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MODERN WORK.

A FIELD FOR ACTIVITY.

In our last issue we had something to say upon the possibilities which exist for "missionary" work in the ringing world. There can be no doubt that in the area covered by nearly every Association much ground remains to be broken. Many towers are still outside our organisations, and while no one will dispute that efforts are made to bring them to the fold, these efforts are only too often of a spasmodic kind. What is wanted is a more systematic attempt to draw a much large proportion of bell-fries into union with the Associations.

Let us quote a few facts and figures in support of the contention. At the last annual meeting the honorary secretary of the Devonshire Guild lamented the fact that out of about 300 towers in the county, only some 50 or 60 are affiliated to the Association. Devonshire, perhaps, is a county of special difficulties, for the amount of change ringing done in that part of the country is comparatively small. But Devonshire is not altogether unique. In other areas the Associations, although they may not be quite so badly supported, have yet a very great proportion of towers outside their ranks. Let us take the other corner of England, covered by the Essex, Kent and Surrey County Associations, and the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which includes a big piece of Surrey as well as the whole of Hampshire. Between them they have 312 towers affiliated, but 480, not including a large number of five bell churches, are at present unattached. In some cases special reasons are given, presumably for their remaining outside, such as "bells unringable," or "no ringing company at the tower," etc. But there is no reason why even these should be ignored. There is work, and especially useful work, to be done in these cases, by proving to the authorities the desirability of having their bells attended to and of organising a ringing company so that the bells may be properly used and cared for.

We have no doubt that could the facts be ascertained in regard to all other Associations many of them would be worse than these, indeed Winchester is among the best of the provincial Associations in its proportion of towers affiliated. What we want to drive home is that despite the efforts that are being made there is room for much more work in this particular missionary field. Association and district meetings might very profitably discuss how best to interest the unaffiliated towers, and bring them into the ranks of the organised societies. If anything is to be done, however, it must not end in talk. There must be deeds as well as words, and the members will do a good service to the Exercise at large, as well as to their particular Association by every tower they bring under the influence of their organisation.

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John O. Sager, Todmorden,
Solicitor, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,
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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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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,

AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	CHARLES S. BURDEN 7
EDWIN HORREX 2	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... .. 8
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 3	HENRY R. NEWTON 9
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ALFRED B. PECK 10
HENRY SPRINGALL 5	EDWARD P. O'MEARA 11
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 6	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL... Tenor

Composed CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRIGHTON.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

JOHN JAY Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
ALBERT D. STONE 2	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
CHARLES PALMER 3	KEITH HART 8
RICHARD W. HOATHER 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
WILLIAM PALMER 5	GEORGE BLEACH Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by B. THORP.

First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for kindly allowing them the use of the bells on this occasion, after having failed on the previous Saturday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

JOHN SMART Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES... .. 5
BENJAMIN BASSETT 2	GEORGE J. NORRIS... .. 6
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS... .. 3	*ROBERT C. PRIDGEON 7
EDMUND H. LINDUP 4	GEORGE GATLAND Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT CONGRIEVE PRIDGEON.

* First peal as conductor. Mr. Pridgeon is the son of the Rector of Steyning, and was congratulated upon the way he conducted the peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALBERT BROWN... .. Treble	EDWIN WHITING 5
CHARLES T. B. BRICE 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
JOHN SNELLING... .. 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
FREDERICK MANSEY... .. 4	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method by all.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM HILLMAN Treble	EDMUND H. LINDUP 5
JOHN H. PAICE... .. 2	BENJAMIN BASSETT 6
HARRY EVANS 3	ALFRED W. GROVES 7
GEORGE J. NORRIS... .. 4	FREDERICK LINDUP Tenor

Conducted by A. W. GROVES.

This peal was rung on the 38th anniversary of the present church.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

SIDNEY MACEY Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
*HARRY C. MARSH 2	HENRY W. WILKES... .. 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	GIDEON WEBB Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. This was the conductor's 200 peal of Stedman Triples.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*CECIL POLLARD... .. Treble	WILLIAM POLLARD 5
WILLIAM RUDD... .. 2	JOHN W. PASSMAN 6
†CHARLES LAVERICK... .. 3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON... .. 7
JOHN H. JONES... .. 4	THOMAS LANCASTER... .. Tenor

Composed by J. DAY, and

Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

* First peal. † First in method with a bob bell. This peal was rung with the bells half muffed as a tribute of respect to the late Sir Samuel A. Sadler, three times mayor of Middlesbrough.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

WILFRED LLOYD Treble	SAMUEL WESLEY 5
CLEMENT GLENN 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
JAMES EVINSON... .. 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
R. WILFRED COLLIER 4	WILLIAM HURST Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung on the first anniversary of the dedication of the tower, spire, and bells. Meeting short for Stedman, the above was substituted, W. Lloyd standing in and succeeding creditably in his first attempt for a peal.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES F. WHITE... ..Treble	WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... 5
*JOHN LLOYD 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	HARRY PRICE 7
HARRY HILL 4	CHARLES E. PERKINS ...Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

JAMES KNIGHTTreble	HARRY HAMPSON 5
HERBERT BARLOW 2	LUKE HAMPSON... .. 6
FRANK CHAPMAN 3	*JOSEPH OGDEN 7
FRANK WILD 4	CHARLES PLATTTenor

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and Conducted by JOSEPH OGDEN.

* First peal as conductor.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT EMMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM HOBBSTreble	ERNEST W. MARSH... .. 5
WALTER H. MARSH... .. 2	*HAROLD W. BENNETT ... 6
WILLIAM D. JAMES... .. 3	WILLIAM FORD... .. 7
JOSEPH WOODLEY 4	G. HARRY MYERSTenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 331), and
Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE PART.

Tenor 9 cwt., in A.

THOMAS SMITHTreble	PERCY E. JONES 5
ALFRED C. FUSSELL ... 2	EDGAR HANCOCK 6
*ALFRED M. LEADER ... 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
EDWIN HOOPER 4	THOMAS SMITHTenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal with a bob bell.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WILDE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARDTreble	JOHN FLOWER 5
CHARLES DRAPER 2	HENRY GEORGE 6
*HENRY LETTS 3	BART MITCHELL 7
FRED. W. HILL 4	†JOSEPH HAYWOODTenor

Conducted by FRED. W. HILL.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 6, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS J. BARKERTreble	HENRY C. CHANDLER... .. 5
SYDNEY CARTER 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	ERNEST R. GLADMAN... .. 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	ROBERT E. STAVERTTenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Oxford on the bells, by all the band and by the Association.

KNARESBOROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

JAMES B. BUDD... ..Treble	THOMAS T. HAIGH 5
WALTER PICK 2	JAMES METCALFE 6
*ROBERT STEPHENSON ... 3	†WILLIAM BROADLEY... .. 7
JOHN G. HALL 4	THOMAS METCALFETenor

Composed by T. DAY, and
Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in the Method. † First peal for the Association. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Guires for granting the use of the bells; also Mr. & Mrs. Budd for so kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*REGINALD SCOTTTreble	JAMES OSBORN 5
†JOSEPH LORD 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
†JOHN W. LAKE 3	JOHN CRAGG 7
ARTHUR MACKEARS 4	RUPERT RICHARDSONTenor

Composed by J. THORPE, and
Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in the Method.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs.

CLARENCE O. HOBBS Treble	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES ... 5
WILLIAM B. BISS 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
FRANK MORGAN 3	SIDNEY DAWE 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal in the Method on the bells.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

FRANK SMITH Treble	GEORGE TURNER 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	RICHARD NEWTON 6
JAMES BARRETT 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
JOHN WELSBY 4	JOE RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOE RIDYARD.

FULHAM.
THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble	ERNEST H. COOK 5
*ROBERT HARVEY 2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... 6
*THOMAS BOLTON 3	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 7
HENRY G. OWEN 4	*HENRY WHANSLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

EASTON NESTON.
TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JAMES CLARKE Treble	CECIL VALENTINE 5
FRED HOPPER 2	ALFRED MARTIN 6
*WILFRED SHARPE 3	FRED WILFORD 7
*CHARLES GREEN 4	THOMAS LAW Tenor

Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells. Messrs. A. Martin and T. Law were elected members before starting for the peal.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
HERBERT DAY 3	ERNEST J. OLIVER 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*EDWIN F. PIKE 2	FRANK J. HAIRS 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4	HARRY FLANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DICK ILIFFE Treble	ARTHUR PETTITT 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	FRED STANFORTH 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3	*W. NEAL ADKINSON ... 7
FRED H. DEXTER 4	CHARLES H. FOWLER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Staniforth.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH (R.C.),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WARD Treble	*GEORGE ROBERTS 5
GEORGE PARSONS 2	*THOMAS BLOORE 6
EDWIN STRINGER 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7
*BERTRAM LEEDHAM 4	JACOB SEABOURNE ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

* These ringers were proposed members before starting for peal.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK ... Treble	JAMES E. GROVES 5
JOHN BASS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
*REV. E. V. COX 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. Treble	FREDERICK WHITHAM 5
JOHN ALDIS, Junr. 2	GEORGE POYNIZ 6
ALFRED FUNNELL 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
GEORGE SNELLING 4	JOHN SNELLING... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY F. COOPER Treble	ARTHUR EDWARDS 5
ALFRED TARBUN, Senr. 2	HENRY W. KIRTON 6
FREDK. G. RADLEY 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
LEWIS GREEN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. FARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

SIX BELL PEAL.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... Treble	WALTER J. HORTON 4
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
EDGAR VALLANCE 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM O. TALBOT 1-2	HARRY WILLIAMS 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	BENJAMIN SHAW 7-8

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Attested by JAMES R. KEMP and GEORGE A. JOWETT.

First peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells by all except the nger of 5-6.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

Composed by JOHN BARKER, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.
Umpire, R. CHAPMAN.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. A. V. Inns.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, FRANK BLONDELL.

The conductor's 50th peal on handbells.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 31, LINCOLN STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

*JAMES COTTERELL 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5-6
†FRANK R. CUNDALE 3-4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE... .. 7-8
*JAMES W. MOORHOUSE 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.
Umpire: GEORGE W. HUNT.

* First handbell peal of Caters. † First peal on an inside pair.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 8, 1911, in One Hour and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. F. ALEXANDER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

WILLIAM BRECKON (Whitby) 1-2
ALBERT COATES (Scarborough) 3-4
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER (Fylingdales) 5-6

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.
Umpire, C. WATSON.

First peal on handbells by all, and first handbell peal rung by members of this Association.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX. — Handbell ringing.—On Sunday, October 1st, Penning's 720 Bob Minor (46 calls), 28 bobs, 18 singles.—On Wednesday, in the tower of the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. Thorpe 1-2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3-4, J. Sykes 5-6. Also 223 Grandsire Triples: B. Thorpe 1-2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3-4-5-6, J. Sykes 7-8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles: A. J. Perkins 1-2-3-4, R. Dawe 5-6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles from the position of 125463; also 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

BATH.—The Bath and Wells Association.—On Sunday evening, October 1st, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: C. Densley 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, J. H. Odey 3, H. E. Lewis 4, A. Richardson 5, A. E. Seers 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8. — On Sunday morning, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: T. Hogsflesh 1, J. H. Odey 2, A. E. Alexander 3, A. E. Seers (conductor) 4, H. E. Lewis 5, R. J. Cousins 6, C. Densley 7, H. Davis 8.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES.

Members of the M.C.A. are pleased to notice the advance in Major-ringing Derbyshire way. Bands are being formed at Ripley, Long Eaton, and other towers, and "local" peals of Double Norwich and Superlative may be looked for in the near future. Mr. Gobey, too, at Ilkeston, is progressing favourably, and has accomplished a peal of Grandsire Triples. Good luck go with him!

Much, too, is to be expected from the intrepid handbell band in Derby town. Youngsters who can ring Grandsire Caters double-handed, will not be easily held back from Stedman, or from Major methods. They have a capable leader in Mr. Albert Ward, who is to be depended on to persevere until the handbell traditions of the Midland Counties are revived.

A striking feature of the peal records this year has been the large increase in Minor ringing. During the twenty-nine years of its existence, the M.C.A. had up to last year rung only four peals in seven methods of Minor, but this number has been more than doubled since January last. Members of the Burton-on-Trent district, including the enterprising Newhall men, with some comparative youngsters from Burton, have made things hum lately in the six-bell world. The first peals of Minor at Horninglow, Sudbury, and Etwell, the first in six methods by the Association, and the first in seven by the district, have all been accomplished.

Speaking of Burton, reminds one of the famous eight bells in St. Paul's tower, where is still kept up the record, printed annually in the Association report, that "Peals have been rung yearly from the first year, 1882-3." It is good news to hear that this heavy ring, with one of Lord Grimthorpe's triumphs in the shape of a tenor weighing 26 cwt., and giving the note F, is to be re-tuned. A hundredweight or so taken out of the tenor, with the note lowered about a tone, should make an immense improvement. The hopes of the Burton men of seeing two trebles added have been disappointed, owing, it is said, to the instability of the tower.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

The Winchester Guild ought to make a good show this year in the Analysis. The continued successes of the Guildford handbell band, chipping in almost every week with one or more peals, is building up quite a respectable tally of points, quite apart from what is being done in other parts of the diocese. Mr. George Williams also keeps "pegging away" down south, and we shall see Winchester somewhere very near the top when the table is published.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

By the introduction of the two words "change ringing" into a sentence last week, we made it appear as if ringing at Cheltenham had reached a low ebb. What should have been indicated was that the Cheltenham membership of the Gloucester and Bristol Association had dwindled.

BOLSOVER RINGERS AT LICHFIELD.

On Saturday, Sept. 30th, the Bolsover ringers had their annual outing, and paid a visit to Lichfield. On reaching the Cathedral City, shortly after 11 a.m., they were met by Mr. F. Cope, who acted as guide for the day, and piloted the visitors round the town. After dinner, at the Gresby Arms, a visit was paid to St. Michael's, where there is a peal of six (which, by-the-way, will be made into eight before long), and Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob were rung. The party then made their way to the Cathedral, with its beautiful west front, and the tower and bells were inspected. The Dean, however, had forbidden any ringing, even for a short time, despite the fact that two applications had been made for this privilege; one by the good Vicar of Bolsover, and another by the secretary. It was a great disappointment not to be able to ring upon this splendid peal, but the party attended the service at 4 o'clock, and thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful singing. Afterwards, St. Mary's Church, with its peal of eight was visited, and here the Vicar would only grant a very short time at the bells, the party having to content themselves with a course of Superlative, and two of Double Norwich, which brought the day's ringing to a close. The best thanks of the party are due to Mr. F. Cope for the kind way in which he helped to make the outing enjoyable, and to the Vicars and steeplekeepers of the towers where the visitors were able to get a ring. Although they had keen disappointments, the outing was a very real success, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

STONE-IN-OXHEY, KENT.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: R. Dunster 1, C. Wenham 2, H. Smith 3, A. Daw 4, F. Burt 5, C. W. Player (conductor) 6. The first 720 of Kent ever rung on the bells by a local band.

HILLINGDON'S NEW BELLS.

DEDICATION OF THE PEAL OF TEN.

The bells of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, Middlesex, have been in a dilapidated and unringable condition for some time, a peal not having been rung upon them since November 14th, 1903 (a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by John Basden). The bells have now been recast, and two trebles added to make a peal of ten. The old peal has been rehung in a new steel and iron frame; the louvres bricked up two-thirds, and a new double floor placed between the bells and the ringing chamber. The whole of the expense of this splendid work has been borne by Mr. J. F. Stilwell, of "Moorecroft," Hillingdon, and the parishioners of Hillingdon, with those of the neighbouring parishes and the ringing world generally, will be exceedingly grateful to that gentleman for his magnificent generosity. The work has been most successfully carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bellfounders and clockmakers, of Croydon.

THE DEDICATION.

On Saturday last, the new bells were dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Kensington, a large congregation assembling for the service, which opened with the processional hymn, "We love the place, O God." After the Lord's Prayer and the responses, Psalms cxvii. and cl. were sung, followed by the hymn, "When morning gilds the skies." The Bishop, Rural Dean, clergy, churchwardens and ringers then proceeded to the porch, where the dedicatory prayers were offered by the Bishop, at the conclusion of which the Bishop, Rural Dean and clergy returned to the chancel while a special hymn was sung. His Lordship then delivered a most interesting discourse, basing his remarks upon the text, "The Spirit and the Bride say come." After the Blessing, the recessional hymn, "Now thank we all our God," was sung.

After the Dedication service, the bells were opened by members of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, and in the course of the evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob and Bob Royal, were rung. It was then agreed on all sides that the tone and "go" of the bells were magnificent. Unfortunately there is a little too much noise in the belfry, which no doubt will soon be put right. The ringing was conducted by Mr. J. J. Pratt, foreman of the local band, and who has been keenly interested in the work of restoration. Miss Pratt also took part in the ringing.

MR. STILLWELL'S MUNIFICENT GIFT.

At six o'clock the company, to the number of about 30, sat down to a substantial tea in the schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. J. H. Wooster (curate). The tea was kindly provided by the donor of the bells, Mr. J. F. Stilwell, for which the company beg to tender their best thanks.—The Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Harvey, looked in while the tea was in progress, and addressed a few kindly remarks to those present.—Mr. Stilwell also visited the ringers, and met with a hearty reception. He expressed great pleasure at meeting so many ringers, and hoped the bells would be a source of interest and pleasure for years to come, and that they would also be a great benefit to the Middlesex Association. Mr. Stilwell gave an interesting account of how he had been prevailed upon, first, to have a "little" done to the bells, which really amounted to a new frame for 10 bells—recasting the two old trebles; then two additional trebles to make a peal of ten; and, finally, to have the whole peal recast.

The bells are in the key of E flat, the weights of which are given below. They are tuned according to Canon Simpson's principle, and are undoubtedly a great success. They are the nearest peal to London so tuned. The original inscriptions have been reproduced on the new bells, and the tenor is only 1 lb. lighter than the old tenor.

The weights are as follows:—

	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.		cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	4	0	26	6th	6	2	26
2nd	4	2	16	7th	8	3	12
3rd	4	2	22	8th	10	1	7
4th	5	0	5	9th	15	0	9
5th	5	3	4	Tenor	21	1	22

ALDERSHOT PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be glad if those having subscription lists for the Aldershot Parish Church Bells fund would kindly return same to me as early as possible. Next week I hope to forward for publication a list of those already returned.

Ridgway Road, Farnham.

C. EDWARDS.

A combined practice was held at the Aldershot Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 30th, when about 30 members were present from the following towers: Bentley, Blackmore, Shalford, Guildford, Worplesdon, Puttenham, Farnham and Aldershot. The methods rung consisted of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, and Oxford Single Bob. Everyone was delighted with the tone and "go" of the new bells, and the hope was expressed that ere long there would be added the trebles to complete the octave.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD, CARDIFF.

The St. John's Guild had their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Meeting at the pier head, they left by the pleasure steamer "Lady Ismay" at two o'clock. Unfortunately one of the party, being a minute too late, was left behind. A rather rough voyage across the channel was experienced. It was intended to visit Minehead, but owing to the rough sea the boat did not stop there, so the party had to content themselves with another couple of hours roll on the beautiful waves until Ilfracombe was reached, at 5.50, much to the relief of one of the members who did not find the briny quite to his liking. The party landed at Ilfracombe, and had just an hour and a quarter's stay, but owing to the distance of the church away from the pier, and not knowing the address of any of the ringers, the idea of having a pull had to be abandoned. A meat tea was partaken of, and the party then made their way back to the boat. The voyage home was not quite so rough, but the boat rolled about too much for "our sailor." Cardiff was reached at 10.20, after a most enjoyable and amusing trip. —Mr. Boulton, one of the members of the Guild, was unfortunately laid up as the result of an accident a week or so before, and was, therefore, unable to accompany the party, who sincerely hope for his speedy recovery.

ST. BOTOLPH'S BISHOPSGATE GUILD.

On Saturday, the 7th October, the ringers of the St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City, Bell Ringers' Guild had their first annual outing. The place selected was Waltham Abbey, Essex. Leaving Liverpool Street shortly after two o'clock, the ringers trained to Waltham Cross, and proceeded thence by bus to the Green Dragon, which was made the headquarters for the day. It was a fortunate circumstance that it was within a stone's throw of the Abbey, for the day was marred by a steady and relentless downpour of rain. At the Green Dragon the ringers were met by Mr. W. A. Alps (Master of the Waltham Abbey Society), and later the steeple keeper (Mr. D. Tarling) joined the party. The Abbey was then visited, and, after a brief inspection of the famous pile, with its finely preserved Norman architecture, the tower was reached, and some excellent ringing took place, considering that the Society is only just twelve months old. Afterwards an excellent meat tea was partaken of at the Green Dragon, the following sitting down: Mr. Churchwarden Pridmore (vice-president), Messrs. S. Pettitt (steward), R. Green, W. Scholes (associated with St. Botolph for the past 50 years as a ringer), A. H. Jaynes, A. D. Barker (Master Northern District London County Association), A. V. Marsh, H. G. Laver, T. V. Horner, W. Perry, and the hon. secretary (Mr. T. Walker), and Mr. Williamson, of Somersham, Huntingdon, formerly a ringer at Bishopsgate, who had travelled some 70 miles on Saturday to join the ringers from his old church. Mr. Frank Ranson also accompanied the party as guest. After tea the usual toasts were given by Mr. Pridmore. In speaking of the ringers, he said he was delighted to have been there, and regretted very much that his colleague, Dr. Beswick, was unable to be present. Reference was also made by Mr. Pridmore to the pending departure of the President of the Guild, the Rector (the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Kensington, D.D.), who will shortly be taking up his duties at Salisbury. Whilst they regretted very much the loss of their president, they wished him every success on his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Salisbury. At 7.30 the tower was again visited, where other ringers joined the party, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

Afterwards, a pleasant social evening was spent with the Waltham Abbey ringers at headquarters. —A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the churchwardens of Waltham Abbey, and others concerned, for the use of the beautiful bells during the day, and a hearty invitation given to the Waltham Society to come to Bishopsgate, which was accepted. Several touches of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, and Stedman Doubles and Triples, were successfully brought round on handbells by members of the various Societies. At ten o'clock the party broke up, the Bishopsgate ringers returning to London, arriving at 11.30 p.m. The bells at St. Botolph's were rung on Sunday morning, in and out, on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving and the farewell sermon preached by the Rector.

YORKSHIREMEN'S EXCURSION.

The Yorkshire Association held a meeting at Doncaster, in September, 1903, and at the same time the bells in the adjacent church at Arksey were open for ringing. On this occasion a few members of the Tong company visited the tower, and brought away with them a great longing to make a second visit. After a lapse of eight years, this wish was gratified on 30th Sept., when Messrs. G. Bolland, C. Sallaway, E. Oddy, G. Lambert, Jas. Hepworth, accompanied by J. Peacock, of the Armley tower, and T. Maude, journeyed to Doncaster by a half-day excursion. They were met by Mr. G. Halksworth and piloted by him to All Saints' Church, Arksey. Here they received a kindly welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Jones), and some members of the local company. As time was limited, only two touches of Oxford and Duke

of York Minor were rung upon this nice and well-running peal of bells, and as the ringers were departing, one was overheard to remark, "I would enjoy ringing a 5000 here." The 4 p.m. train to Arksey conveyed the party to Askern Spa—not to taste the waters, though, but to walk from thence to Campsall, where the chief objective of the visit lay. Mr. John Cordingley, of Calverley, and now in his 85th year, resides with his daughter in this pleasant village, and through their influence permission was granted for the use of the bells at St. Mary Magdalene's. First a good tea was discussed at the Old Bells Hotel, and, darkness having come on, the visitors were glad of the guidance of their friend, Mr. Pearson, of Pontefract, to show them the way to the church and belfry. Here was rung 240 each of Violet, Duke of York and Oxford in the best manner possible, as it was surmised their old friend would be taking notes. This proved to be the case, as on visiting him later, he mentioned having been to the door to listen. A course of Grandsire was rung by Messrs. Bolland, Halksworth and Pearson, but Mr. Cordingley was prevented by feebleness from taking part, as was evidently his wish.

CHELMSFORD DISTRICT.

On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, the Chelmsford and district ringers had their annual outing. The towers selected were Lavenham, Suffolk, and Great Tey, Essex. The party, 15 in number, from Writtle, Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Boreham, and Woodford, met at Chelmsford Station for the 8.12 train. Owing to a misunderstanding the party left the platform at Mark's Tey, and returned in time to see their train just leaving. A delay of nearly two hours was spent in fairly good spirits, lunch being partaken of in the interval. Arriving at Lavenham, the party were met by Messrs. S. and A. Symonds, and at once made for the tower. The pre-arranged programme was carried out, but each touch was curtailed to make up for lost time. An excellent dinner was served at the Cock Inn, Mr. A. Symonds accepting the invitation to dine with the visitors. Afterwards some good touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung on the melodious bells, several of the local men taking part. Great Tey was next visited, and an excellent tea was awaiting the party at the Chequers Inn. Then a move was made to the tower, when the first disappointment came. It was found almost impossible to keep up the tenor so as to get anything like decent ringing. A short touch or two of Grandsire was got through, and then a course of Bob Major was rung with a local ringer, George Galley. It was the latter's 72nd birthday, and he would have liked to have had a decent touch, but the tenor man had had sufficient. Those taking part were: R. Wood, F. G. Radley, W. Lincoln, J. Poole, A. Head (Writtle), H. Richele, W. Newman, A. Whight (Chelmsford), A. Edwards (Boreham), H. Dawson and W. Wade (Great Baddow), L. Green (Woodford), G. F. Margetson (Chigwell Row), and two non-ringing visitors. Mr. H. F. Cooper, who had kindly pre-arranged everything, was unable to accompany the party, who wish heartily to thank him and Messrs. Symonds and Latham for their trouble and kindness in making arrangements for meeting the visitors.

RINGING IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir, — I read with pleasure your article in last week's "Ringing World," on Associations not doing so much as they might for ringing in general. I have just come to reside in this district from Lincolnshire, and I find that this side of Bedfordshire is left to itself. The Association seems to never think of visiting this part. There are round about here several peals of five and six bells, also one of eight, which, I regret to say, are never rung, owing to some misunderstanding between Vicar and ringers. I have visited several towers in the district, and have met with a very warm welcome. That ought to be quite sufficient to warrant an Association visiting this area. I am sure the ringers and the clergy would be very pleased to welcome them. The bells here are practically unringable, but I have been urging those in charge to have something done. The Vicar told me only this afternoon that he was doing his best to try and have the bells put in order. I also received a very warm welcome from the Vicar of Patten, when asking for the use of his bells to attempt a peal. His message was that he would be only too pleased to grant us the bells, and to entertain us and as many of his own ringers who cared to go. I could also mention others who would do the same, but I know your space is valuable, so I only hope my letter will stir up some of those responsible for this negligence on the part of this Association.—Yours truly,

Biggleswade, October 8th.

F. BLOOD.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.—On Sept. 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Mansfield 1, T. W. Dickerson 2, L. G. Mallion 3, G. Taylor 4, B. D. Buttress 5, W. Fusden (conductor) 6.—720 Kent Minor: W. Mansfield 1, T. W. Dickerson 2, P. Taylor 3, W. Scotter 4, G. Taylor 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6. Also 300 Bob Minor, in which F. Wilkins took part.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 24th, for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Chattle 1, E. Tiller 2, H. Traynar 3, J. Dunthorne 4, J. Jutson 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6.

MEETING AT DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

The October meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held at Dore, Derbyshire, on Saturday, and proved very successful. The Parish Church of Christ Church is a pretty little building situated in delightful scenery on the edge of the Peak district, and it looked well under the harvest festival decorations arranged for the next day. The tower, which is quite a small one, contains a beautiful ring of eight bells (tenor, 11 cwt.), put in by Taylor about three years ago. About 26 ringers turned up from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Dore, Gainsborough, New Mills, North Wingfield, Norton, Ranmoor, Sheffield, and Stavely, among them being three of the South Wales tourists, the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), Mr. J. Flint (Bolsover), and Mr. Holman (Sheffield).

The bells were kept going almost continuously from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and some excellent ringing was accomplished, especially in the higher methods, London and Superlative going like clockwork. The following other methods were also rung: Cambridge Surprise Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Plain Bob Minor.—Messrs. T. Burgar (Sheffield) and W. Ayre (Gainsborough) were elected members of the Society.—A vote of thanks to the local ringers for making arrangements for the meeting closed the proceedings.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at West Grinstead, on Saturday week, and was fairly well attended, ringers being present from Billingshurst, Crawley, Pulborough, Steyning, Slinfold, Shipley and West Tarring, together with the local band. In the afternoon touches of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, and Grandsire Doubles, were brought round. Afterwards 25 sat down to tea at the Burrell Arms Hotel, the Rev. A. Davies, the curate, who is also a ringer, taking the chair, the Rector not being able to be present owing to an engagement. A telegram was received from Mr. Tompkins, Master of the Association, regretting he was not able to attend. Tea over, the usual business followed. Three of the local band were elected members of the Association.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Evans) proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.—Mr. Davies responded, and said he was pleased to meet the ringers and give them a welcome.—The church was again visited after tea, and the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Campion) paid a visit to the church before the ringing closed, and read prayers to the ringers present.

It may be added that these bells have recently been recast and rehung, but one inconvenience is that the ringers have to stand in the church to ring.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The autumn meeting was held at Catterick Bridge and Richmond, ringers to the number of about 40 attending from Middleham (including three ladies), Richmond, Stockton, Sharow, Ormesby, Shildon, and Darlington. Several good touches were brought round in six, seven and eight-bell methods during the afternoon, and a very pleasant ceremony took place in the Richmond tower, a peal tablet recording a 5088 of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung by the Richmond band, being unveiled.—Mr. T. Metcalfe, the Association secretary, in asking the Rector to perform the ceremony, said he was always pleased to see local bands ringing peals, and great credit was due to the company at Richmond for the way in which they had persevered in their work. He hoped they would not be very long before they rang more peals.—Canon Leish said that it was a very great pleasure to him to have the honour of unveiling the tablet. He had sat and listened to the bells being rung, and always liked to hear them, as he was very fond of bell ringing, although he had never had the courage to undertake the work. He hoped the band would not be long before they rang another peal; in fact he hoped they would go on peal ringing until they got as many peal boards as would cover the walls of the tower.—On the proposition of Mr. Kinchin, a hearty vote of thanks was given the Rector for unveiling the tablet.—The Rector replying, thanking Mr. Kinchin and the ringers.

Tea was provided at the Town Hall Hotel, the Rector presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the President, the Rev. W. D. Wright. He was supported by the vice-president, Dr. Pauli, and the secretary. After tea the Rector welcomed the Association to Richmond and district, and said that within the last few weeks he had noticed that some of his own ringers were taking a very active part in red cross work. He thought it would be a good thing if a great many more would do likewise, as it was a great church work, and would combine ringers and other churchworkers together. In this way it would also get the great art of ringing brought more before the public, and then the ringers would get to be better acknowledged than they are.—The Hon. Secretary proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Rector for presiding at the tea, and for granting the use of the bells; also to the Vicar of Catterick Bridge for the use of the bells at that tower.—Canon Leish replied, and a very pleasant meeting then terminated.

WEDDING BELLS.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. Maurice Caudwell, who was a former ringer, and Miss Welch, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Blewbury, Berks, on Sept. 20th: W. Webb 1, Miss M. W. Nightingale 2, W. J. Grace 3, C. Gregory 4, E. Aldridge 5, G. F. James (conductor) 6, C. Greenough 7, T. Aldworth 8.

On Tuesday week, on the occasion of the marriage of Dr. Wilfred Watkinson Holtymann, of Boxmoor, Herts, and Miss Violet Harwood Casson, of Worksop, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was made at Worksop Church, but after ringing 1554 changes, the bells were brought round in consequence of one of the ringers receiving an urgent message requiring his attendance elsewhere. This is the first attempt for a peal, and the following were the ringers: C. Peck 1, H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, T. Bartholomew 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8.

At Isleworth, on Thursday week, 720 Bob Minor, with 6—8 covering, was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. H. P. Coles, of Woking, and Miss Thelma Ohlenschlager, of Busch House, Isleworth. The ringers were: E. Webb, G. A. Ransom (conductor), C. Dell, T. Beadle, H. Sidbetter, A. Sheard, G. Spencer, H. Beadle.

On Saturday week, Mr. E. R. Mackrill, one of the St. Paul's, Hammersmith, band, joined the ranks of the benedicts, and his fellow ringers met in the tower to signalise the event. Whilst the congregation were assembling, the bells were merrily tripping along to the old familiar strains of Grandsire Triples, a well-struck touch being brought round. After the ceremony, as the bride and bridegroom left the church, they were greeted with rounds, firing and queens, and subsequently an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which, much to everyone's regret, came to an untimely end, after an hour's good ringing, through a "change course." The ringers were: Messrs. Coombes, Stevens, Cassell, Symonds, Isles, Hunt, Skevington (conductor) and Brookes.

On the previous Thursday evening, in the belfry, Mr. Mackrill was presented with a marble clock, as a mark of esteem from the ringers.—The Rev. Jones made the presentation, expressing the good wishes of the band.—Mr. Mackrill suitably acknowledged the gift.

The wedding took place at St. John the Baptist Church, Halesowen, on October 2nd, of Mr. S. J. Woodall and Miss Cockin, the bride being the only daughter of Mr. G. N. Cockin, ringing master of the Halesowen band. The ringers naturally took their share in celebrating the happy event, and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Coley (conductor) 1, E. White 2, E. Bache 3, H. Lea 4, G. Withers 5, W. H. Webb 6, A. Hackett 7, M. Hackett 8. Congratulations and good wishes were extended to the bride and bridegroom.

At Ashover, on October 2nd, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Jos. Hopkinson, one of the local band, to Miss H. Shaw, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Revell 1, H. Hopkinson 2, Rev. J. B. Nodder 3, G. Beardow 4, W. Hopkinson 5, W. Buxton (conductor) 6, T. Dent 7, G. Garner 8.

LEICESTER CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE.

A catastrophe has overtaken Leicester. On Thursday night in last week, a huge conflagration occurred and, in addition to involving several large factories, St. George's Church was destroyed. At the time of the outbreak, which started in a hosiery factory adjoining the churchyard, a congregation, numbering about 800, had assembled for the harvest festival, at which the Dean of Lincoln was to preach. The fire spread with great rapidity and could be seen by those inside the church, and the Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Robinson) ascended the pulpit and announced that the service would not take place. The congregation dispersed in good order. Despite the efforts of the fire brigade, the fire quickly attacked the roof of the church, and it was soon apparent that the building was doomed. The flames spread to the spire, which became a pillar of flames, and the bells crashed down one by one. Practically the whole of the interior of the church was destroyed, but fortunately the great east window, which cost nearly £1,000, has been saved. It is announced that the work of rebuilding the church, which was insured for £12,500, will be taken in hand almost immediately.

St. George's has been the most unlucky church in Leicester, having been twice struck by lightning, and once previously attacked by fire. The church was one of several built to commemorate the close of the Napoleonic war. The cost of the church was over £10,000, and was voted by the Government. The tower contained a peal of six bells, upon which, we believe, the first peal of Minor in seven methods was rung by the Midland Counties Association in 1894.

The total damage done by fire is said to be over £100,000, and about 1,000 people have been temporarily thrown out of employment.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for early Communion service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and for morning service 720 Oxford Bob. For evening service, 720 Oxford Delight, and after service 720 each of Woodbine and City Delight, the following taking part: W. H. Lawrence, A. Wolston, F. Williams, A. Carter, B. Carter, H. Carter, A. Phillips, S. Game, B. Patmore and H. Wallace.

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THE HON. SEC. OF THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A leader of ringing in that city of bells, Bristol, Mr. William A. Cave, the honorary secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has forced his way to the front by sheer ability in the belfry. He has done not a little to raise the standard of ringing in that district, while his energies are now being devoted to organising the forces of the Association throughout the two dioceses. Born on January 7th, 1877, the son of staunch church folk, Mr. Cave learnt to love the church from an early age, and



MR. W. A. CAVE.

passed through the Sunday School, Bible Class and Communicants' Guild at the Mission Church belonging to St. Mary Redcliffe. He was educated at Redcliffe School, under that excellent master, Mr. J. T. Francombe, and while attending the Mission Church, where there is a peal of tubulars, he was elected as one of the ringers. Through the good offices of the curate-in-charge, the Rev. A. M. Dewing, now Rector of Camerton, near Bath, they all learnt to ring the bells at Redcliffe. In this matter Mr. Cave soon found himself assisting the backward ones, and at one of these practices had the opportunity of ringing the tenor, as the clapper had been taken out to be lightened. He had probably little idea at that time that he would ring this famous bell

to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal some years later. But this he accomplished in 1908. In those early days Redcliffe tenor was credited with being 50 cwt., but when the peal were rehung she was found to be only 39 cwt. Since that time the bell has been recast, and now weighs 50 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

Mr. Cave owes a great deal of his successful ringing career, as do many others, to the efforts of the late James Hinton. It was Mr. Hinton who first took him in hand, and introduced him to the mysteries of the Art, although Mr. Cave had been able to ring a bell for five years before that. In September, 1894, Mr. Hinton invited him to "come along to St. Stephen's," and there put him upon the right track. The band were just beginning on Stedman, and, after a while Mr. Cave took his place with the rest in the ringing for service and practice. His first peal was one of Grandsire Triples for the Bath and Wells Association at Wraxall in September, 1895. His first as conductor was one of Treble Bob Royal (the first in Bristol by a local band) on September 15th, 1897. Three attempts were made for this peal. Something went wrong the first time—what it was does not much matter. The second time the young conductor called three bobs middle, and, in his quiet way, Jim Hinton said, "You had better call 'stand' now you've called three bobs running." But at the third attempt the peal came home.

In 1910 Mr. Cave formed a guild of ringers at St. Thomas's Church, at the request of the churchwardens. This company rang their first peal on their own bells in December, 1901, with two men on the 29 cwt. tenor. They still ring regularly for service and practice, in spite of the fact that the bells do not go well. Owing to a necessary alteration in the practice night, which caused it to clash with that of St. Stephen's, Mr. Cave left the St. Thomas's band, although he still regularly attends service there. He became a member of the St. Stephen's Guild, when it was formed in November, 1894, and held the post of secretary from 1896 to 1899. In 1901 he was elected conductor, and has been re-elected every year since. He became joint honorary secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association in 1907, and since Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower gave up this year, has carried on the duties alone.

Mr. Cave has kept no record of his peals apart from the Association reports, but his total is now approximately 92. He has rung only one peal over the usual 5000 odd, that being John Carter's 7023 of Stedman Caters. It was a splendidly struck peal, and, in addition to being the longest, was probably the best peal he has rung. He took part in the only peal ever rung on Lundy Island—an experience which none of the band will ever forget. On the day of their arrival from the mainland they were unable to start owing to the bad "go" of the bells, and to the treble and the fifth slipping wheel. Repairs were effected, and the peal was rung next day. Mr. Cave has vivid recollections of the last five courses of the famous four-part. He was ringing the fifth, and she again slipped wheel, but the rope got back again all right. From that point to the end his anxiety can be better imagined than described, for on the previous day it had been impossible to ring the bell.

Mr. Cave, who is an abstainer and almost a non-smoker, has had the pleasure of watching ringing in Bristol rise from modest beginnings to its present first class standard, chiefly through the abilities and influence of the late Mr. Hinton. Whereas in 1894 Stedman was a rarity, before Mr. Hinton died in 1909 peals of Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London had been rung by local

men. Mr. Cave's interests outside his business have not been devoted entirely to ringing. In 1891 he joined the Volunteers. He has been efficient every year since, and obtained sergeant's stripes in 1901. He is also an excellent shot, and has only missed going to Bisley twice since 1896. In 1902 he won the N.R.A. bronze medal, when the Gloucestershire Rifle Association held their meeting at Bristol. He received the long service medal on the formation of the Territorial Force, and has been treasurer of the sergeants' mess of the South Midland Royal Engineers for the past three years.

His peals are as follow :—

	Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	9	4
Grandsire Caters	2	...
Grandsire Cinques	1	...
Bob Royal	1	...
Bob Maximus	1	...
Stedman Triples	17	9
Stedman Caters	20	7
Stedman Cinques	5	2
Treble Bob Major	1	...
Treble Bob Royal	1	1
Forward Major	1	...
Double Norwich Major	7	4
Superlative Surprise Major	3	...
Cambridge Surprise Major	10	9
Cambridge Surprise Royal	9	7
London Surprise Major	4	3

Total ... 92 ... 46

Of these 89 (conducted 45) have been rung for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, two (conducted one) for the Bath and Wells, while the remaining one was a non-association peal.

19,440 MAXIMUS ON HANDBELLS.

ELIJAH ROBERTS' GREAT PERFORMANCE.

Mr. Alf. Paddon Smith, of Birmingham, writes, in reply to the inquiry of Mr. T. H. Beams as to Elijah Roberts' 19,440 Maximus on handbells, that the following appeared in an illustrated paper of 1862 :—

"In the manly and scientific art of change ringing Elijah Roberts . . . is the most accomplished and unparalleled change ringer upon the handbells the world has hitherto produced. He commenced the study and composition of changes when about twelve years of age. In the year 1824 (then in his 17th year) he rang his first peal, which consisted of courses in various methods commencing with changes on seven bells—Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Triples. Changes on eight bells—Grandsire Major, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major. Changes on nine bells—Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Caters, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Caters. Changes on ten bells—Grandsire Royal, Plain Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal. Changes on eleven bells—Grandsire Cinques, Plain Bob Cinques, Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Cinques. Changes on twelve bells—Grandsire Maximus, Plain Bob Maximus, Treble Bob Maximus, and finishing with a course of Double Treble Bob Major on sixteen bells, the whole containing 5186 changes in 3 hours 27 minutes, rung at Birmingham. His next peal was rung on October 14th, 1827, 5040 of Treble Bob Maximus in the Kent variation in 3 hours 22 minutes, rung at Birm-

ingham. His third peal was 7536 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, rung at Birmingham on April 9th, 1830, in 4 hours 51 minutes. His next performance was rung on the 30th June, 1833, being a very intricate peal of that much admired and musical method, Stedman Cinques, with the bells in the tittums and every musical position, comprising 5016 changes in 3 hours 24 minutes, also rung at Birmingham."

It appears that Elijah Roberts then removed from Birmingham to the Derby Arms, Whitechapel, Liverpool, and, writing to a friend in Birmingham, he says :—

"The 19,440 of Treble Bob Maximus I rung in Liverpool on March 23rd, 1837, I commenced at nineteen minutes before four in the morning, and finished at twenty-four minutes past five in the afternoon. I am sorry that no amateur heard it. The neighbours said they thought I should never give in, for they heard the bells ringing hours before they got up, and almost until bed time again. . . . I have rung the greatest number of Treble Bob Maximus and Treble Bob Cinques in the world, and that was at St. Martin's, Birmingham. . . . The first peal I rung on the handbells was about 20 years ago. I don't know the precise date, but it was published in one of the Birmingham papers. The number of changes was between 5000 and 6000, and was composed of nothing but Plain Courses, viz., Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Triples; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Caters; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Cinques; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Maximus. Also, one and the last course was Treble Bob Sixteen, for which I don't know what other name to give it. Now this may not be considered of much note, but I assure you that to ring three different methods, and on different numbers of bells, and as soon as one plain course is rung and the bells come round, to strike immediately into another from eight bells unto 16, is no joke."

When the foregoing particulars are read, and the job seized up by ringers of to-day, I am sure they will all endorse Elijah Roberts's sentiments—"It is no joke."

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham was tapped in the hearing of several well known ringers.

Next week we shall give something further about this wonderful handbell ringer, compiled by Mr. Wm. Snowdon, of Leeds, from material collected by the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon.

A HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

Mr. George Williams is organising a week's ringing in Hampshire, commencing on Saturday, October 21st. The programme, as at present drawn up, is as follows :—

Oct. 21—Winchester.

„ 22—Netley Abbey.

„ 23—Westmeon and Soberton.

„ 24—Privett and Eastmeon.

„ 25—Petersfield and Havant

„ 26—St. Michael's, Southampton and Romsey Abbey.

„ 27—Sherfield (ENG.) and Tytherley.

„ 28—Dibden and Stoneham.

NOTTINGHAM.—At Bulwell Parish Church, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob: T. Jennison 1, T. Hind 2, W. Spencer 3, A. Harrison 4, E. Foster 5, W. Wadsley 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob for afternoon service, and for evening service, 360 Violet Treble Bob and 360 College Single, in which G. Fyers, T. Jennison, T. Hind, W. Spencer, A. Harrison, E. Foster and W. Wadsley (conductor) took part.

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The ringing for harvest festival services has brought us a huge crop of quarter peals and touches for publication. Indeed, we have been almost overwhelmed with them, and many are of necessity held over for want of space this week.

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Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, Ltd., who are rehangings the bells at Old Woking, Surrey, have also been commissioned to recast the tenor and thoroughly overhaul the frame and fittings of the peal of six at St. Mary's Church in the adjoining parish of Horsell. The bells were originally cast by Robert Catlin in 1741, but the second and fifth were recast in 1886 by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The bells bear either the original founder's name or initials, and, in addition, the third wishes "prosperity to the parish of Horsell," and the fourth "health and prosperity to all our benefactors."

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Irthlingborough has had some bad luck in the last twelve months, for the tower has lost three good London Surprise ringers in that period. Death removed Mr. F. Palmer last October, Mr. W. V. Newman is seriously ill, and it is feared will not be able to ring again, and tomorrow Mr. C. Keller sails for New Zealand. The last-named only started ringing four years ago, but nevertheless has rung peals from Bob Major to London Surprise. He was also very keen on Bristol, although he was not fortunate enough to ring a peal in that method before leaving the old country. His place in the band will be hard to fill.

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Sandiacre Pleasure is to be the name of method No. 15, page 11, of the Collection of Legitimate Methods, it having been rung for the first time and named at Sandiacre, Derbyshire, on Sunday, October 1st, on the occasion of the harvest festival service. It was rung by E. W. Tansley 1, W. Halford 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. Cox 5, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 6.

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St. Mary's Church, Shenfield, Essex, contains a tiny peal of five (tenor 5 cwt.), each bell of which was cast at a different date. Four different founders are also represented, viz.: Warner, tenor 1878, treble 1898; Thomas Bartlett, 2nd 1626; Miles Graye, 3rd 1637; Matthew Bagley, 4th 1715. The Vicar and churchwardens have received an anonymous offer of a new bell, and it has been decided to have the old bells recast into a new ring of six, with a tenor to weigh 8½ cwt., and to erect a modern iron and steel frame. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London.

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About two months ago the tenor at St. Mary's Church, Maldon, Essex, became disabled through a broken gudgeon. It was reported to proper quarters, with the expectation of seeing it put into the bellhanger's hands, but as the church has had many expenses during the last year, it seemed as though it might be some time before this

would be done. Consequently some of the ringers, being wheelwrights and mechanics, decided to "have a go at it" themselves.

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The result is that the tenor is now going in as good a condition as ever, thanks to these energetic young ringers. On Sunday the first 720 since the rehangings was rung for the harvest festival, Kent Treble Bob being the method. The ringers were J. Gozzett, A. South, H. Finch, T. Gozzett, W. Brinkley and A. Gozzett (conductor).

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A strange memorial of a tragedy of the bells exists in the church of Saints George and Lawrence, at Springthorpe, near Gainsborough. In the chancel there hangs a girl's funeral crown and gloves, cut out of paper. They serve to record the sad death of a girl named Mary Hill in 1814. Without thought of the peril, she heedlessly pulled one of the ropes, was carried up by the swing of the bell, and was immediately dashed to death.

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A combined practice for members of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild was held on Saturday week at All Saints', Wokingham, when 22 members were present, representing Binfield, Hurst, Arborfield, Easthampstead, Sandhurst, Wokingham (All Saints), and York Town. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

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Miss Edith Parker has few worlds left to conquer. On Saturday week, as our peal columns in the last issue showed, she conducted a peal of London Surprise Major from a working bell, and thus reached what most ringers look upon as the highest rung of the campanological ladder. Members of the Exercise generally will join in congratulating our premier lady ringer upon her success.

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The College Youths have not been ringing a great number of peals just lately, but when they do ring they have something specially worth recording. Their latest performance is a peal of Kent Maximus at Southwark Cathedral.

CAVERSHAM MEN IN LONDON.

A PRESENTATION.

The ringers of the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, had their annual outing, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 30th, when they visited St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington. They were met by Mr. W. Garrard, who kindly escorted them to the tower, where a nice touch of Stedman Caters was brought round, this being followed by a course of Treble Ten. After another touch of Stedman Caters had been rung, the bells were lowered in peal. A nice tea was kindly provided by the St. Mary Abbott's Guild, and pipes were then set going.—The captain of the St. Peter's Society, Mr. E. W. Menday, in a few words, thanked the St. Mary Abbott's Guild for entertaining the St. Peter's Society to tea, and Mr. W. Garrard for making the arrangements.—Mr. Garrard suitably replied.

Mr. G. Irvine, having left Caversham, arranged to meet his brother ringers at Paddington for the day, and took part in the outing for the last time as one of the St. Peter's ringers. He has resided at Caversham for the last ten years, and taken part in ringing some of the finest peals ever rung by the St. Peter's Society.—Mr. E. W. Menday expressed the sorrow of the band at losing Mr. Irvine, and asked him to accept a memento of his association with them. The gift took the form of a barometer in oak case, with a brass plate, inscribed: "Presented to Mr. George Irvine by the St. Peter's Society, Sept. 30th, 1911."—Mr. Irvine having thanked the company for their kindness, the party broke up, some returning home, others to visit friends, while the rest boarded a motor bus, city bound, spending a pleasant time before departing for home, which was reached at midnight.

DERBY.—St. Alkmund's Church.—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples, and for evening service 700 in the same method: W. Beck 1, A. Braines 2, C. Draper 3, George Freebrey (conductor) 4, Geo. Robinson, junr., 5, J. Heywood 6, J. Vickers 7, A. Francis 8.

MEETING AT CONGRESBURY.

A quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Congressbury, on Saturday week, when 40 members were present, representing ten towers. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Maunsell Eyre) officiating, and the Rev. J. A. Dodd, Vicar of Winscombe, giving a short address. A meat tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held, the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association) presiding, supported by the Revs. R. H. Maunsell Eyre and J. A. Dodd, and Mr. C. E. Boutflower, Mr. G. Cavill, Mr. J. H. Walters, and Mr. W. Jennings. One honorary and 33 performing members were elected, and three towers affiliated to the Association. Milverton was chosen for the next meeting, which will be held early in December.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Eyre for arranging the service and the use of the bells, to the Rev. J. A. Dodd for the address, and to the Rev. R. H. Robinson, Vicar of Yatton, for granting the use of the bells of that church.—A hearty welcome was also accorded Mr. Boutflower, who is a late Master of the Association. This concluded the meeting, and a move was made to the tower, where the fine ring of eight bells, with tenor about 38 cwt., were soon set in motion, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major being rung on them. During the evening Yatton tower was visited, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples rung.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Referring to the remarks on Sept. 29th, one feels doubtful as to the desirability of such a method as this being recommended to the Exercise. It is certainly a musical production, and one wonders why it was not rung immediately on its introduction, 25 years ago. Since that time, however, our knowledge of what is necessary in a legitimate method has considerably extended, and in the light of this the method appears to have one grave fault, the limitation of the work of the treble. For this reason it cannot be said to be formed from a "principle," for no principle limits the operations of one bell to half of the possible places. Is this a valid objection? If not, then we must admit the Bob Major method with the hunt bell going to 6th's place only, and not only this, but every possible method, with the Bob Major lead ends, that is to be got with these two hunts. Again it would admit of innumerable methods on the higher numbers with varying hunts.

It is, therefore, desirable to have expert opinion before method builders begin to work this wide field, or the ringing of such methods is recommended.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

IS IT A RECORD?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On Sunday, Sept. 24th (harvest thanksgiving), at the Church of St. Peter, Titchfield, Hants, the local band established what we believe to be a record, no less than four 720's of Minor being brought round before the services, as follows: For 7.0 a.m., Holy Communion service, a 720 Plain Bob, conducted by L. H. Page (foreman); for 11 a.m., a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, by the same conductor; for 3.0 p.m., children's service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by Miss W. Carden; and for 6.30 p.m., evensong, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, conducted by C. H. Banton. The other ringers who took part were: Messrs. D. Bear, E. A. Collins, C. Uridge, and F. Fielder. This may possibly be a record Sunday's performance in a six-bell tower by a local band in the Winchester Guild, or possibly in the County of Hants. I should be very interested to hear from any of your numerous readers whether a similar record has been achieved elsewhere, and the date of the performance.—I am, yours faithfully,

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS.

Vicar of Titchfield, Hants, and Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

October 4th, 1911.

MEETING AT EMBERTON.

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers was held at Emberton, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, when the attendance of ringers was much above the average. A bright service was held in the Parish Church in the afternoon. The Rev. G. F. Sams (Rector) read the prayers, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Mr. J. W. Britton presided at the organ, and the singing was heartily joined in by the congregation of campanologists. Subsequently the Rector and Mrs. Sams entertained the ringers to a splendid tea in the village Institute. A company, numbering 49, sat down, and great appreciation was expressed for the Rev. and Mrs. Sams' kind hospitality. At the meeting, which followed, business of a routine character was transacted. During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were rung on the church bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their quarterly meeting at Melksham, on Saturday, when over 20 ringers assembled, among whom were the Rev. J. H. Burn, Rector of Great Cheverell (chairman), and Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (hon. branch secretary), together with ringing members from Westbury, Trowbridge, Devizes, Southbroom, Great Cheverell, Hilpertion, and Wootton Bassett. Tea was served at the High Street restaurant.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Hon. Secretary begged all those who conducted peals in the various towers to forward reports of the same to him, so soon after as possible, to enable him to keep a record of them, with a view to their being duly recorded in the yearly report. He also urged the correspondents of the towers in the branch upon receiving the notice cards of the meetings, to be good enough to reply to them early, so as to enable the branch secretary to make proper arrangements for the teas. After considerable discussion, it was decided to send out reply-postcard notices, printed and addressed to the branch secretary, so that the correspondents should have as little trouble as possible and no excuse for not replying.

It was proposed by Mr. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, and seconded by Mr. Heginbotham, of Devizes, that reports of the branch meetings should be sent for publication to "The Ringing World," and to the local papers. The next meetings will be held as follow: at Keevil on 4th November; at Bishop Cannings on December 2nd; and at Trowbridge (the annual meeting) on January 13th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Melksham for the use of the bells, which were kept going in Grandsire, etc., until 7 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—In sending in items for publication in this column correspondents are asked to write plainly and, where names are given, to take care that all appear. Frequently we have touches sent us in an incomplete state, with, for instance, seven names given for eight bells, or with the name of the place omitted. We would also point out that the unnecessary repetition of the same names should be avoided.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Recently, on handbells, 720 Doubles, being 120 each of Original, Grandsire, Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's, and Old. Also various six-scores of Stedman, Stedman's Slow Course, New, and St. Simon's 240, and other touches of Bob Minor: C. Sanders. 1—2, A. P. Wakley 3—4, W. Shercliff (conductor) 5—6.

MISTLEY.—Essex Association.—On Saturday, Sept. 9th, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 6 mins.: H. Saunders 1, S. Souter 2, W. Harvey 3, J. Souter 4, F. Souter 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6.—On Sept. 24th, 360 Plain Bob Minor, with A. Prior 1. Also 720, with W. Harvey 2nd.—On Sept. 28th, 720 Plain Bob: H. Saunders 1, S. Souter 2, J. Souter 3, A. Prior 4, F. Souter 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6. Arranged for A. Prior, of Leytonstone.

KENNINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, at the Church of St. John the Divine, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 45 mins.: H. Opher 1, H. J. Walton 2, A. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, A. T. Miller 5, A. S. Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Wightman 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sept. 14th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Brooks 1, E. Milam 2, J. Mason 3, G. Fry, junr., 4, J. Nash 5, W. Goddard (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, at harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: J. White 1, G. Fry, junr., 2, J. Mason 3, E. Milam 4, G. Fry, senr., 5, W. Goddard (conductor) 6.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, a mixed band met to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells at the Parish Church, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, this could not be carried out. Touches of Bob Major and Stedman were rung during the afternoon, and a quarter-peal of Holt's Original was rung for evening service: R. Wood 1, J. Burdfield 2, H. J. Ellis 3, P. H. Doick 4, T. Attwell 5, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 6, A. Feist 7, H. Holden 8.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Sept. 19th, at St. Saviour's Church, on the occasion of the re-opening of the women's service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. C. Rich 1, E. Alexander 2, J. Taylor 3, W. J. Prescott 4, J. Fussell 5, H. E. Holder 6, C. W. Bell (conductor) 7, L. P. Smith 8.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.—On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Webb 1, J. Hammon 2, F. H. Cockram 3, J. Johnson 4, S. Hough (conductor) 5, A. Gidman 6.—On Tuesday, October 3rd, at Kuntstford, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor by the same band.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. W. Martin 1, O. Holmwood (first quarter-peal) 2, H. M. Smith 3, E. Bishop 4, E. Russell 5, H. R. Butcher (conductor) 6, C. Brasier 7, C. Bishop, senr., 8.

ASTON MANOR.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 1008 Grandsire Triples, after morning service: W. Davies 1, J. Corrigan 2, F. Jones 3, W. H. Jones 4, J. Paulton 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, F. Bennett 7, T. Richards 8.—Before evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Jones 1, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, W. G. Ellis 7, W. Davies 8, the rest as before.—After evening service, 279 Grandsire Triples: W. Davies 1, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, F. Bennett 7, T. Richards 8, the rest as before.

ST. ALBAN'S.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Whitbread (conductor) 1, F. Chatley 2, E. Randal 3, F. Bow 4, R. E. Hammond 5, F. Jeffs 6, H. Hollick 7, J. Porter 8.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Major, in 44 mins.: C. Ellis 1, T. Bernard 2, T. Taylor 3, G. Taylor 4, G. Thompson 5, C. Kamplin 6, Mr. Cook, R.N., 7, A. Morris (conductor) 8.—At the residence of Mr. Morris, 720 of Kent Minor, on handbells: G. Thompson 1—2, T. Bernard (first 720) 3—4, A. T. Morris (conductor) 5—6.

SALISBURY.—At St. Thomas' Church, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 50 mins.: S. Macey 1, H. Marsh (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, F. Precey 3, L. Harris 4, J. S. Rummung 5, R. P. Knight 6, W. W. Gifford (conductor) 7, C. Gaisford 8.

GORING, OXON.—During a recent holiday, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung: J. Nicholls 1, A. Mobey 2, W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, J. Aldridge 4, W. Napper 5, J. Bower 6. Afterwards, at Pangbourne, Berks, another 720: J. Nicholls 1, A. C. West 2, J. Abery 3, R. Abery 4, W. Lawrence 5, J. Bowyer (conductor) 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—The members of St. Peter's tower have scored their first quarter-peal as a band. On Sept. 25th they rang 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: G. Handscombe 1, *W. Parker 2, A. J. Mawby 3, W. Sibley 4, *J. Deane 5, W. Sturges 6, W. H. Austin (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Harris 8. *First quarter-peal.

BISHOP RYDER'S, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 24th, in the evening, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: S. Coley 1, J. Porter 2, A. T. Scrivens 3, W. Webb 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, at St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Napper 1, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 2, D. Owen 3, W. Mansell 4, J. Dance 5, T. Davies 6, T. Dance 7, G. Morris 8. Also 350, conducted by T. Dance.

OLD WARDENS, BEDS.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 of Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: T. Webb 1, W. Newton 2, F. Blood (Biggleswade), conductor, 3, A. G. Webb 4, W. J. Mayes 5, C. A. Pratt (Clifton) 6.—For evening service, touches of Bob Minor by Job Bintner, A. G. Webb, T. Wells, W. J. Mayes, W. Newton, F. Blood (conductor), and F. Green.

NEWPORT, MON.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. E. Morgan 1, F. E. B. Charles 2, J. Bullen 3, C. Bowen 4, F. Morgan 5, C. Greedy 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, O. Jones 8.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): A. Homer 1, F. Sumner 2, A. Pritchett 3, J. Withers 4, F. Withers 5, A. Chambers (composer and conductor) 6, W. Palmer 7, J. S. Pritchett 8.

GUILDFORD.—St. Nicolas' Society and the Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 504 Stedman Triples: E. G. Heath 1, S. Radford 2, E. Raddon 3, W. Loader 4, G. W. Brion 5, T. W. Radford 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, S. G. Steer 8.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, at Emmanuel Church, for morning service, 1218 Bob Major: J. Woodley 1, W. H. Marsh 2, W. D. James (conductor) 3, E. W. Marsh 4, W. J. Rundle 5, F. Hockaday 6, H. Bennett (longest length in the method) 7, G. H. Myers 8.

FULHAM.—The All Saints' Society.—On Sept. 25th, for practice, on handbells, two parts of Holt's ten-part peal: L. Attwater 1—2, W. Shepherd 3—4, J. W. Driver 5—6, A. F. Shepherd 7—8. Rung on strictly non-conducted principles.

YORK TOWN, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Tuesday, Sept. 26th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief, after ringing 1900 changes. The ringing was in honour of the thirtieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Fairie, Mr. Fairie being the recorder of peals to the above Guild: F. Marchant 1, H. W. Boyles 2, J. Rance 3, J. Moth 4, G. Miles 5, J. North 6, B. Hawkins (conductor) 7, J. Martin 8.

HANDSWORTH.—On Sept. 27th, for harvest thanksgiving service, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Wood 1, W. G. Ellis 2, C. Starkey 3, B. Starkey 4, W. Auker 5, R. Faux 6, T. Verry 7, E. Starkey 8.

CHERTSEY.—On Sept. 27th, 210 Erin Triples, believed to be the first touch in the method on tower bells in Surrey: H. R. Stevens (Chertsey) 1, J. B. Hessey (Chertsey) 2, G. Warrington (Chertsey) 3, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) conductor 4, C. H. Hamblin (Woking) 5, C. J. Tricker (Woking) 6, E. Hamblin (Woking) 7, J. Terry (Chertsey) 8. Also 126 in the same method, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, in which S. Petter (Worplesdon), P. Turley and P. Percy (Chertsey) also took part.

HANDSWORTH.—On Wednesday, Sept. 27th, for Harvest Festival service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Wood 1, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 2, C. Starkey 3, B. Starkey 4, W. Auker 5, R. Faux 6, T. Verry 7, E. Starkey 8.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sept. 28th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Dore 1, W. Newman 2, H. J. Gray 3, W. Irons (conductor) 4, v. Neale 5, A. E. Creasey 6, G. Gray 7, E. Akers 8. First 504 by five of the band. Another 504, with H. Mansfield 3.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—For harvest festival, on Thursday, Sept. 28th, at the Parish Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 40 mins. After service, 464 Bob Major, and three courses of Stedman Triples, by W. R. Small, J. Small, F. Bywater, J. Screen, T. Horton, R. Hall, H. S. Smith, H. P. Smith and A. Rowley (conductor).—On Sunday, October 1st, for Divine service, in the morning, 503 and 209 of Grandsire Triples. For evening service, 321 and 504 in the same method, by W. R. Small, J. Small, J. Smith, W. J. Smith, H. S. Smith, H. P. Smith, G. Williams, W. Webster, T. Groves, J. Goodman, junr., and A. Rowley, conducted by J. Goodman and A. Rowley.

GEDDINGTON.—Central Northamptonshire Association.—At the Parish Church, on Thursday, Sept. 28th, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: G. Black (conductor) 1, C. Cooper 2, C. Swan 3, E. Reid 4, R. Black 5.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—The St. Michael's Society.—On Thursday, Sept. 28th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, T. Newman 3, H. M. White 4, F. Mumby 5, P. Springham, senr., 6, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 7, C. Ridgwell 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to F. Mumby, who is leaving Bishop's Stortford for Boston, Lincolnshire.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—Old East Derbyshire and Sheffield District Association.—At the Parish Church, for harvest festival, on Sept. 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Hancock (Eckington) 1, F. Parsons (Staveley) 2, J. Morton (Eckington) 3, W. Daffin (Staveley) 4, W. J. Thompson (Staveley), conductor, 5, W. Palmer (Staveley) 6.

READING.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Sept. 29th, for the harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Newell 1, F. Alexander 2, C. Giles (conductor) 3, J. E. Hern 4, R. Runham 5, F. Newman 6, E. Denham 7, S. Bristow 8. For the Dedication service, on October 1st, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins.: R. Naylor 1, W. Newell 2, E. Bailey 3, A. Halliday 4, R. Runham (conductor) 5, F. Newman 6, E. Denham 7, S. Bristow 8.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—At St. Oswald's Church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, on Sept. 29th, 336 Grandsire Caters: R. Webster 1, F. Robson 2, W. Pillar 3, A. Webster 4, R. Stephenson 5, W. Neal 6, A. Simpson 7, F. Howcroft 8, S. Wright (conductor) 9, J. Fawcett 10.—On Sunday, October 1st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Seagrave 1, F. Robson 2, W. Pillar 3, W. Neal 4, R. Stephenson 5, E. Burnett 6, S. Wright (conductor) 7, J. Fawcett 8; and for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Burnett, conductor; longest length by W. Seagrave and J. Fawcett.

DOWNHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Saturday, Sept. 30th, on the occasion of a branch meeting, 720 Grandsire Minor: J. Ashmole 1, Thos. Bush 2, A. Johnson 3, H. Yarwood (composer and conductor) 4, A. Booth 5, Thos. Wilmot 6.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read the letters of "E.J.B." and others re the subject of ladies in belfries, and these, sir, are my deductions: (1) That the person who would suggest anything wrong just because there happens to be a female in the belfry must have distorted views; (2) that that particular person is not fit for the society of any female outside his own family, and certainly should not be allowed to wear the garb of a profession which stands for the uplifting and not for the damning of human nature; (3) that any lady ringer would show more brain power than the person who suggests anything wrong, or the person who says that females should be kept out of belfries and middle-class men brought in. If the intellect that devised the objections is a sample of what we might then expect, may all belfries be preserved from it. I think that is sufficient to sum up the whole case. It would be interesting to know what some of the clergy think about the matter. They seem very reluctant to say anything. If there is any defence let them defend the accuser, if not, denounce him.—Yours sincerely,
GEOLE.
THOS. SMITH.

NOTICES.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late St. James' Society), Established 1824.—The ninth Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will take place at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., on Saturday, October 14th. Doors open at 7.15, start 7.45. Admission by programme price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association, or from Frederick J. Hardy, Hon. Sec., 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Charing on Saturday, October 14th, 1911. Through the generosity of the Rev. Rendell Carter tea will be provided to all members who attend, and who notify the district secretary not later than Monday, October 9th. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by the usual business meeting. Half railway fares up to 2s.—G. Moore, District Secretary, Bellville, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Lightcliffe Congregational Church on Saturday, October 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.—Geo. Naylor, Honorary Secretary, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social of the above branch will be held on Saturday, October 14th, 1911, at Heywood. Tea on tables at 5 o'clock. Social at 7 o'clock. The party will be held in the Conservative Club, York Street. Tickets, gentlemen 1s. 3d., ladies 1s.—J. H. Barton, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton, near Bradford, on October 14th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Park Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary, 106, Bank Street, Clayton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 3.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at All Souls' on Saturday, October 14th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincoff, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Next meeting at Lindfield, October 14th (postponed from September 16th). Tower open 3, tea 5.30 at Bent Hotel.—Robert J. Dawe, Divisional Honorary Secretary, "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberdare on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5 o'clock.—Rev. Connop L. Price and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Honorary Secretaries.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West Dis-

trict.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. M. Harvey), at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be kindly provided by the donor of the bells, J. F. Stilwell, Esq. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, October 14th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Paul's, Fulney, will be available from 11 o'clock. Dinner at the White Hart Hotel at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Service with short address at the Parish Church at 3.30.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern district.—A meeting will be held at Graveley, near Stevenage, on Saturday, October 14th. Will all 6 or 5 bellringers take notice of this meeting especially arranged for them. Those who can come are requested to inform B. H. T. Drake, Honorary District Secretary, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will take place on Saturday, October 14th, at Newmarket. The bells of All Saints (8) and St. Mary's (5) will be available for ringing after 2 p.m. A meat tea will be supplied at Messrs. Games, Queen Street, at 6d. per head. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend.—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—A quarterly meeting of the Association will take place at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., on October 16th. Tower open at 8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Business meeting at the headquarters' room, Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, W.C., at 9.30. All members should attend.—Frederick J. Hardy, Honorary Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Croston, on Saturday, October 21st. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, October 21st. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea in schoolroom at 6 o'clock, 1s. per head, to be followed by business meeting. Bells available from 3.30 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, October 21st. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Duke, in Upper Street, at 5.30.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available from 3.45. Tea will be provided in the Vestry at 5.15 p.m., at 6d. a head. All members and friends cordially invited.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. All

NOTICES (continued).

ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available at 4.30. Arrangements will be made for tea.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at S. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, October 28th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. As this is the first meeting since the restoration of the bells it is hoped a large number of members will make it convenient to be present.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Fladbury, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service, with an address, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. Tea will be provided for those who notify me of being present not later than Monday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. Canon Hough (Vicar). Tea in the Parish Church Hall at 5.30 p.m., kindly provided by the Vicar, for those who send their names to me not later than Tuesday, October 24th. Business meeting to follow, the Vicar presiding.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 17th, November 7th; St. Mary-le-Bow, October 17th; St. Magnus, October 26th, November 9th; St. Paul's Cathedral, October 31st.—W. T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The meeting at Scorton is cancelled. Another tower will be arranged for as soon as possible.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

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FOR SALE.

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OLD WOKING.—At St. Peter's, on Friday evening, for the Harvest Festival, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Brackley 1, C. J. Hamblin (conductor) 2, D. Hampton 3, S. Petter 4, T. Strudwick 5, E. J. Hamblin 6.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 24th, 720 Plain Bob: E. J. Hamblin 1, J. Lloyd 2, C. J. Hamblin 3, D. Hampton 4, J. Brackley 5, T. Strudwick (conductor) 6.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

There are many ringers who are ready to help a deserving case, and members of the Lancashire Association appeal for assistance for Mr. Edward Cash, a well known ringer and Oddfellow, who met with a severe motor-car accident over two years ago, and, it is feared, will never be able to follow his employment again. Every effort to find the owner of the car has failed. His friends are now seeking to help him financially, and a draw has been arranged by a committee. It is hoped that ringers will make the matter widely known, and do their utmost either by soliciting subscriptions or selling tickets. Full information can be obtained from the following members of the committee:—Messrs. J. Barratt (chairman), 7, College Croft, Eccles; H. Chapman (vice-chairman), Plymouth Grove, Manchester; S. Wood (treasurer), 44, Crowthorn Road, Ashton-under-Lyne; or C. Cash, 16, Partington Lane, Swinton, and S. Greenhalgh, 72, Brindle Heath Road, Pendleton (honorary secretaries). The committee acknowledge with thanks the following donations:

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Ringers, Holy Trinity Church, Hoghton ...	0	10	0
Ringers, Darwen Parish Church, per Chris. Briggs	0	7	6
E. D. Taylor, Esq., Loughborough	0	5	0
Rev. C. P. Keirling, and Ringers at Todmorden	0	5	0
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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.

In addition to the points which I gave a fortnight ago as aids to calling Minor from a working bell, there are one or two other helps to the young conductor which I should like to mention. I showed how, when the calls come with the observation bell at three successive "homes," there is a formula which enables the beginner, no matter in what position he may be among the bob making bells, to know not only where he is going to be at the succeeding calls, but to know also when the last of the three calls has been made. Now the "homes" do not always follow in sequence. It is necessary to have bobs "wrong," and it is the going from a "wrong" to a "home" that frequently baffles a beginner when he tries to "transpose himself." But even here there are some simple guides. Let us imagine we have a course in which the 6th is to be called W and H. Here it is:—

2 3 4 5 6
— 2 3 5 6 4
3 6 2 4 5
6 4 3 5 2
4 5 6 2 3
— 4 5 2 3 6

One of the first things to observe is your own bell's relationship in the coursing order to the 6th. After the bob wrong in this course the coursing order—the order in which the bells successively come down to lead—is 3, 2, 5, 4, 6, and except that the treble intervenes between a different pair each lead, this coursing order is continued for four leads up to the bob home. Here are some of the points worth remembering.

The bell which runs "out" at the wrong becomes the 5th's place bell, which courses immediately after the 6th, and, coming into 5-6 up at the bob H is unaffected in its work by that call.

The bell which runs "in" at the wrong becomes the 3rd's place bell, and makes the bob at the home. This position is perhaps the most difficult one to see while the ringing is going on, because it lacks the actual assistance which the others get from their closer relationship with the 6th. But a simple way out of the difficulty can be found by learning the transposition: Run "in" at the W, make the bob at H—and we shall find that this transposition holds good equally for Plain Bob, and many other methods on the higher number of bells, so it is worth remembering.

The bell that made the bob at the W will run "out" at the H, and this position is easily found because in the lead before H is called, that bell, when in 3-4 up, will dodge with the 6th, which will be in 3-4 down. When a bell has dodged in 3-4 up, of course, it has the treble coursing immediately after it for the next lead, and then, passing the treble in 1-2, it has to run straight out if a bob is called.

The bell that dodged with the 6th in 5-6 down at the W is the 4th's place bell, and courses immediately in front of the 6th for the next four leads. When the bob is called, with the 6th in 5-6 down, this 4th's place bell has to run straight in and take the treble off lead.

These are just one or two points which will help the young conductor. He will find other aids if he searches for them, but these will show him that a little careful

study will reduce conducting from a non-observation bell to a fairly easy matter, providing he has reasonable powers of "reading the bells," in other words, of following their coursing order and knowing from that order what each should be doing at any particular time.

In order to keep bells right it is necessary to know the coursing order, and the conductor should continually try to follow it while ringing is in progress, and eventually, by practice, acquiring the ability to work out in advance the effect which a bob will have upon that coursing order. All these things will come with patience and perseverance, and just because it does not all come at once the beginner should not feel discouraged.

"Bob."—Neither of the methods which you have submitted are legitimate. In these advanced days a method with eight blows behind is out of the question.

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1 2 3 4 5

2 1 4 3 5

2 4 1 5 3

4 2 5 1 3

2 4 5 3 1

4 2 3 5 1

2 4 3 1 5

4 2 1 3 5

4 1 2 5 3

1 4 5 2 3

1 5 4 3 2

Plain.

Bob.

Single.

4 3 2 5 3

4 1 2 5 3

4 1 2 5 3

1 4 5 2 3

1 4 2 3 5

1 4 5 2 3

1 5 4 3 2

1 2 4 5 3

1 4 5 3 2

A six score can be got as follows:—

2 3 4 5

— 2 4 5 3

3 5 4 2

— 3 4 2 5

5 2 4 3

— 5 4 3 2

5 3 2 4 5

Repeated.

The method is reversible, and can be rung by making the interior places when the treble is in front and calling the bobs and singles when she is behind.

A WORCESTER CLAIM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am afraid that Mr. William Page's claim, to be the first Worcester man to ring 100 peals, is not correct, as Mr. Francis A. Smith, who was born in Silver Street, Worcester, and was educated in that city, has over 120 peals to his credit. Unfortunately, Mr. Smith has not rung a peal in the Faithful City, as he left it when quite a lad. His ringing career started in the village church of Bushey, where he still resides.

BERTRAM PREWETT.

RINGING NEWS FROM VANCOUVER.

His many friends in England will, we are sure, read with interest the following extracts from a letter which we have received from Mr. Alan R. Macdonald, and which reached us on Friday. Mr. Macdonald was one of the most enthusiastic members of the Middlesex Association, and he left England for Vancouver, British Columbia, a few weeks ago. It will be remembered that we recorded the first peal in Canada, rung at the Roman Catholic Church at Vancouver, and Mr. Macdonald has come as a valuable recruit to this band. He writes:—

When I first arrived in this city I made inquiries as to where the Roman Catholic Cathedral was, and soon located it, as it is the only church in the whole city with a stone steeple capable of having a ringing peal, as nearly nine out of ten of the churches and houses are built of wood. I made inquiries at the church house as to who were the ringers, and when the bells were rung, but could get no information, except that the ringers were all from the old country and sometimes rang on Wednesday evenings. However, other business called me out of town for the first fortnight and on my return the first Sunday after I took a walk round by the church on the off chance that they might be ringing. I had best leave you to judge my feelings when I heard the back five strike up to the old familiar tune of Grandsire Doubles. You can bet I was not long before I found my way up to the ringing chamber and introduced myself. Another new ringer to Vancouver, a son of Mr. Judd, of Prittlewell, who had been for two years in California, followed me up the stairs, and, as he is stopping in the city, the Vancouver band got two recruits at once, which enabled them to talk of ringing Stedman Triples. Any way, that first Sunday evening we changed the tune from Doubles to Triples. I had put my copy of "The Ringing World," containing the account of the first peal in Canada, in my pocket when leaving my rooms, so was able to show them the first official account of their own peal. They could not understand how you had managed to record it so soon. The bells are a very good peal of eight, and go well. The tenor is about 18 cwt., and not a bad bell, though she is somewhat thin for her weight. She was cast in France.

We have quite a decent band here now, and I am pleased to say that I called the first touch of Stedman Triples last Sunday evening. It was the first in Canada, if not on the American Continent. We meet for practice Wednesday evenings, and Sundays at 6 p.m. We have, when all turn up, a band capable of ringing Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Kent and Oxford Minor, and are living in hopes of recording the first peal of Stedman Triples on this side, if luck is kind, at no very distant date.

One thing that strikes me rather strange is that though built on to the church, the tower is not consecrated, and we can smoke and do as we like up there. Perhaps it is just as well, as they might have some qualms about letting Protestants ring their bells if it were otherwise, for the ringers are all members of the Church of England to a man. They tell me they have no complaints about the noise of the bells, and that people want to know what is the matter if they are not rung. I can understand this, as this city is one of the most English in Canada, and several men have mentioned to me how they liked to hear the bells going, as it put them in mind of home and the old country.

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