 1, G. A. Taylor 2, J. B. Collett 3, W. F. Webb 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, W. H. Carrod 6, A. T. Scrivens 7, T. Pearce 8.

**STREATHAM.**—At St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Barrington 1, S. Greenwood 2, S. Figgures 3, H. Goldsmith 4, H. Pates 5, I. J. Attwater 6, L. Attwater (conductor) 7, C. Wallis 8.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss M. E. Woolley 1, J. Woolley (conductor) 2, H. Rawdin 3, G. H. Parlett 4, R. Gee 5, G. Johnson 6, T. Horton 7, H. Villyeald 8.

**BLAKENHALL.**—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. — A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: C. Bailey 1, D. Jones 2, W. J. Sievier 3, A. Jones 4, B. V. Smith 5, G. Claybrook 6, A. Fallon (conductor) 7, C. Darby 8.

**BARNES.** — A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Cassell 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, F. Shevington 4, J. Kent 5, H. Stevens 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

**STREATHAM, SURREY.** — On July 3rd, at the Church of the Immanuel, Streatham Common, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 48 mins.: H. J. Rumble 1, J. Lee 2, G. Huggett 3, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 4, I. J. Attwater 5, A. J. Trapitt 6, J. S. Daniels 7, L. Attwater 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. Rung to commemorate the Coronation. Messrs. Trapitt and Perkins hail from South Beddington; J. Rumble from Croydon.

**WOBURN.**—1008 Bob Major, in 41 mins.: D. Jones 1, D. Harris 2, M. Matthews 3, F. Gilby 4, S. Avis 5, C. Herbert (conductor) 6, W. Tarney 7, E. Herbert 8.

**LEWES, SUSSEX.**—At Southover Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Richardson 1, J. T. Rickman 2, F. Sturt 3, A. Wheale 4, A. S. Langridge 5, G. Sturt 6, A. J. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Errey 8.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**BEDFORD.**—On June 11th, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Tingey 1, H. Tysoe 2, H. Sharp 3, W. Lightfoot 4, C. Chasty 5, H. Harlow 6, F. Webb 7, J. W. Barker 8.—195 Stedman Caters: B. Finding 1, J. W. Barker 2, E. Tingey 3, H. Sharp 4, W. Lightfoot 5, H. Harlow 6, C. Chasty 7, F. Webb 8, H. Tysoe 9, S. Hall 10. Also 360 Treble Bob Royal, in which S. Smith and J. H. Freeborn took part, and 180 Bob Royal, in which J. Church and D. Thompson rang.

**PENGE.**—Kent County Association.—On June 13th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: A. Speaks (first 720) 1, E. Polgee 2, W. G. Conn, senr., 3, J. Town 4, W. Smith (conductor) 5, G. Wickens 6.

**WISBECH.**—On Sunday evening, June 18th, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: H. Piggins (first 720) 1, T. Haines 2, H. Banham 3, G. Piggins 4, R. Narborough (first 720 on tower bells) 5, C. Goakes (conductor) 6, F. Hotson 7, H. Cheesewright 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late people's warden (Mr. W. G. Hayward), who died on June 14th.

**SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.**—On June 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Grigg 1, H. Walter 2, W. Warne 3, W. H. Biggs 4, J. Alford 5, T. Culver 6, W. Shepherd (conductor) 7, L. Alford 8. First 504 by the local band, with the exception of the conductor and the ringer of the 2nd.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.** — On June 15th, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 54 mins.: T. Matthews 1, A. Allsop 2, T. B. Claydon (conductor) 3, C. Waithman 4, W. Allsop 5, G. Roberts 6, B. Leedham 7, J. Reynolds 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Canon Rigby, late Priest of Sutton Coldfield Roman Catholic Church.

**FARNHAM.**—On June 16th, as a welcome to the newly-appointed Bishop of Winchester, who took up his residence at Farnham Castle on the above date, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Fletcher (Frensham) 1, H. Chaffy (Frersham) 2, C. Edwards (conductor) 3, G. Upshall 4, F. A. Barnett 5, E. Clapshaw 6, A. Baigent 7, W. Sheffield 8.

**GLOUCESTER.**—Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—At St. Michael's Church, on June 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Mills (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Astin 2, A. T. Brunsdon 3, F. E. Hart 4, A. Holford 5, J. Gillett 6, T. Newman (conductor) 7, T. Whiting 8.

**BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**—On June 17th, on the occasion of the opening of the new Hickman Park, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Leonard's Church, in 43 mins.: F. Colclough 1, J. Brown 2, W. Mills, junr., 3, F. Evans 4, T. Watton 5, W. Mills, senr., 6, J. A. Brown (conductor) 7, B. Fullwood 8. Messrs. Colclough and J. A. Brown belong to Bilston, remainder to Sedgley.

**BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.**—On June 17th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles.—J. M. Brinkworth 1, R. w. Hyner (conductor) 2, G. Lancaster 3, T. Moulding 4, C. J. Gardiner 5, J. Durham 6. First quarter-peal by T. Moulding (Stratton St. Margaret) and J. Durham (a local ringer).

**COLCHESTER.**—On Sunday, June 18th, at St. Peter's Church, three touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. J. S. Owen (curate), and formerly a missionary at Yoruba, West Africa. Those taking part were: A. Burch, G. Burch, W. Burch, W. Button, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, G. W. Dixon, H. Evers, A. G. Rivers, R. W. Stannard, W. J. Schofield and H. T. Pye. The usual "whole pull and stand" was also rung.

**HORSHAM.**—On Sunday, June 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Weller 1, C. Stephenson 2, W. Wheeler 3, T. Gasson 4, W. Vincent 5, F. Knight 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, W. Rice 8. The ringers of 6, 7 and 8 belong to Horsham; the rest hail from Bolney and Hayward's Heath.

**DAGENHAM.**—On Sunday, June 18th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: E. Butler 1, E. Hawkins 2, A. Playle 3, R. Miles 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6.—For evening service, 720 College Single, with D. Chaplin 1. Also 240 Kent and 240 Oxford Treble Bob.—After evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: F. Freestone 1, A. Chaplin 2, A. Playle 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle 5, R. Miles (conductor) 6.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday evening, June 18th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 48 mins.: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, E. Large 3, G. A. Taylor 4, W. G. Ellis 5, J. T. Perry (conductor) 6, J. B. Collett 7, W. F. Webb 8.

**HAMMERSMITH.**—On Sunday morning, June 18th, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Coombes 1, H. Barrott 2, R. Mackrill 3, H. Cook 4, J. Kent 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, E. Cassell 8.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—Lancashire Association.—On June 18th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. S. Forshaw 3, T. Stuart 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6.—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (40 singles): W. Jackson 1, J. Huddleston 2, A. Metcalfe 3, T. Stuart (conductor) 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows 6.

**HARLOW COMMON.**—On Sunday, June 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by H. Bottrill.—On June 25th, another 720 in the same method.

**BEESTON, NOTTS.**—On June 18th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich: L. Price 1, A. Coppock (composer and conductor) 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, J. C. Dicken 4, A. Lowe 5, E. Boot 6, P. Price 7, F. S. Price 8.

**CROSTHWAITE.**—The Cumberland Association.—At St. Kentigern's Church, on Sunday, June 18th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples: R. Dennison 1, T. Hartley 2, J. J. Bell 3, T. Graham 4, Tom Wilson 5, W. H. Campbell 6, F. Postlethwaite (conductor) 7, W. Telford 8.—For evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, with W. Postlethwaite taking part.

**WELLS.**—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, June 18th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: J. F. Holloway 1, F. Loxton 2, E. G. Lush 3, W. J. Mills 4, J. Wootten (conductor) 5, A. E. Mills 6, W. Farley 7, G. Radford 8.—On Tuesday, June 20th, at the Cathedral, 704 Grandsire Triples, in 30 mins. (tenor, 57½ cwt.): E. Stiles 1, E. G. Lush 2, W. J. Mills 3, J. Wootten (conductor) 4, J. F. Holloway 5, A. E. Mills 6, W. Farley 7, H. Farley 8, L. Lush 9. Arranged for Mr. J. Wootten, of Bradford (Yorks), who was on a visit to Wells.

**LIVERPOOL.**—On June 23rd, at St. John the Baptist's, Tue Brook, 630 Grandsire Triples: J. Twist 1, G. Lunt 2, J. Hamerslag 3, H. Fyles (conductor) 4, P. Hayes 5, W. F. Twist 6, J. Martin 7, E. Caunce 8.—On June 30th, 672 Grandsire Triples: H. Fyles 1, G. Woodhall 2, J. Hamerslag 3, E. Caunce 4, P. Hayes 5, W. F. Twist (conductor) 6, J. Martin 7, W. Mansell 8.

**CROYDON.**—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on June 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Merriett 1, W. States 2, J. Talbot 3, W. Groves 4, A. T. Jones 5, S. Roper 6, A. Clark (conductor) 7, E. Pope 8.—On Sunday, June 25th, 1274 Grandsire Triples was rung on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine service at the church. It was also in celebration of the birthday of Mrs. Pope, and of the recovery from serious illness of Mrs. Clark (the wife of the conductor), whose daughter was christened the same day. The quarter-peal was rung by R. Packham 1, W. States 2, A. T. Jones 3, S. Roper 4, J. Talbot 5, A. Clark (conductor) 6, W. Groves 7, E. Pope 8.

## NOTICES.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 15th, 1911. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn at 5.45, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon the Rectory grounds will be open to members. Members intending to attend are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, July 12th.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15; tea (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, both at the Blue Bell Inn. Those intending to take tea must notify Mr. G. B. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, not later than first post on Thursday, July 13th.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on the 22nd inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the White Swan Inn at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick-Oldham, on Saturday, July 15th, 1911. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 22nd, 1911. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m.; business meeting after service.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, July 15th; opening of bells recently rehung with new treble added. The Vicar is kindly providing tea free to those sending in names to me not later than 12th inst.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Norwood Green, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald) on the Rectory lawn at six o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**NOTICES (continued).**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells at 4 p.m.; short service and address by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea at the George Inn, 9d. per head, to those sending me their names not later than Wednesday, 19th; 1s. to others. Business meeting after. Eynsford will be available 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallow's, Tottenham, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. The bells of St. Ann's, South Tottenham, will be at the disposal of ringers from 6 to 8 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will take place at Northwich on Saturday, July 29th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham. Other particulars by circular.—A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, July 22nd. Bell ready at 3. Business meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, at Erdington. The Parish Church and Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Tea at Acorn Hotel at 6 o'clock, 1/- per member, to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerleon on Saturday, July 22nd, at 4 o'clock.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and J. W. Jones (Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.), Honorary Secretaries.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, July 29th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the London Apprentice at 5.30, 9d. per head to those who let me know by the 27th inst.—F. Bennett, Hon. Sec., 3, Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

Any correspondence as regards ringing at St. Lawrence's Church, Long Eaton, should be addressed to the Secretary, N. H. Widdowson, 13, Recreation Street, Long Eaton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Iden (6 bells) to-morrow, Saturday, July 15th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m.—George H. Howse, Honorary Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

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