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From time to time we are able to direct attention to noteworthy performances which appear among the peal records; performances which are the outcome of high skill and superabundant enthusiasm. The bounds of keenness must, however, surely have been reached when we find a band ringing six peals on handbells in six consecutive evenings. Such is the performance which we record in this issue by the Guildford men, and it constitutes a record of its kind. Every night from Monday to Saturday last week they scored a peal of Stedman Caters in hand—a really remarkable accomplishment, which will be fully appreciated by those who realise the exacting nature of the task.

There are those, perhaps, who may say that the continual ringing of peals in the same method must give the ringers such a grasp of it that anything, almost, ought to be possible, but double-handed ringing cannot be quite reduced to the more or less automatic level that is possible on tower bells by those well versed in a method. Great powers of concentration are necessary, and a peal "in hand" is so very easily lost. We believe that among those who are competent to judge, there is a strong feeling that a peal on handbells ought to be given more points than a peal in the same method on tower bells. It is certainly a greater mental task, and for this reason the more one thinks about the performance at Guildford the more praiseworthy does the achievement appear. Variety, so far as variety could be introduced into six peals in the same method, was introduced. In each case there was a different composition, a different length, different handbells and different place of meeting, but, although the five ringers rang the same pairs each time, more than one start had to be made on most of the evenings. The band certainly deserve the heartiest congratulations, for the performance reflects the greatest credit upon them, and particularly upon their brilliant conductor, Mr. A. H. Pulling, whose ability in this direction is really something to marvel at.

It is somewhat curious that the week's ringing at Guildford should have coincided with the Winchester Guild tour in Hampshire, and these two batches of peals will give the Guild a useful lift in the "Analysis." There is, at any rate, among those Associations who can count upon being in the first flight, a good deal of keenness in regard to which may not inaptly be termed the championship table, and while many ringers do not care a straw about the points so long as they can ring a good peal, the Associations officially think a good deal—and naturally so—of the honour of reaching the top end of the table. The six peals at Guildford and the nine in Hampshire should be very helpful to the Winchester Guild.

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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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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHDEACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE A. SMITH Treble	JAMES E. GROVES 5
CHARLES MORLEY 2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUNR. 6
HARRY WASHBROOK 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7
WALTER R. WASHBROOK 4	JOHN DARLINGTON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHDEACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY WASHBROOK... .. Treble	WALTER R. WASHBROOK 5
GEORGE A. SMITH 2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUNR. 6
ARTHUR CLAY 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7
WILLIAM TITCHFORD ... 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ... Treble	GEORGE BULL 5
*J. JAMES JACKSON 2	EDWARD I. STONE 6
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 3	GEORGE ROBINSON 7
JOHN N. SWINFIELD ... 4	*DAVID COTTON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

*First peal in the method. This, and the peal at Newhall were arranged to oblige J. J. Jackson, who hails from Belton, Rutland.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

*HAROLD W. CLARK ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
*ARTHUR J. NEALE 2	ERNEST PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	BERTRAM PREWETT 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	ROBERT E. STAVERT ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Neale, wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF S. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLETCHER... Treble	PERCY E. BEX 5
REGINALD BROUGH 2	EDWIN BARNETT, JUNR. 6
GEORGE POVEY... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SENR. 7
EDWARD AUDSLEY 4	WILLIAM FLOYD Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SENR.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Association.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*GEORGE RICHARDSON ... Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES 5
FRANK S. STURT 2	BENJAMIN THORP 6
ALBERT W. WHEALE 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE ... 4	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Sykes and Langridge, and on the anniversary of the latter's wedding. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Turner for arranging the peal at short notice.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RALPH COLES Treble	ARTHUR G. JAMES 5
FRED HAYES 2	JAMES W. WILKINS... .. 6
*JAMES W. NEIGHBOUR ... 3	ROBERT H. YOUNG 7
JOHN GRANSBURY 4	FRANK W. BOXELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	HENRY J. RANZETTA 5
FRANK HAIRS 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	*THOMAS LANGDON 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method by the Association.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

HEBER DERBYSHIRE ... Treble	FRED. DERBYSHIRE 5
REV. C. B. HULTON 2	PERCY DERBYSHIRE 6
JAMES H. RIDYARD 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
ARTHUR RIDYARD 4	WILLIAM JONES Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

The first peal in the method by all, and by the Lancashire Association.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.

CHARLES MILLS Treble	JAMES MOTTS 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	CLEMENT J. MORE 6
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 3	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 7
JOHN O'NEILL 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

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

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

*** A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR,**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

I. SCHOFIELD Treble	S. STOTT 5
J. LEES 2	E. B. SHAW 6
E. GEARY 3	J. W. TAYLOR 7
† S. M. BUTTERWORTH ... 4	A. CLEGG Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR.

† First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Geary.

* This peal was sent without the number of changes.—Ed.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Taylor's

Tenor 16 cwt.

* JOHN ALDIS, JUNR. ... Treble	GEORGE MAY 5
GEORGE S. SOAME 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	* GEORGE WHITEHAND ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED. J. HOWCHIN.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Triples ever rung on the bells, which have been a ring of eight since 1742.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALWYN CHARMAN ... Treble	* CECIL CHARMAN 5
† HORACE CHARMAN 2	THOMAS WORSFOLD 6
ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... 3	WILLIAM CHARMAN 7
HENRY TIDY 4	* HARRY LEDGER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CHARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Jack Elliott, parish clerk, who is leaving the country.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.

RUEBEN FLAXMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3	JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE 7
WILLIAM C. PARKER 4	WILLIAM RALPH Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY LEA Treble	HARRY PRICE 5
VICTOR WHITE 2	ALFRED DAVIES 6
ALBERT E. PARSONS 3	WILLIAM H. WEBB 7
WILLIAM BIRD 4	* ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. WEBB.

First peal as conductor in the method. * First peal in the method. W. Bird rang his last peal in 1898, and A. E. Parsons his last peal in 1902.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;

Tenor 13 cwt.

* HARRY DICKENS ... Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
JOHN WITHERS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 3	JAMES DOWLER 7
CHARLES DICKENS 4	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Neal.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

Tenor 19 cwt.

* WILLIAM SHARPLES ... Treble	EDWIN TIMBRELL 5
JAMES ARMSTRONG 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	ALBERT WOODHOUSE 7
WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL ... 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	JOHN H. BENSTEAD 6
JOHN T. KENTISH 3	JAMES PARKER 7
GEORGE RADLEY 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES ;

Tenor 18½ cwt., in E.

PERCY LANGSTON ... Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 2	ERNEST NEWMAN 6
JAMES FLEUTY 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and

Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Taylor's Bob and Single,

Tenor 12 cwt.

COLEMAN J. MORLING ... Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE 5
BENJAMIN THORP 2	* WILLIAM GREEN 6
ALFRED J. TURNER 3	† GEORGE PIPER 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES 4	AUTHUR BANKS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PIPER.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal as conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

RICHARD MOUNT Treble	FRED W. HERBERT 5
J. JAMES JACKSON 2	R. HENRY BARTRAM 6
WALTER WHITE 3	JAMES HARRIS 7
JAMES HOUGHTON 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal of Major on the bells and first in the method in the County of Rutland. The band, with the local men, beg to thank Mr. Churchwarden Phillips for his kind hospitality after the peal.

WHITWORTH, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICKER'S SIX-PART.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble	ORMEROD EASTWOOD 5
*WILLIAM SMITH 2	WALTER TAYLOR 6
SAMUEL LORD 3	JAMES B. TAYLOR 7
*JAMES HEPTONSTALL 4	JOHN W. ORMEROD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. W. Smith hails from Loughborough and was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

PENN, STAFFS.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN RAY Treble	GEORGE CLAYBROOK 5
JOHN BROWN 2	DANIEL JONES 6
WILLIAM LAWLEY 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
ANDREW JONES 4	*CHARLES DARBY Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

* First peal.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
BOROUGH OF GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in G.

JAMES BUCKLEY Treble	*JESSE NEAL 5
EGMONT T. MALKIN 2	ELI GARSIDE 6
HERBERT BRADLEY 3	JOSEPH BENTLEY 7
*JOSEPH PEMBERTON 4	ARTHUR LAWTON Tenor

Composed by THOMAS LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by JOSEPH BENTLEY.

* First peal. This peal has all the 8-6's and 6-7-8's.

KELSALE.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*GEORGE HARDY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
JAMES G. RUMSEY 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
FREDERICK J. SMITH 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY Tenor

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

First peal of New Cambridge on the bells.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN Treble	†CLEMENT GLENN 5
GEORGE LEWIS 2	R. WILFRED COLLIER 6
*EDWIN JAMES 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford as conductor. First peal of Oxford on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. James.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. Treble	GEORGE POYNITZ 5
WILLIAM STEELE 2	RICHARD BALDRY 6
JOHN F. WILSON 3	FREDERICK WHITHAM 7
ALFRED FUNNELL 4	JOHN ALDIS, Junr. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. F. Wilson.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt., in E flat.

*F. SILLS Treble	C. NORRIS 5
*J. HUNT 2	F. BELSEY 6
G. RIORDAN 3	S. SHELLOCK 7
*F. RIORDAN 4	C. MUNGEAN Tenor

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

* First peal. This peal was rung on the 8th anniversary of the Dedication Festival.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

RICHARD DARLOW Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	*FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
*THOMAS R. SCOTT 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4	ROBERT E. STAVERT Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Superlative rung by an entirely local band at this church.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, October 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

COX'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY WARD Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
†EDWARD HORTON 2	†RALPH BAKER 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	*CHARLES BEECH 7
TOM W. DAY 4	JAMES ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. It is the first peal on the bells by a local band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven-and-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN HOUGH Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD 4
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 2	HERBERT HURDMAN 5
J. JAMES JACKSON... .. 3	DAVID COTTON Tenor

Conducted by DAVID COTTON.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN HOYES... .. Treble	SIDNEY WHALEY... .. 4
JOHN H. HAYNES... .. 2	JOHN W. WOOD 5
ARTHUR MACKEARS 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

This is the conductor's rooth peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Newcastle, Carlisle, London, Wells, York and Cambridge.

Tenor 17½ cwt., in E.

FREDERICK DAY Treble	JOSEPH GOACHER... .. 4
WILLIAM SAVAGE 2	WILLIAM DAY 5
HENRY BLACKMAN 3	FREDERICK BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK BENNETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Earl of Onslow, who was interred at Merrow on the above date.

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

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN W. WOOD Treble	FREDK. W. STOKES 4
JOSEPH LORD 2	*CHARLES ELSE 5
GEORGE SCOTT 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

* First peal.

BINFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 Single Oxford and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH WHITE Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 4
JAMES NORTH 2	WILLIAM J. PAICE 5
JOHN RANCE 3	HARRY BUNGAY... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. NORTH.

First peal in four methods on the bells and by all but the ringer of the 4th, who was elected a member previous to starting.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Treble Bob by the Association. Messrs. E. Gates and T. C. Tompkins were elected members before starting for the peal. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. Gibson) for so kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal and for the use of the bells.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 of Single Court and three 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE 4
†HARRY THORPE 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL 5
†DAVID B. OVERTON... .. 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the Guild before starting. First peal on the bells since they were rehung in 1909, by Messrs. White & Son, the "go" being excellent.

BRADDEN.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

*SAMUEL BATES Treble	*CHARLIE FAULKNER 3
FRED. HOPPER 2	WILFRED SHARP... .. 4
GEORGE BASFORD Tenor	

Conducted by FRED. HOPPER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Sharp, also to Mr. James Slarke, the founder of the above Association.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. NARBOROUGH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

HERBERT GOAKES 1	WALTER H. FREEMAN 4
THOMAS HAINES... .. 2	RALPH NARBOROUGH 5
HORACE BANHAM 3	CHARLES GOAKES 6

Conducted by CHARLES GOAKES.

First peal by all except the ringers of the 4th and 6th. First peal of Bob Minor ever rung in Wisbech, and rung at the first attempt. The tower bells being unpealable, the attempt was made on handbells.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

At 81, NOTTINGHAM ROAD, DERBY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

SAYWELL VICKERS...	1—2	WALTER WALLACE	5—6
ALBERT H. WARD	3—4	JOHN VICKERS, Junr.	7—8

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Referees: BART MITCHELL and JOHN VICKERS, Senr.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(YORK TOWN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, October 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At "LEYLAND," QUEEN'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK G. WOODISS	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3—4	WILLIAM A. WOODROW	7—8

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpires: R. J. POLLEY, J. LOVERIDGE and F. SHEPHERD.

WINCHESTER'S WEEK.

The following peals were rung by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild during the Hampshire Ringing Week, October 21st to 28th, 1911.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	...Treble	GEORGE MARTIN	... 6
KEITH HART	... 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND...	... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	... 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	... 8
Rev. E. BANKES JAMES	... 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	... 9
JOHN EVANS...	... 5	Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN	...Tenor

Composed by Sir ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung on the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

SOBERTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	... 5
HENRY WHITE	... 2	GEORGE MARTIN	... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	... 3	Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN	... 7
RICHARD BUCKLAND	... 4	KEITH HART	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

PRIVETT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 15 lbs., in F.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	...Treble	JOHN EVANS	... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	... 2	Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN	... 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	... 7
GEORGE MARTIN	... 4	KEITH HART	...Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the conductor's 800th peal.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

RICHARD BUCKLAND	...Treble	GEORGE MARTIN	... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	... 6
JOHN EVANS...	... 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	... 4	KEITH HART	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

HAVANT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt., in E.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	...Treble	RICHARD BUCKLAND...	... 5
HENRY WHITE	... 2	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	... 3	KEITH HART	... 7
JOHN EVANS...	... 4	GEORGE MARTIN	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 16 cwt., in D.

KEITH HART	...Treble	JOHN EVANS	... 5
HENRY WHITE	... 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND...	... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	... 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	... 4	GEORGE MARTIN	...Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The Rev. J. B. Danbury, Vicar of the parish, met the band in the belfry before the peal and wished them success.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs., in D.

KEITH HART	...Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	... 2	JOHN EVANS	... 6
GEORGE MARTIN	... 3	Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN	... 7
RICHARD BUCKLAND	... 4	Rev. C. A. CLEMENTS	...Tenor

Conducted by Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN.

Mr. G. F. Williams' 100th peal.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb., in A.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	...Treble	JOHN EVANS	... 5
KEITH HART	... 2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	... 6
GEORGE MARTIN	... 3	Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN	... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first Surprise peal on the bells.

DIBDEN, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 5
* RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... 6
HENRY WHITE ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells.

Handbell Peals.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANCES;

Handbells, Size 18, in G.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: T. W. RADFORD.

Witness: S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Handbells: Size 14, in D.

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

Composed by J. GEORGE, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: T. W. RADFORD.

M. Smither's 50th peal on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Radford, eldest daughter of the umpire.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Handbells, Size 15, in C.

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

Composed by C. CHARGE, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Handbells, Size 18, in G.

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

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires: D. HAYWARD and S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT COMMERCIAL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Handbells, Size 16, in B flat.

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

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH INSTITUTE, FOXENDEN ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Handbells, Size 21, in D.

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

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires: S. RADFORD and E. RADDON.

WINCHESTER GUILD MEETING.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT WICKHAM.

Wickham, in Hants, the birthplace of William of Wykeham, founder of the Colleges of Winchester and Oxford, and one of the early Bishops of Winchester, was the venue of the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Guild on Saturday. Ringers were present from Swanmore, Fareham, Curdridge, and Wickham, as well as Messrs. J. W. Whiting (hon. district secretary), G. E. Chappell (assistant secretary), and A. T. King, of Southsea, formerly hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association. After ringing in the afternoon, the members sat down to tea in the Parish Room, the Rector (the Rev. E. H. Duke) presiding. At the business meeting, which followed, the Rector welcomed the members to Wickham, and referred to the pleasure which the ringing of the bells gave him. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and institute, and for presiding at the meeting; also to Mr. A. T. King and Mr. Langford for their presence. In responding, Mr. King urged the members to rally round the secretary, and to give him more encouragement, by turning up regularly at the meetings. The Hon. Secretary said he had corresponded with 18 towers with regard to the meeting, but had received replies from only three. He hoped the members would rouse up and assist him by replying to his letters. The Rector also replied, and the ringers then returned to the tower, where two 720's of Kent and one of College Single were rung, as well as touches in other methods, including six-scores of Stedman Doubles, to which the Rector rang the tenor.

The 720's were rung by the following:—College Single: J. W. Whiting, W. Singleton, W. Cooper, W. Linter, H. Beckett, G. E. Chappell (conductor). Kent Treble Bob by W. Linter, W. Singleton, W. Cooper, H. Beckett, G. E. Chappell (conductor), W. F. Churcher, A. Mears, H. J. F. Smith and A. Millard.

The mill in the village of Wickham, is an object of interest to a large number of visitors, particularly Americans, as it contains the timbers of the old U.S. frigate "Chesapeake." After the fight with the "Shannon" in 1813, it was brought to England and dismantled, and the owner of Wickham Mill used some of the beams as rafters. Shot holes in the timbers are still visible.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On Tuesday, October 10th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Willey 1, J. Semper 2, E. R. Semper 3, H. Bowcock 4, C. Semper 5, F. W. Stokes (conductor) 6.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—The Chester Diocesan Guild.—At the Parish Church on Thursday, October 12th, 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins., with tenor covering: W. Morgan 1, A. E. Richards 2, W. Dunning 3, P. Smith 4, H. Thomas 5, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 6, J. Powis 8.

KENT MEETING AT LEWISHAM.

Lewisham, with its fine peal of eight bells, was the scene on Saturday of the annual meeting of that district of the Kent Association which takes its name from the populous suburb. Ringers gathered during the afternoon from all parts of the district, and from outside it, too, and it was a most pleasant reunion. The bells were kept merrily going with short touches, the methods ranging from Grand-sire to Superlative, and there was quite a large attendance at the service, conducted by Canon Hough. Despite the fact that there was no organ to lead them, two hymns were heartily sung, and the short service consisted of appropriate prayers. Canon Hough gave a very homely address, welcoming the Association to Lewisham, and expressing his high appreciation of the work which the ringers did. He always felt, he said, that they were not recognised as they ought to be as church workers. The calling of a ringer needed a great amount of real skill, patience and perseverance, and he thought the way in which ringers loved the bells was wonderful. They delighted in ringing, and he reminded them of the higher motive that lay behind their work, and the pleasure they got from it—God's honour and glory.

Tea, to which about 90 sat down, was kindly given by the Vicar in the Parish Room, Canon Hough and his wife, who assisted in waiting upon their guests, having at the last minute to provide for half as many again as were at first expected, owing to those who had failed to notify the hon. secretary of their intention to be present by the required date. Such forgetfulness is rather inconsiderate and much upsets the catering arrangements. Canon Hough presided at the subsequent business meeting, when two Lewisham ringers and one Croydon ringer were elected members of the Association, and four elections in the belfry were ratified.—St. Nicholas', Depford, was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting.

A GOOD RECORD.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge), in his annual report, said the district kept in a very flourishing condition. The quarterly meetings had been successful, and the higher methods had been practised at these gatherings. Twenty-eight peals had been rung in the district during the year, and members had taken part in 21 outside the district, including one on handbells, in which Miss Elsie Bennett took part, being the first lady to ring a peal for the Association. Thanks were due to the various incumbents for granting the use of the bells for peals and meetings, and to those who had given addresses at the services.—The Secretary also returned his best thanks to those who had assisted him in arranging the meetings, and making them most successful.—The report was adopted.

The appeal from the Shoreditch Bell Restoration Committee was read, and, while it was felt that Kent churches should have the first claim on the Association, it was recognised that this was a tower of more than ordinary interest, and on the motion of Mr. Jefferies, seconded by Mr. E. Barnett, it was decided to make a collection in the room. As a result £1 0s. 6d. was received for the fund.

Mr. T. Groombridge was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary—no better man could possibly be found for the post—and thanked for his services.—Mr. Jefferies was re-elected district secretary, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon Hough for granting the use of the bells, holding the service, and providing the tea.

On Saturday the Canterbury district of the Kent County Association held a meeting at St. Lawrence, Thanet. The Rev. B. Heald was present to welcome the members. Touches in Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich, were attempted. Tea was partaken of by 38 members, and afterwards the election of Mr. J. Freckborn was confirmed, and eight new members were elected. The tower of St. Stephen's, Canterbury, was accepted into union through the exertions of Mr. E. G. Buesden, district representative. The question of holding Divine Service at meetings was introduced by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, but no decision was come to. The tower was again visited, and further practise indulged in.

THE BELLS OF BARKING, SUFFOLK.

OLD PEAL RECAST.

The Bishop of Norwich has dedicated the recast peal of six at Barking Church, Suffolk. There was originally a ring of five old bells in the tower, three belonging to the fifteenth century, and two to the sixteenth. Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, has recast them into six, and rehung them in entirely new fittings. The new tenor, which is 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs., bears the old Latin inscription copied from the former tenor, and the names of the Rector and churchwardens. It is said that the old bells were not rung for a period of between 50 and 70 years, but the parishioners have now a peal of which they may justly be proud. The work has been admirably carried out, and a large congregation attended the dedication service. The Bishop, in the course of an appropriate address, based on the words, "I was glad when

they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord," said it was gratifying to know that the work of the Church still flourished in their midst. There were people who said that church work had by this time become old-fashioned and obsolete. They (the congregation) and he did not think so. Again, others spoke as if the Church owed all its endowments and prosperity to the piety of men of past generations. The restoration of these bells, which they had secured by the sacrifice of their own time and money, was a distinct contradiction to false statements of that kind. He was pleased to know they had entered into the spirit which told them that it was a poor thing, and a mean thing, for a man to live upon the past, to enjoy for himself the work—and its results—of his ancestors of long ago, and to simply survive as a relic of worthy men. Their ancestors had done everything for them in the building of their beloved church, but they were glad, in their generation, to contribute to the life and successful progress of the church, and all for which it stood in their midst. People forget that if the work in Christ's Church is to be successful, it must be done by men in this generation. They there had proved themselves worthy sons of those who endowed that church, by making in their own lifetime some further contribution to its support, whether to the fabric or to its activities. He believed they were largely led to do this by the love they bore the church, and the restored bells would again and again call them within those sacred walls.

At the close of the service touches of Bob Minor and Double Court were rung, and a well-struck 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by W. Souter, of Stowmarket. Ringers attended from Ipswich, Stowmarket, Lavenham, Coddensham, Buxhall, Otley, Great Bentley, Henley, etc., one and all expressing their entire satisfaction with the tone and "go" of the bells.

A VILLAGE "CATHEDRAL."

SALISBURY GUILD RINGERS' MEETING.

Driving along the Exeter Road between Bridport and Charmouth, the traveller passes one of the finest bits of land and seascape to be seen anywhere in the south of England.

"Look round

Upon the variegated scene, of hills
And woods, and fruitful vales and villages
Half hid in tufted orchards, and the sea
Boundless, and studded thick with many a sail."

Thus wrote William Crowe in 1788, in speaking of this scene and of Marshwood Vale in particular, with its

"Verdant pasture, where the kine
Returning with their milky treasure home
Store the rich dairy."

Situated in this West Dorset vale is one of those veritable village cathedrals—the parish church of Whitchurch Canonicoorum.

This is one of the few places in Britain which can boast of possessing the shrine of a British Saint in situ. The identity of the remains contained in the leaden reliquary upon which, in raised letters, are the words: "Hic requiescit relique sce wite" has long been a matter of dispute. The church is dedicated to St. White or Candida and the Holy Trinity. It is a cruciform building embodying much Norman and Early English work. The tower is perpendicular, and has a very fine west window. There is also a fine peal of six bells (tenor about 23 cwt.), with pits for two trebles.

This was the meeting-place for the W. Dorset branch of the Salisbury Guild on Saturday. Representatives assembled from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Lyme Regis, and Neatherbury, and they were met by the local band. Ringing was indulged in till 5 p.m., when a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Welsh). Afterwards 36 sat down to tea, among the company being the Revs. Langford, Jacobs and Urquhart. After tea, the Chairman of the branch (the Rev. C. F. Langford) welcomed all, and spoke of the growing interest taken in the Guild since its sub-division into smaller branches.—The Secretary reported that since the last branch meeting the following towers had joined: Loders, Lyme Regis, Rampisham, and Shipton Gorge. The Whitchurch band also expressed their willingness to become members. The time and place of the next meeting was fixed for Bridport on Saturday, December 9th.—The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting, after which the tower was again visited. Nothing very noteworthy was accomplished in change ringing, but a lot of spade work was done, and two unattached change ringers discovered, and their addresses duly noted. These will form useful additions to the slowly growing number who are, as the locals term it, "learning the scientific way of ringing."

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 15th, for morning service, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes): G. Webster 1, E. Johnson 2, J. H. White 3, W. Wiles 4, W. Cox 5, W. Maund 6, C. Freeman 7, A. Roberts (conductor) 8. For afternoon service 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Pervin. Also for evening service 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, in which A. W. Flowers (Bournemouth) and F. Pervin took part.

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THE HON. SEC. OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The list of secretaries who have served the Durham and Newcastle Association includes the names of men who have rendered great service to the Exercise in the North. Among them have been Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton; Mr. L. Newton, of Durham; Mr. Thomas Hudson, of Bishopwearmouth; Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle; and Mr. A. M. C. Field, of Blackhill. To this list of able officers has now to be added Mr. C. L. Todd, of Darlington, who succeeded Mr. Field on May 31st, 1909, and has brought all the enthusiasm and energy of youth to bear upon the work. Mr. Todd is a native of Darlington, his



MR. CHARLES TODD.

father and grandfather having both been well-known townsmen, and he also belongs to a family of ringers, for two of his uncles and a brother have been connected with St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, for many years. A member of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, London, Mr. Todd is a very busy man, and does not find a great deal of time for peal ringing, but he is very keen upon the duties of his office, and just as it is generally found that the busiest men are those who make time for such work, so Mr. Todd readily devotes his limited leisure to discharging the secretarial duties of the Association for the two northern dioceses.

Although his relatives were associated with St. Cuthbert's, Mr. Todd has always favoured the bells of his own church, Holy Trinity, and from the time he stood and listened to them on the night they were opened in 1891, he was ambitious to become a ringer. It was not until 1896, however, that he began ringing at Holy Trinity, and although he was amazed at the amount he had to learn before he could even ring the treble, he spent all his spare time in pricking out changes, in which his aptitude for figures—he was generally at the top of his school form in mathematics—stood him in good stead. He was fortunate also to be associated with a number of very keen ringers and was brought on rapidly. He called his first touch in 1900. He served upon the executive sub-committee of his Association, and prior to being elected secretary in 1909, filled the office of hon. auditor.

The inauguration of Ferry's scheme for recording Sunday service ringing in 1902 gave a great stimulus to ringing in the Association, and it was on this subject that his voice was first heard in the committee meetings of the Association. He was secretary of his tower from 1902 to 1910, during which period the Holy Trinity company won for three years in succession the first certificate awarded under Ferry's scheme—the second occasion being with a score which has never been equalled.

Most of Mr. Todd's ringing has been done in a six-bell tower, but his abilities are not limited to that number, as his peal list shows, and, although he has up to now rung but 19, he has, we hope, many years before him to swell considerably this number. His peals are made up as follow:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Seven Minor Methods	2	2
Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods ...	2	1
Seven Surprise Minor Methods	3	2
Grandsire Triples	1	...
Kent Treble Bob Major	4	...
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	...
Stedman Triples	4	...
Double Norwich Major	1	...
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	...
Total ...	19	5

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, September 30th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman was lost in the 12th course: J. Ward 1, A. Tyler 2, W. German 3, H. Horn 4, J. Mawby 5, J. Garratt 6, W. Perkins (conductor) 7, G. Downing 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. C. Keller to Miss L. Chambers. The ringers were afterwards entertained to supper, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.—On October 1st, for harvest festival, touches of Bristol, London, Superlative, Double Norwich, Forward Major. Stedman and Grandsire were rung by: A. Tyler, A. Perkins, J. Garratt, W. Perkins, H. Horn, C. Keller, J. Ward, W. German, J. Mawby, F. Jones and G. Downing.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Sunday, October 1st, for the harvest festival services, the local society rang at the Parish Church the following touches:—Early celebration of Holy Communion, 224 Bob Major and 84 Grandsire Triples. For Choral Communion, 560 and 464 Bob Major. For evensong, 377 and 504 Grandsire Triples and 210 Oxford Bob Triples, also a short touch of Grandsire Triples after service.—On October 7th an attempt was made for a peal of Darlaston Bob Triples, but, after ringing 1470 changes in 50 minutes, the bells were brought round: W. A. Jeavons 1, A. Blundell (Wednesbury) 2, W. Grinsell 3, S. Pearce 4, B. Gough 5, W. Fisher 6, G. Hughes (conductor) (Wednesbury) 7, R. Dunn 8.—On Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Hughes (Wednesbury) 630 Oxford Bob Triples. For evening service touches of Bob Triples and Bob Major.—On October 12th, for practice, 630 Erin Triples: S. Baker 1, W. Fisher 2, B. Gough 3, S. Pearce 4, J. Goodman, junr. (Dudley) 5, Tom Hughes (Wednesbury) 6, George Hughes (Wednesbury) (conductor) 7, A. E. Law 8. Longest touch in the method on the bells, and by the ringers of the 1st, 4th and 5th: 336 Bob Major (J. Goodman conductor) and 210 Oxford Bob Triples (Wm. Fisher conductor) were also rung.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

One or two letters to the Editor are unavoidably held over this week.

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In connection with the "Bailey" peal it is interesting to recall the particulars of some of the other family peals which we briefly referred to last week. The peal of Grandsire Triples by the Grater family was rung at Tiverton in 1894 by Richard and his sons Richard, Ben, James and Samuel, and John and his sons William and John. Richard, senr., and John, senr., were brothers. This band were the first to ring a peal with all names alike.

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The Wightmans were the first to ring a peal with all brothers. This was Treble Bob Minor, including four Surprise methods, at Brandeston, in 1898. The brothers are William, Edgar, George, Alfred, David and Stephen. With their father, Stephen, senr., and J. Durrant they had previously (1897) rung a peal of Treble Bob Major.

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One family peal was overlooked last week, and that was the peal of Grandsire Triples rung on handbells last year by the Shepherds, of Hersham, father and three sons ringing a pair each.

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And talking of families, the Washbrooks are coming along. It would not be surprising if some day father and three sons were to put up a new performance by ringing eight tower bells between them to a peal.

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A fortnight ago, at Silverdale, Staffs, two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung for service by five ringers. J. E. Groves 1-2, J. W. Washbrook, junr., 3-4, J. W. Washbrook 5-6, W. R. Washbrook 7, Harry Washbrook 8. As we remarked, they are coming along.

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The good folk of Ashton-under-Lyne are displaying a good deal of energy in regard to the rehanging of bells in their district. Following on the work done to the peal of 12, St. Peter's eight (tenor 19 cwt.) are now to be rehung, Messrs. Warner and Co., of London, having been entrusted with the contract.

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There is a proposal afoot to place a peal of six in the church at Perranarworthal Church, Cornwall, where at present there are three bells, one of which is of the pre-Reformation period.

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We record this week the first peal of Erin Triples both by the Kent and the Lancashire Association. Erin Triples is booming.

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An apparatus by which a peal of bells is rung by electricity, a distinction possessed by no other church in England, has been installed by the Rev. R. K. Harris, Rector of Runwell, Essex.

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A peal board recording two muffled peals, one to the memory of Mr. W. Micklewright, senr., and the other to the memory of Mr. W. Micklewright, junr., has been unveiled at St. Thomas', Dudley, where both these ringers did so much good service.

The Collegiate Church at Tetterhall, near Wolverhampton, now possesses a peal of eight bells, two trebles having just been added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. As long ago as 1604 a peal of five bells was hung in the tower and replaced by a ring of six in 1841.

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Mr. H. Stenton writes to say that the method recently named "Sandiacre Pleasure" was composed by one of the Anston Company, and rung at that Church on June 10th, 1906. As it happened to be Trinity Sunday, they called the method "Trinity Sunday."

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Seven members of St. Peter's company, Northampton, had an enjoyable half day at Piddington, where they rang with two of the local men on the five bells of the Parish Church, enjoyed an excellent meat tea at the Spread Eagle, and spent a pleasant musical evening with songs and handbells.

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On Tuesday week Mr. Fred Dixon, leader of the Guiseley ringers, read a most interesting paper on campanology, illustrated by lantern slides, to the Guiseley branch of the C.E.M.S. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and, after a few turns on handbells from Mr. Dixon, a hearty vote of thanks was given him by the meeting. The churchwardens, who were present as C.E.M.S. members, spoke in terms of high appreciation of Mr. Dixon, his paper and his work as head ringer.

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Subscription lists for the provision of the two trebles to make the peal of eight at Aldershot Parish Church, have been sent in by Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough, £1 10s.; F. Mathis, Battle, 10s. 9d.

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It has been decided at a vestry meeting at Guildford, to put the bells of Holy Trinity Church, which now need the attention of a bell hanger, into a thoroughly satisfactory condition. The work is estimated to cost over £300, and an appeal is to be issued to the parishioners and townspeople generally.

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We desire to impress upon correspondents that peals rung up to and including the Saturday of each week should reach us not later than first post on the following Tuesday morning—earlier when possible—and peals rung after Saturday not later than the first post Wednesday. Reports of all Saturday meetings, etc., should also reach us by Tuesday morning to ensure insertion in the next issue. Attention to these particulars will frequently save disappointment.

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In aid of the bells repair fund of Shoreditch Church, a concert is to take place in the Parish Rooms on Saturday, November 18th. A specially good programme is being arranged, and will include an exhibition of handbell ringing by a party of Cumberlands. The repair fund is gradually progressing, and sums, however small, will be welcomed. Contributions to the fund should be sent to H. J. Bradley, the Parish Church, Shoreditch, from whom, also, tickets for the concert can be obtained.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—Ely Diocesan Association.—At St. Viger's and All Saints' Church, on October 2nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor: E. Webb 1, H. Hall 2, H. Badcock 3, L. G. Mallion 4, J. Stalley 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in which J. Page took part.—October 8th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Knowles 1, H. Hall 2, J. Stalley 3, W. Scotcher 4, J. Page 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6.

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ASSOCIATION NOTES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE.

The success of the annual festival, which was held in the City of Durham on Saturday last, was somewhat discounted by the fact that the Cathedral bells were not available. The beauties of the ancient city appeal to members just as much as to other people, but being near at hand, may be enjoyed at other times. Not so with the bells, for it is only during the Association's visit to the city that ringers have the chance of a pull. And what an attraction these bells are! The beginner has joyful anticipations of a creditable performance; and the additional pleasure of informing his friends, with an important air, that he has rung at the Cathedral. The more expert enjoy the fine tone of the bells, and, as they require a bit of handling, a well-struck touch is something to be proud of.

Small wonder then if those who regard ringing as the object of festival stayed away, and that the number present did not come up to expectations. Those who did attend showed their loyalty to the Association, and recognised that the business of the meeting is sufficiently important to require their presence.

They enjoyed to the full a helpful service and address, a good dinner, a well-conducted meeting, and the greetings of ringing friends from different places. Afterwards a few indulged in handbell ringing, and a welcome cup of tea, while others struggled with the only ring then available, the six of St. Nicholas, which, like all the Durham bells, could do with the attentions of a bell hanger.

It is surprising that in this, a Cathedral and University city, all the bells should be in indifferent order, and change ringing a dead letter. Many attempts have been made to remedy this, especially by trying to interest the undergraduates in the Art, but in vain. The place which, above all others in the Diocese, should be a teaching centre, sending out ringers to all parts of the kingdom, remains indifferent, and neglectful of its bells.

From what was heard during the day, there is evidently a strong feeling that the place of the festival, usually held at Durham, should be changed, at least occasionally. The Wednesday half-holiday members are to have a quarterly meeting fixed on that day to suit them. This ought to give general satisfaction.

The annual report shows that the Association is losing ground as regards peal ringing. This ought to be remedied, for there are plenty of men who are good enough and game enough for anything. Why not have regular peal ringing bands to ring the higher methods, and the simpler methods with one or two beginners in, alternately? It only needs a leader for each with time and energy to make the arrangements, the men are willing.

The awards for Sunday service ringing deservedly placed a six-bell tower, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, at the top, for they showed absolute regularity and ringing of a high quality. The return made by the Whitley Bay band, which secured third place, is a remarkable record. During the 52 Sundays they rang 720's in all the legitimate Surprise Minor methods, excepting Superlative which does not run to 720. This performance stamps them as the most talented six-bell band in the kingdom.

St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, is where the late R. S. Story loved to ring for service, and he was very desirous to have the octave completed, but his long illness delayed its fulfilment. However, his wish is soon to become an accomplished fact, through the generosity of Mr. T. T. Goffon. He is giving the two new bells, and his brothers and the other ringers are giving a portion and raising the remainder of the amount required to recast and rehang five bells. The remaining bell is to be recast and rehung by the Association as a memorial to the late Mr. Story.

It is said that St. John's, Newcastle, are going to ring the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major by the Association. They have not been heard practising it yet, and will need to hurry, for it will soon be rung at Whitley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES.

A monthly ringing meeting of the Derby District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Ripley on Saturday, and although it was an ideal day, with the local fair as an additional attraction, there was not a large attendance. The following towers and places were represented (the strongest contingent turning up from Derby, as usual): Alfreton, Darley Dale, Denby, Derby, Duffield, Eastwood, Ilkeston, Lenton, Swanwick, Wirksworth, and the local company.

At the subsequent meeting held in the belfry, the Rev. O. R. Plant in the chair, Duffield was selected as the next place of meeting in November.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and a similar compliment was then accorded to Mr. George for making the arrangements.—The Rev. Plant was elected an hon. member of the Association, and in thanking the meeting for asking him to become a member, remarked how interested he was in the bells, and said he would be glad to help in any way to further the good work the society was doing.—The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Duffield, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, being brought round.

It is to be regretted that these meetings are not better attended, seeing that they are mainly for the benefit of those whose chances are few, and who are no doubt as anxious to ascend the topmost rung of the ladder as they were to score their first touch of Doubles. The writer can name several instances where young aspirants in country districts have had the opportunity of getting a touch of Stedman Triples or Double Norwich at these gatherings, where they otherwise would have had to wait a long time for the opportunity to present itself. In conclusion, let me give all a hearty invitation to the Duffield meeting, and make it a great success. Particulars, etc., will be given in a later edition.

A reference in this column a week or two ago to Mr. E. C. Gobey having rung a peal of Grandsire Triples at Ilkeston, has brought a somewhat satirical letter from Mr. Gobey informing the writer that he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples several years ago, which was called at the first attempt, and he has conducted peals of his own composition in other methods. He did nothing, he says, but call the peal at Ilkeston; the band knew Grandsire before he started to ring, and the ringer of the tenor was his instructor in ringing when he started on three bells. The Ilkeston band have other methods on their programme, and he contends that a peal of Grandsire well struck compares favourably with the methods practised by bands being formed in the district when they are struck in an indifferent manner. Mr. Gobey, we think, has misconstrued the spirit and the sense of the paragraph to which he refers.

OXFORD GUILD.

A combined practice for members of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Finchampstead on Saturday week, 25 members being present, representing the towers of Binfield, Hurst, Arborfield, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Finchampstead, Wokingham (All Saints), Hawley and Yateley. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire Minor, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung.

A CORONATION PEAL BOARD.

UNVEILING AT WOOTTON BASSETT.

A special service was held at Wootton Bassett Parish Church last Saturday week for the purpose of unveiling a peal board recording a peal rung in commemoration of the Coronation of his Majesty, King George V. The service, which was fully choral, was of a bright and hearty description, and was attended by a good number of ringers, together with several parishioners who were interested in the proceedings. The Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Stewart Matthias, in the absence of the Rev. C. E. G. Peters, through indisposition, gave an appropriate address from the text, "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord." At the conclusion of the service, the Vicar and choir proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the unveiling ceremony was performed. The board, which is of polished oak with three panels, is of Gothic design, and is a beautiful piece of workmanship. It was prepared by one of the local ringers, who had devoted a great deal of his spare time to the work. The inscription, carried out under the supervision of Mr. E. Lausdowne, is worded as follows: "To the glory of God and to commemorate the Coronation of King George, June 22nd, 1911, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on these bells in 3 hrs. and 4 mins.: 1 J. M. Brinkworth, 2 A. Lawrence, 3 R. W. Hyner, 4 O. J. Hunt, 5 L. A. Wilson, 6 H. W. L. Wells, 7 C. J. Gardiner, 8 R. Roberts. Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by R. W. Hyner. Rev. J. C. Stewart Matthias (Vicar), F. Mundy, H. Bevir (Churchwardens)."

A short touch of Grandsire Triples was then rung by the ringers who took part in the peal. An adjournment was afterwards made to the Angel Hotel, where the Vicar and churchwardens had generously provided tea, the catering of Mrs. Tayler giving every satisfaction.—Mr. L. A. Wilson, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the donors for their kindness and the interest they had displayed.—The Vicar briefly responded.—During the evening the tower was again visited, and the finishing touch to a pleasant day was an excellent quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by O. J. Hunt (first quarter-peal) 1, O. W. Laying 2, A. Lawrence 3, R. W. Hyner 4, L. A. Wilson 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, J. M. Brinkworth 8.

MESSRS TAYLOR'S GIFT.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have just cast a bell for the new Church of St. Peter, which is in course of erection at Loughborough. The bell is a gift from the present members of the family in memory of the widow of the late Mr. John Taylor.



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FOUR SHIRES RINGING COMPETITIONS.

The half-yearly meeting of the Four Shires Guild was held at Shipstone on Thursday week, when ringers were present from Blockley, Campden, Todenham, Longborough and Moreton-in-Marsh. Competitions were held in the afternoon for rising and sinking, round ringing and call changes, and resulted as follows:—

Rising and sinking: 1, Longborough, 52 points; 2, Blockley, 36.

Round ringing: 1, Campden, 97; 2, Todenham, 90.

Call changes: 1, Campden, 92; 2, Blockley, 90.

Some 40 ringers attended service in the church, which was conducted by the Rev. Lloyd (Vicar of Shipstone), an address being given by the Rev. Spencer Jones, Rector of Moreton-in-Marsh. Tea was partaken of at the White Hart, and at the business meeting which followed, the President of the Guild (the Rev. Canon Houghton) wrote expressing regret at his absence, and wishing the Guild success. The Vicar of Todenham (the Rev. Drew) was voted to the chair, and, upon the invitation of the Vicar of Campden, it was decided to hold the next meeting at that place. The tower was afterwards visited and Stedman and Grandsire rung.

CLERICAL RINGERS AT HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE ATTEMPT FOR STEDMAN CINQUES.

With the view of attempting a peal of Stedman Cinques, twelve of the ringing clergy, representative of eleven counties in England, met at High Wycombe on Tuesday, October 24th, the peal attempt being made on the following day. The occasion was an absolutely unique one, inasmuch as so great a number of clergy had never before met to ring together. The names and the positions in which they stood for the peal attempt are as follow:—Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Cambridge), treble; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Caversham, Oxon), 2nd; Rev. J. F. Hastings (Martley, Worcs.), 3rd; Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), 4th; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Canterbury), 5th; Rev. E. V. Cox (Walsall), 6th; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Pretherne, Glos.), 7th; Rev. C. Carew Cox (Stratford-on-Avon), 8th; Rev. H. A. Cockey (Oldland, Bristol), 9th; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne, Berks), 10th; Rev. C. A. Clements (Hale, Liverpool), 11th; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Dunstable), tenor. A practice took place on the bells in the evening preliminary to a start for the peal in the morning, a course of Stedman Cinques being rung for the first time by clergy only. About 9 o'clock on Wednesday, the peal, consisting of 5014 changes, and the first of Cinques ever composed by a clergyman (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) was started for, under the conductorship of the Rev. C. C. Cox. Unfortunately the attempt came to grief after one hour and five minutes' ringing, owing to a shift-course. Afterwards the first course of Superlative Surprise Major by a band of clergy was rung on the back eight bells. The band consisted of the Revs. H. A. Cockey, treble; G. F. Coleridge, 2nd; F. J. O. Helmore, 3rd; A. T. Beeston, 4th; E. V. Cox, 5th; C. C. Cox, 6th; H. S. T. Richardson, 7th; C. W. O. Jenkyn, tenor, after which a quarter-peal (1518 changes) of Stedman Cinques was attempted, but was lost three courses from the end.

The band wish to record their expression of gratitude to the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. S. Clarke) for placing the bells at their disposal, and to the local ringers for their welcome. Hospitality was accorded to the whole band by residents in the town, of which kindness the visitors will always retain a very high appreciation. Not the least pleasing event of the outing was the welcome accorded to the band at the Abbey, where, by kind invitation of the Headmistress, they were entertained to dinner. In the Central Hall, before the assembled school, change ringing was performed on the handbells, kindly lent by the local ringers, a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples being rung double-handed by the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn 1—2, C. C. Cox 3—4, H. S. T. Richardson 5—6, E. V. Cox 7—8, an accomplishment which seemed to be much appreciated. Before leaving, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, in the name of the visitors, thanked Miss Whitelaw for the hospitality extended, and referred to the practical interest now taken in change ringing by ladies. It is only fair to the band to say that at the last moment, the Rev. H. Law James, one of their original number, was unable to come owing to the illness of a member of his family, and a substitute had to be provided, and although the substitute was quite an efficient one, the order of the band in the belfry could not be arranged quite as originally intended. With a slight alteration of the band, another attempt for the peal will be made again after Easter, probably in Gloucestershire, when they hope to meet with success, for although the real object of their visit was not attained, yet the combined practice which the ringing afforded will be found to have been very useful, for the striking on the Wednesday was, on the whole, distinctly good.

A photograph of the band will be given in our next issue.

MR. E. HORREX'S 250th PEAL.

The peal of Stedman Cinques, rung at Cornhill, on Saturday, October 21st, and recorded last week, was the 250th by that veteran, Mr. Edwin Horrex, the steeple keeper at St. Michael's. His total is made up as follows:—

Grandsire Triples	28
Stedman Triples	34
Grandsire Major	2
Kent Treble Bob Major (including three 8000's) ...	38
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1
Double Norwich Major	7
Superlative Surprise Major	2
Grandsire Caters	17
Stedman Caters (including an 11,000)	41
Kent Treble Bob Royal	24
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1
Double Norwich Royal	1
Stedman Cinques	35
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	18
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1
Total	250

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 names should be avoided.

HORSMONDEN.—On Sept. 29th, on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Marshall 1—2, A. Relf 3—4, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 5—6, W. W. Marshall 7—8. Longest length by all except conductor.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 of Bob Minor, 6-8 covering: W. Coveney 1, A. B. Robson 2, E. E. Bridges 3, *G. Beeby 4, *T. Eades 5, F. Harris 6, H. Baker (conductor) 7, G. Coveney 8. *First 720.

SWAINSWICK.—On Sunday, October 1st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: H. Bond 1, Miss G. Grant 2, T. Grant 3, S. White (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, J. Crocker (first quarter-peal) 5, J. Burston 6.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.—The Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Monday, October 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: G. R. Newton 1, J. W. Bell 2, E. Brees 3, W. Davies 4, J. Martin 5, J. Morgan 6, R. Sperring (conductor) 7, J. Allen 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Monday, October 2nd, at St. Giles' Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. Petty (first 720 in any method) 1, H. Tucker 2, A. Clark 3, W. Bonham 4, E. Yates (conductor) 5, T. Tompkins 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Clark 1, H. Tucker 2, H. Edwards 3, E. Yates 4, T. Tompkins 5, C. Valentine (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.—On Sunday, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 College Pleasure, with W. Bonham taking part.

LEDBURY.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On October 2nd, at the Parish Church, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Napper 1, T. Williams 2, D. Owen 3, W. Mansell 4, J. Dance 5, T. Davis 6, T. Dance (conductor) 7, G. Morris 8.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On October 2nd, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: E. J. Oliver 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford 3, F. S. Price 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of our Lady, on October 3rd, 640 Kent Treble Bob: G. Taylor 1, T. Dennis 2, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 4, B. D. Buttress 5, W. B. Kempton 6, T. W. Dickerson 7, W. Eusden 7, F. Kempton 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples.

MORPETH.—At the Old Clock Tower, on Tuesday, October 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: A. O. Bowman 1, F. Nichol (first with a bob bell) 2, C. C. Armstrong 3, J. Nichol 4, T. Oram 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6.

PENGW, KENT.—At St. John the Evangelist's Church, on October 3rd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: W. G. Conn 1, E. Podge 2, J. Town 3, S. Hopkins 4, W. G. Conn, junr. (first on an inside bell) 5, G. Wickens (conductor) 6.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—On October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for practice: T. Crook 1, E. Watkinson 2, J. Watkinson 3, B. A. Knights (conductor) 4, H. Francé 5, S. Watkinson 6, E. Banister 7, J. Harrison 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Wednesday, October 4th, for harvest festival, at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. E. Newick (first quarter-peal) 1, I. Emery 2, G. Durling 3, A. Bygrave 4, G. Huxley 5, S. Marshall (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, A. James, senr., 7, F. Sear 8.—Also on Sunday, October 8th, after service, 504 Stedman Triples, and 240 Grandsire Triples.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Wednesday, October 4th, at the Parish Church, for practice, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Prior 1, G. Gordan 2, J. Luckey 3, W. Watts 4, T. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, T. Jordan 2, G. Jordan 3, H. J. Tucker 4, T. J. Watts 5, H. F. Dawkins 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On handbells, on Thursday, October 5th, 720 Bob Minor: M. Duck (aged 15 years) 1—2, C. Watson (aged 17 years) 3—4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5—6. The first 720 on handbells by Messrs. Duck and Watson.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On October 5th, after the funeral of the late Joshua Grundy, who had been a member of the choir at Worsley Parish Church for the last 38 years, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled: H. Derbyshire 1, Rev. C. B. Hulton 2, F. Derbyshire 3, J. H. Ridyard 4, R. Ridyard 5, P. Derbyshire 6, Joe Ridyard (conductor) 7, W. Jones 8.

POTTEN, BEDS.—On Thursday, October 5th, for the harvest festival service, a 360 Reverse Collogo Single and 360 Single Oxford.—On Sunday, October 8th, 720 Reverse Collogo Single and Single Oxford: F. Carter 1, W. Inskip 2, A. Bailey 3, C. A. Pratt (Clifton) 4, W. Comp-ton 5, F. Blood (Biggleswade) conductor 6. This is the first 720 on this principle by all except the conductor, and the first on the bells.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—At St. Lawrence's Church, Oct. 6th, a quarter-peal of Darlston Bob Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins. J. Simkin 1, G. Morgan 2, W. Smith 3, H. Belcher 4, T. Lowe 5, E. Unitt 6, J. A. Brown (Bilston) conductor 7, J. Foster 8.

CANNING TOWN.—At Holy Trinity Church, Barking Road, on Friday, October 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: G. L. Joyce (first in the method) 1, A. Fiddes 2, E. Wigg 3, W. Doran 4, T. Cranfield (conductor) 5, R. Sanders 6.

BULTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On October 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. S. Sparkes 1, W. A. Sparkes (first 720 on an inside bell) 2, F. R. Sparkes 3, C. Powell 4, R. E. Sparkes (first 720 as conductor) 5, W. H. Bicknell 6.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, October 7th, at St. Leonard's Church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief owing to a mis-call, after ringing just over 3000 changes: A. Newsome 1, J. Overton 2, F. S. Wilson (Ludlow) 3, J. Elcock 4, B. Head 5, W. Overton 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, E. Foxall 8.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL.—The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, October 7th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: F. Craddock 1, R. Soot (first in the method) 2, R. Richardson 3, J. W. Lake (conductor) 4, J. Osborn 5, A. Mackears 6.

COLSTON-BARRETT.—On Saturday, October 7th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made by the following: W. C. Wakley (Burton-on-Trent) 1, J. J. Jackson (Belton, Rutland) 2, W. E. White (Cotgrave) 3, W. White (Cotgrave) 4, A. P. Wakley (Burton-on-Trent) conductor 5, R. H. Bartram (Milton Mowbray) 6, T. Squires (Cotgrave) 7, R. W. Baker (Langham, Rutland) 8. The attempt, however, was abandoned, owing to the bad going of the tenor, after about two hours good ringing.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGE.—On Oct. 7th ringers from Cambridge, Chesterton, Fen Ditton and Great Shelford visited Stapleford, and rang two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and one of Bob Doubles: W. Mansfield 1, P. Pigg 2, A. Dean 3, O. W. Shelton 4, W. Eusden (conductor) 5, F. White 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Mansfield 1, E. G. Hibbins 2 (first 720 in the method), L. G. Mallion 3, P. Pigg 4, O. W. Shelton 5, W. Eusden (conductor) 6. Also 720 Bob Minor by: T. R. Dennis 1, E. G. Hibbins 2, L. G. Mallion 3, W. Mansfield 4, A. Dean 5, W. Eusden (conductor) 6.

EDENBRIDGE.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, October 8th, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: E. Leigh, junr., 1, A. Belton 2, R. Jenner 3, W. Leigh 4, G. Malyan 5, T. Wallis 6, J. Heasman (conductor) 7, E. Leigh 8. First quarter-peal on the new bells by the ringers of 3, 5, 8. The band are all local men.

LONG EATON.—At St. Lawrence's Church, 504 Stedman Triples, for evening service, on October 8th: N. Widdowson 1, J. Harrison 2, A. Hickton 3, R. Drage 4, J. Ward 5, J. Andrews 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, T. Edenborough 8.

BUSHEY.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On Sunday, October 8th, for evening service, 576 Superlative Surprise Major: R. Darlow 1, J. J. Allen 2, T. R. Scott 3, B. Prewett 4, F. A. Smith 5, F. Edwards 6, M. F. R. Hibbert 7, R. E. Stavert (conductor) 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—At St. John the Baptist Church, on Sunday, October 8th, 720 Chelsea Surprise: W. Theobald 1, S. Hayes 2, G. A. Black 3, G. Dawson 4, J. Moule 5, H. Torble (conductor) 6.

BRIERLEY HILL.—On Sunday, October 8th, before morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: P. Harley 1, J. Whatmore 2, W. Potter 3, A. Prestidge 4, J. Lloyd 5, F. V. Allen 6, J. Piper (conductor) 7, J. W. Williams 8. In the evening, 504 in the same method, with A. E. Whatmore taking part.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 8th, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 42 mins.: F. Colclough 1, J. Harper 2, T. Lowe 3, W. Smith 4, J. Foster 5, J. Adams 6, J. A. Brown (conductor) 7, T. Justice 8.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, October 8th, for evensong, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 London Surprise: E. Quinney 1, E. Vallance 2, G. Stoney 3, W. Horton 4, T. Vallance 5, E. H. Stoney (conductor) 6.

HARWICH.—The Essex Association.—On October 8th a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 45 mins.: J. Alderton 1, T. Bernarch 2, C. Ellis 3, T. Taylor 4, G. Thompson 5, G. Taylor 6, A. T. Morris (conductor) 7, W. A. Cooke 8.

ASHTED, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on October 8th, for harvest festival, 910 Grandsire Triples: D. Anscombe 1, W. H. Corbett 2, A. Goldsmith 3, G. Wyatt 4, J. Wyatt 5, J. Hoyle 6, W. Cook (conductor) 7, G. Cook 8.

READING.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Sunday, October 8th, for evening service, 532 Grandsire Triples: F. Longshaw 1, F. Alexander 2, E. Bailey 3, W. Newell 4, R. Runham 5, F. Newman 6, E. Denham (conductor) 7, S. Bristowe 8. Rung as a farewell to F. Newman, who has left Reading for Leicester, the ringers wishing him every success.

PORTSEA. On October 8th, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Hayward (first 504) 1, C. Groves 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Wheeler 4, A. Collins 5, J. Symonds 6, J. Harris (conductor) 7, J. Harding 8. For harvest festival, on September 27th, 1134 Grandsire Triples, longest length by J. Wheeler.

NEWCHURCH.—On Sunday, October 8th, at St. Nicholas Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins.: Jas. Taylor 1, R. Leach (Ramsbottom) 2, J. Hanson (Ramsbottom) 3, J. Heptonstall (Waterfoot) 4, W. Taylor (conductor) 5, J. B. Taylor (Waterfoot) 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Ormerod 8.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On October 8th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for morning service: W. F. Smith 1, H. W. Gayton 2, C. Mortimer 3, H. Sharp 4, H. L. Harlow 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6, W. Webb 7, E. Lathall 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, October 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor: A. R. Bosley 1, W. Hitchman 2, R. G. Rice (conductor) 3, G. C. Rice 4, V. R. Hitchman 5, R. F. Deal 6.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 8th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. James 1, G. Biggin 2, E. James 3, J. Biggin 4, J. Linley 5, Pte. G. Rose (1st Coldstream Guards) 6, W. Biggin (conductor) 7, G. Smith 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): E. Webb 1, G. A. Ransom 2, T. Beadle 3, W. H. Bigg (first quarter-peal) 4, G. Spencer (conductor) 5, C. Dell 6, F. G. Goddard 7, H. Beadle 8.

NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, after evensong, in 45 mins.: W. Inwood 1, E. Lathall 2, W. F. Smith 3, F. C. Tompkins (conductor) 4, W. Brown 5, F. C. Mapley 6.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 8th, for harvest festival, 756 Grandsire Triples: J. Buckby 1, J. Waterfield 2, E. Morris (composer and conductor) 3, D. Iliffe 4, J. Bolton 5, W. N. Adkinson 6, F. Staniforth 7, E. Leech 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples, in which J. T. Taylor and H. Cutler took part. Also after service 280 Grandsire Triples.

SHIPLEY.—The Sussex County Association.—On Sunday, October 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Bowell 1, T. Adams 2, W. Peirce 3, G. Lucas 4, W. Denman, junr., 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. In the afternoon 720 Bob Minor: W. Peirce 1, T. Adams 2, R. J. B. Frank 3, R. Bowell 4, J. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. Arranged for Mr. Frank from the adjoining parish of West Grinstead. It was his first attempt beyond a plain course.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, October 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Peck 1, H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, J. T. Bartram (West Stockwith) 5, H. Haigh (conductor) 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Monday evening, October 9th, on the occasion of the opening of the new choir vestry by the Bishop of Islington at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: G. Bester 1, H. Armstrong 2, A. R. Glascock 3, J. E. Miller 4, J. Armstrong (conductor) 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, A. Dodson 8.

TWERTON.—The Bath and Wells Association.—On Tuesday evening, for practice, at St. Michael's Church, Twerton-on-Avon, the first quarter of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. C. Rich 1, W. J. Prescott (conductor) 2, R. J. Cousins 3, E. King 4, C. Collier 5, H. W. Brown 6, T. F. King 7, L. P. Smith 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On October 10th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: G. Pilmore 1, S. Cox 2, J. Clarke 3, A. Bell 4, H. Brown 5, P. Carter 6, C. Fowler (conductor) 7, W. Thompson 8.—On October 15th 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Thompson 1, S. Cox 2, J. Clarke (conductor) 3, A. Bell 4, J. Britchfield 5, G. Huddleston 6, J. Willson 7, W. Thompson 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, October 10th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: W. Farey (conductor) 1, H. Rainbow 2, E. Harriss 3, J. Mackey 4, J. Hensman 5, F. Hopper 6, W. Allen 7, J. S. White 8.—On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1280 changes): G. Freeman 1, A. P. Hensman 2, E. Harriss 3, J. S. White 4, J. Hensman 5, W. Farey 6, H. Blundell 7, W. Allen (conductor) 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On October 11th, at Holy Trinity Church, 840 Stedman Triples: J. Hanly 1, F. S. Downing 2, H. Bailey 3, W. Short (conductor) 4, J. York 5, H. Aston 6, W. Saunders 7, J. Garbett 8. This is the longest length of Stedman in which seven Coalbrookdale ringers have taken part.

Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor, were rung. At the service, the Rev. A. G. Petigrew gave an interesting address on bells, his text being part of Ephesians v., 19, "Singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord."—Tea was provided in the Parish Club Room, between thirty and forty sitting down, the Rector, the Rev. C. J. Hunt, and the Rev. A. G. Petigrew, taking tea with the visitors.—The Rector welcomed the members to Fladbury, and referred to the belfry customs of years ago, and the belfry reform of the present time.—Afterwards the visitors were photographed by flashlight, and at the subsequent business meeting the Rector presided, and was elected an hon. member, as was also the Rev. H. Wilkinson, Vicar of Cropthorne.—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Ringing master, Mr. H. Middleton; secretary, Mr. J. Hemming; representative on Central Committee, Mr. F. Jordan.—It was decided to make an attempt for the quarterly peal at Cropthorne, with Mr. J. Hemming, conductor.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Blockley.—On the proposition of Mr. J. Hemming, a hearty vote of thanks were accorded to the Rector for presiding, and for providing such a splendid tea, to the ladies for attending to the visitors' needs, also to the Rev. A. G. Petigrew for his very interesting address.—The Rector briefly replied, and the belfry was then re-visited. Cropthorne bells were available for an hour, afternoon and evening, and this privilege was appreciated.

WESTERN BRANCH SECRETARYSHIP.

The third quarterly meeting of the Western branch was held on Saturday at Dodderhill, Droitwich. At the service, the Vicar gave a short but very interesting address on bells and their effect on people. There were people, he remarked, who disliked the sound of bells, and he thought the real reason was that the sound of bells brought them back from the gaiety of life to its more serious side.—Tea was provided in the Parish Room, about 30 members being present.—The Vicar (the Rev. Canon Price) presided at the business meeting, when twelve new members were proposed and accepted. Worcester was selected for the next place of meeting, on February 10th. The quarterly peal is to be attempted at St. Andrew's, Droitwich, with Mr. Checketts, conductor.—Mr. Page was re-elected Master.

For the office of hon. secretary, Mr. Ranford, Suckley, and Mr. Edgington, Worcester, were nominated. After two votes had been taken, the first resulting in a tie, Mr. Ranford was elected by nine votes to seven, 12 not voting.—The Vicar was, on the proposition of Mr. Page, thanked for his service and address, also for providing the tea and presiding at the meeting.

The late secretary, Mr. H. T. Knowles, before the meeting closed, said he thought he was fully entitled to know from what cause or reason he had forfeited their good opinions. He had been a member of the society for nearly 25 years, and had assisted in forming the society into branches. He had taken up the work of hon. secretary of this branch, and the inevitable disappointments of new work at any time caused disappointments and difficulties. He was not aware that his services had not been acceptable to the members. He had always tried to do his best under all circumstances. He thought the members were lacking in courtesy in not asking him to resign or giving him some intimation that a change was desirable. His first intimation was when others were nominated. He would remind them that it was the duty of every man to look after his living first, and that the secretaryship was purely voluntary. He felt his position very keenly.—The Vicar, on rising to return thanks, said the late secretary was fully entitled to all he had asked, but as little good could be done in prolonging the meeting, he declared it closed.

PRESENTATION AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

On Monday, October 10th, an interesting presentation took place in the Irtlingborough belfry, Mr. C. Keller being the recipient of a silver cigarette case from his fellow-members of the tower. The presentation was made by Mr. A. Y. Tyler, who wished him every prosperity in his new sphere.—Mr. Keller thanked the ringers for their kindness, and said he should always think of the happy hours he had spent in the tower at Irtlingborough. The cigarette case is engraved with the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. C. Keller by the I.B.R." A 576 Bristol Surprise Major was afterwards rung: J. J. Mawby 1, A. Perkins 2, J. T. Ward 3, A. T. Tyler 4, C. Keller 5, W. German (conductor) 6, J. Garratt 7, W. Perkins 8. Mr. Keller left for Auckland, New Zealand, on October 13th.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Southern branch was held at Fladbury on Saturday last, and, although unfortunately the Western branch meeting was held on the same day, was well attended. Ringers were present from Evesham, Pershore, Little Comberton, Cropthorne, Wolverhampton, Breckforton, Badsey, etc. The bells are a pretty peal of six, but badly in need of the bell hanger. Touches of Grandsire, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble

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SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Church of St. John the Baptist, 8 bells (tenor 18 cwt.), available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Sec., 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Ringing in the afternoon and evening—Rev. B. H. T. Drake, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Martin's on Wednesday, November 8th, at 8 o'clock.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

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. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral from 3.30 to 5 o'clock for evening service, and St. Magnus, London Bridge, from 4 to 6 p.m. Practices: St. John's, Hackney, Nov. 7th; St. Magnus, Nov. 9th.—W. T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, November 11th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting, 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Croydon on Saturday, November 11th. Meet at the Bell Foundry, at 2.45 p.m., by invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Tea at 5. Ringing after at St. John's (Parish) and St. Peter's Churches. Notice to representatives in due course. Will unattached members intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Monday, November 6th.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the members of the above district will be held at Southampton on Saturday, the 11th day of November. St. Michael's tower will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.15, in St. Michael's Parish Hall, and business meeting immediately after. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by letting me know by Wednesday, the 8th November. — Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. Business: Election of Branch Secretary. A good meeting is requested.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Peplow), on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 9d. each. Will those intending to be present inform me not later than November 8th. Members and

friends cordially invited. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at the Parish Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, November 4th 1911. Bells (12) will be available from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on November 11th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting in the Schoolroom at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Boleston on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, November 11th. Tea 4 p.m., meeting and service following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.—A. H. Davies, Honorary Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock; service 5.30; tea and meeting at Church Cottage 6.15.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary.

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DEATH.

POPPY.—On Oct. 31st, at Moorhall Farm, Eye, Norah Amelia, the beloved wife of Ernest F. Poppy, aged 35.

The fixing of the new frame and bells at Machen will be completed during the next few weeks.

The Vicar of Marshfield has made an appeal in his Parish Magazine for funds to rehang the six bells in Peterston Church, which have not been rung for many years.

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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.

A correspondent who can ring Stedman Triples has asked me to explain how to call it. He is getting his band on to the method; but their efforts are limited because not one of them really understands how it is called. In cases like this I am always glad to give what assistance I can, and this week I will devote the space at my disposal to this interesting method. I am assuming, of course, that those for whom these particular notes are intended, are acquainted with the method itself, that is to say, that they know how to ring it. All I need do is to remind would-be conductors of Stedman that the bob is made at the first change of a six. Instead of using the terms "wrong," "middle," "home," etc., the places where the bobs are called have a numerical designation, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., for the successive six-heads (where the bobs are made). As the bob is made at the first change of the six, and it is necessary to call it a whole pull or nearly a whole pull before, it follows that the call is actually made during the 5th change of the preceding six, so that a bob at 3 is really called in the second six, a bob at 4 in the third six, and so on. Let me give an example, with the seventh the observation bell. We want a bob at 3, and for the purposes of illustration we start with the 7th dodging in 4-5 down, which is the second six of the course, because we must remember that the actual starting point of a course is the first change with the seventh dodging in 6-7 down.

3rd change of 2nd six	6 4 3 2 7 1 5
	6 3 4 7 2 5 1
Call bob in this change	3 6 4 2 7 1 5
Six-end	3 4 6 7 2 5 1
Make bob in this change	4 3 7 6 2 1 5
	3 4 7 2 6 5 1
	etc.

In touches and peals where one of the bells, customarily the 7th, is a fixed bell, we find that it is usual to place the bobs at 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8—which are the sixes in which the 7th is below 6-7 for the slow work—and 12, 13—when the 7th is below 6-7 for the quick work. Bobs called at any other six, i.e., 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, or 14, would upset the 7th in pursuing the plain course work. To find the exact spot at which to call the bobs, my readers can easily prick out the course for themselves, remembering that the first six starts after the change 2 3 1 4 5 6 7. Now, from the young ringer's point of view, matters are simplified by calling the bobs in pairs, because the alternate order of slow and quick work is not changed. As a matter of fact most of the peals of Stedman are based upon this plan of even numbers of bobs. The famous peal known as Thurstans' Four-Part, and the many variations of it, are constructed in this way.

Touches may be got by the following:—

One course, call bobs at 3-4, 7-8, 12-13.

Two courses: 3-4; or 5-6; or 7-8; or 12-13; 3-4, 7-8, or 3-4, 12-13; etc., repeating the calling in each case.

Three courses: 3-4, 3-4-5-6, 5-6.

A quarter-peal based on Thurstans' peal is as follows:—

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

2 4 6 3 5 1 7	got by bobs at	3-4	7-8
4 3 2 5 6 1 7	got by bobs at	3-4-5-6	12-13
3 4 2 5 1 6 7	got by bobs at	5-6	

The three courses called five times produce rounds at the end of 1260 changes.

There is another way of indicating these bob places in composition where the calls come in even numbers. The 3-4 is sometimes indicated by S (meaning going in slow); the 5-6 by H (meaning the half turns), the 7-8 by L (meaning the last whole turn), and the 12-13 by Q (meaning bobs when going in and out quick). Thus the quarter-peal given above might also be shown.

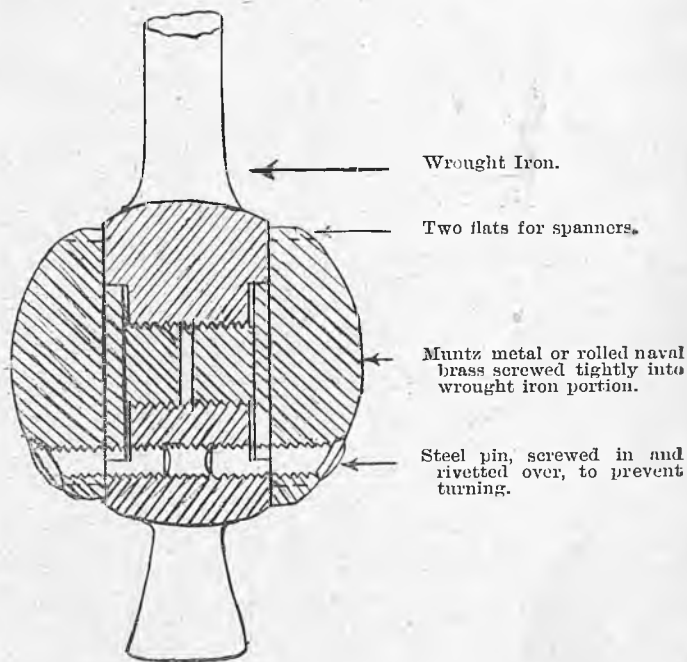
2 3 1 4 5 6 7	S.	H.	L.	Q.
2 4 6 3 5 1 7	X		X	
4 3 2 5 6 1 7	X	X		X
3 4 2 5 1 6 7		X		

B. Morris.—Your method of Triples on the Forward principle is interesting but not new. Mr. John Carter got out similar figures many years ago, but the method is worthless, as it will not run to the extent; only two-thirds of the 5040 being obtainable.

CONDUCTOR.

A NEW BELL CLAPPER.

Mr. B. C. Dixon, of Gateshead, has designed an improved bell clapper, which, in the long run, should save much expense in towers if bell founders adopted the idea. It is well known that wrought iron clappers in general use have the effect of wearing a depression in the bell which they strike. In time this may cause the bell to crack or necessitate its being quarter turned. Mr. Dixon's idea is



that if the clapper were made of some softer material than bell metal, such as Muntz metal, then, instead of the bell wearing, the clapper would wear, and, when worn, could be much more cheaply and easily replaced than a bell. It would be interesting to know if anything of the kind has been tried before, and, if it has, with what success.

ALDERSHOT.—On October 1st, at the Parish Church, 720 Grand-sire Doubles: W. Fisher, senr., 1, C. Edwards (conductor) 2, A. Croucher 3, J. Hall 4, H. Kingsland 5, W. Waterman 6. Another 720: R. Keeble 1, W. Fisher, junr., 2, H. Kingsland 3, C. Edwards (conductor) 4, G. Fisher 5, R. Jonas 6. First 720's by the local ringers.

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No. 1.	No. 2.
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
24135678	24135678
42316587	42316587
43215678	43215678
34126587	34126587
31462857	31462857
13648275	13648275
13462857	13462857
31648275	31648275
36142857	
63418275	Bob Major Bob
64312857	13648275
46138275	16342857
41683725	
Stedman Bob	Single
34126587	13648275
31462578	13642857
Single	
34126587	
31462587	

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The handbell men at Guildford have loomed large this year in the eye of the Exercise, but last week they eclipsed all their previous performances by ringing six handbell peals of Stedman Caters on six consecutive evenings. They began on Monday and finished on Saturday, and "bagged" a peal every night. It was not an instance of being at sixes and sevens in their particular case. It was all sixes: Six days, six peals, six different composers, six different lengths, rung in six different places on six different sets of handbells, and after, curiously enough, six false starts. On the Monday night from the first round to the coming home there was not a hitch; on Tuesday a bob at 5 crept in a course too soon and a second start had to be made. On each of the next three nights, in order to ensure perfectly clean peals, a second start was made with the going-off course, and the last peal of all was rung at the third attempt. The result was six excellent peals verified by four umpires. At the conclusion, the band congratulated Mr. A. H. Pulling upon the skilful way he conducted the week's ringing, and thanks were also accorded the umpires, especially Mr. S. Radford, for their services. All the peals were rung with the first half in the tittums and the second half in the handstroke position.

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