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## MODERN WORK.

### SINGULAR ACTION AT BRIGG.

It is, happily, seldom that such a curious, and, as ringers will think, retrogressive action, as that which has occurred at Brigg in Lincolnshire, has to be recorded. The church and bells were in need of restoration, and the authorities, fearing that they would not be able to raise sufficient funds to pay for the work, sacrificed two of the bells to help meet the expenditure. The peal were formerly a light ring of eight, with tenor about nine cwt., they are now but a ring of six. It is true they have been rehung in new frames, and retuned, and are now in perfect ringing order, but the church has lost a cherished possession which it will be difficult and costly to replace.

We, of course, are not aware of the facts which weighed with those responsible for the undertaking in deciding them to part with valuable church property. We can only suppose that they had good ground for their action. For our part we think it is a pity that they did not delay for a while the restoration of the bells, if they thought the whole of the money would not be forthcoming. No one likes to see a peal of bells hanging more or less idle in a steeple because they are unringable, better, however, wait a few months more than lose a couple of bells. But the irony of it all is that now that all the work is completed there is a balance in hand on the repair fund of £100—at least that is what we are given to understand by a correspondent. We are not experts in estimating for bell repairs, but we think that the difference between the amount received for the two trebles and that £100 would have been sufficient, or nearly so, to meet the extra cost involved in rehanging the bells that have been parted with.

From a knowledge of the spirit which animates those who undertake schemes of church building and renovation we know that faith and optimism are big factors when projects are launched. The authorities at Brigg could not have been imbued with an overdose of either when they started on their recent task. They obviously underestimated the generosity of the parishioners, and they perhaps now realise that they were a little too hasty in "cutting their coat." Economy is a very desirable principle to practice, but in this as in other things it is sometimes well to "make haste slowly." However good a job may be the result of the scheme just completed, we cannot congratulate the good folk of Brigg upon the sacrifice they have made. We have before now remarked upon instances of where, in days gone by, the bells of a church have been disposed of to buy an organ, and not long ago there was recalled the case of Sholbeach, where "the poor and silly people sold the bells to buy a steeple." Brigg has done something almost as bad by selling two bells when there was no need for such a drastic step.

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## TESTIMONIAL.

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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**TWELVE BELL PEALS.**

HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

JOHN C. TRUSS... .. Treble	*RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. 7
*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	*JOHN EVANS ... .. 8
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	*FRED HAYES ... .. 9
*FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 10
*ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 5	*JAMES W. WILKINS ... 11
*GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6	*Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and  
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells and in the county of Bucks.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	*ERNEST G. STIBBONS ... 7
HENRY SPRINGALL ... .. 2	*ARTHUR D. BARKER... .. 8
HARRY R. PASMORE ... 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 9
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	SAMUEL E. JOYCE ... 10
*FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 11
THOMAS FAULKNER... .. 6	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and  
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Maximus.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED ADAMS ... .. Treble	JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 6
EDGAR T. SMITH ... .. 2	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 7
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	*GILBERT HARDING ... 8
*GEORGE PEATE ... .. 4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 9
ALFRED J. WALLATER ... 5	HOWARD W. CATTELL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

\* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. J. C. Adams' rooth peal for the Society. Rung on the eve of the festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE ... Treble	GEORGE ADES ... .. 6
CHARLES PALMER ... .. 2	JOHN CAPP... .. 7
WILLIAM PALMER ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. RICE ... 8
HERBERT RANN ... .. 4	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 9
*OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BOOTH, and  
Conducted by KEITH HART.**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY Treble	*HUGH D. ANDERSON ... 5
ERNEST E. HUTCHINSON... 2	*PERCY PAGE ... .. 6
*GEORGE E. KENNETT ... 3	*SPENCER SOUTHERDEN ... 7
STEPHEN J. BOULDEN ... 4	GEORGE B. ANDERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY.

\* First peal. First peal by an entirely local band on the bells.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, January 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WALTER S. WISE ... Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 5
DAVID WRIGHT ... .. 2	AMOS CLARKE ... .. 6
THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 3	ALFRED T. JONES ... 7
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. Tenor

Conducted by W. S. WISE.

The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

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

Tenor 10 cwt., in G.

GEORGE MAYERS ... Treble	EDWIN WHITING ... .. 5
GEORGE P. BURTON ... .. 2	GEORGE SNELLING ... .. 6
JOHN SNELLING ... .. 3	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 7
FREDERICK MANSEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Mr. G. Mayers is master of the St. John's Company, and Mr. G. P. Burton is a member of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild. First peal in the method in the City of Norwich.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, READING.)

*On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 27½ cwt.

WALTER A. WEBB ... Treble	*GEORGE ESSEX... .. 5
CHARLES GILES ... .. 2	JOHN SWAIN ... .. 6
HENRY TUCKER ... .. 3	ALFRED WATMORE ... 7
FRANK MARTIN ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

\* 150th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... Treble	JOHN LUCKEY ... .. 5
GEORGE JORDAN... .. 2	THOMAS JORDAN ... .. 6
ISAAC CAVILL ... .. 3	THOMAS J. WATTS ... 7
WALTER PRIOR ... .. 4	WILLIAM WATTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Isaac Cavill, who hails from Roydon.

## RYE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 0 qrs. 27 lbs.

† EDWIN H. WHITEMAN, Junr. <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES PRICE ... .. 5
GEORGE JOHNSON ... .. 2	* GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 6
† HAROLD F. COBON ... .. 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... .. 7
JOSEPH B. BENNETT ... .. 4	GILBERT J. YOUNGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

\* First peal on eight bells and first attempt. † First peal away from tenor. ‡ First peal with an inside bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Price, who has been vergar at the above church for many years and a ringer there for a longer period than any of the present members. Mr. Johnson comes from Appledore, Mr. Kenward from Iden, and the rest are Rye ringers.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER... .. <i>Treble</i>	* ALFRED MEARS... .. 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... .. 2	* ALBERT MARKS... .. 6
CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 4	OWEN H. GILES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung after meeting short for Major.

## HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL ... .. <i>Treble</i>	REV. W. A. ERRINGTON... .. 5
* WILLIAM T. COOK ... .. 2	GEORGE DENT ... .. 6
HARRY SMALE ... .. 3	JOHN CORDELL ... .. 7
REV. W. S. WILLETT ... .. 4	JOHN SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by G. DENT.

\* First peal.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

ALFRED C. LIMPUS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. PARKER ... .. 2	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 4	JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

This peal was arranged for Mr. A. C. Limpus, who hails from Vancouver, B.C.

## LYMINGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCY J. PAINE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. G. BRETT ... .. 5
EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... .. 2	CHAS. W. PLAYER ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 3	CHAS. W. BRETT ... .. 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... .. 4	ERNEST CHEESMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung on the opening of a peal board.

## ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

* WILLIAM MORGAN ... .. <i>Treble</i>	JAMES MORGAN... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 6
SAMUEL JONES, Senr. ... .. 3	* PERCY H. SMITH ... .. 7
GEORGE JONES ... .. 4	JOHN THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

\* First peal. This peal was rung to welcome the Rev. C. E. M. Wilson as Rector of the parish, who was inducted the previous evening by the Ven. Archdeacon Barber.

## CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

JOHN W. KELLEY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	HENRY DEW ... .. 5
BERTRAM PREWETT ... .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 6
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... .. 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	ERNEST PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

The band wish to thank Mr. J. W. Kelley and friends for their kind hospitality after the peal.

## READING, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK POUNDS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... .. 5
ALBERT E. BROOKS... .. 2	JOHN MONK ... .. 6
EDMUND TOMLINSON ... .. 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN ... .. 7
* ERNEST BROWN ... .. 4	GEORGE BROOKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

\* First peal. The ringers of 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 hail from Witney, Oxon.

## EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr. ... .. 5
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... .. 2	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. 6
* ALLEN R. HICKTON ... .. 3	ERNEST J. OLIVER ... .. 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 4	HENRY FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BENDALL ... .. <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE GRIFFITHS ... .. 5
WILLIAM COOPER ... .. 2	ELIJAH PAGETT... .. 6
WILLIAM PEART ... .. 3	ALBERT MILLS ... .. 7
* ARCHIE CADDICK ... .. 4	THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Mills on attaining his 60th birthday.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5
CHARLES SAMSON ... .. 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY... .. 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and  
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. M. Bailey.

## HURST, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 16 lbs.

*HARRY BUNGAY ... .. Treble	JOHN WADHAMS ... .. 5
*JOHN RANCE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... .. 6
*JOSEPH WHITE ... .. 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 7
WILLIAM HORNE ... .. 4	*JOHN PRINCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.  
First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID THOMAS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK... .. 6
WILLIAM B. BISS ... .. 3	SIDNEY DAVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM COOMBS ... .. 4	ALLEN ROWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. DAVE.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the conductor and as a birthday compliment to W. Coombs.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD... .. Treble	WALTER PRESTIDGE... .. 5
JOSEPH FAULKNER ... .. 2	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 6
HARRY HILL ... .. 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 7
VICTOR WHITE ... .. 4	HARRY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and  
Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SPARROW ... .. Treble	THOMAS EDWIN ... .. 5
LOUIS SPARROW ... .. 2	CHARLES KNIGHT ... .. 6
AUGUSTINE DORE... .. 3	JAMES ADDIS ... .. 7
FRANK COOK... .. 4	*JOHN PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

\* First peal on eight bells. All the band are market gardeners.  
First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

## ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

BRUTON'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., in F.

CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS ... .. 5
*GEORGE F. SWANN... .. 2	JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. 6
GEORGE GARRISON ... .. 3	JOHN SANDERS ... .. 7
THOMAS WELLS ... .. 4	WILLIAM G. ANKER... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Frederic S. Swindell, M.A., on completing (on Jan 25th) 25 years as Vicar of Erdington.

## THETFORD, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Sunday, January 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

ARTHUR E. MOORE ... .. Treble	THOMAS FITZJOHN ... .. 5
FRANK J. LEVITT ... .. 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... .. 6
WALTER RADLEY ... .. 3	HARRY R. MOORE ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 4	CHARLES CARTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and  
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

**SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.**

## QUEENBOROUGH, ISLE OF SHEPPY.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob,  
College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt.

RICHARD S. STAINES ... Treble	JAMES NYE... .. 4
GEORGE H. SPICE ... .. 2	CHARLES TUMBER ... .. 5
WILLIAM HYLAND ... .. 3	WILLIAM NYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. NYE.

First peal on the bells. H. Spice hails from Tunstall, W. Hyland from Upchurch, J. and W. Nye from Rodmersham, and C. Tumber from Teynham. R. Staines belongs to the local band.

## BURSLEM, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

## STOKE ARCHDEACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BOURNE ... Treble	*THOMAS HURD ... .. 4
*LEVESON PENNINGTON ... 2	*THOMAS HILDITCH ... .. 5
*JOSEPH HURD ... .. 3	*JOHN FARRELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FARRELL.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

## UPCHURCH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, two 720's of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

*ALBERT J. BISHOP ... Treble	VICTOR A. JARRETT, R.E. 4
CECIL C. BISHOP ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	ALBERT J. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

\* First peal. W. T. Hyland's 50th peal.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

In five methods.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WM. GORDON, Senr. ... .. Treble	JAS. FERNLEY ... .. 4
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH ... .. 5
GEO. D. WARBURTON ... .. 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY ... .. Tenor

All took part in conducting—Wm. Gordon, Grandsire; J. W. Hartley, College Single; Sidney Hough, Plain Bob; G. D. Warburton, Kent; Jas. Fernley, Kent; Rev. A. T. Beeston, two 720's of Oxford.

Four towers were represented, viz.: Stockport St. Mary's, New Mills; Stockport St. Mary's; Norbury, Knutsford, Norbury respectively.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 14 Six-scores of Plain Bob and 28 Six-scores of Grandsire.

GEORGE LUCK ... .. Treble	CHARLES HAINES ... .. 3
THOMAS LAW ... .. 2	FRED. HOPPER ... .. 4
FRED. WILFORD ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by F. WILFORD.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

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

Being 42 Six-scores.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES POWELL ... .. Treble	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... .. 4
LEONARD LEWIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS ... .. 5
WILLIAM PRITCHARD ... .. 3	EMANUEL BOWEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. D. GRIFFITHS.

This peal was rung to welcome the new Vicar and his wife (the Rev. W. and Mrs. Roberts) who are taking a keen interest in the ringers and their ringing generally. The ringers take this opportunity of wishing them a very prosperous life in their new parish.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and 720 Plain Bob.

H. HALL ... .. Treble	W. BURGESS ... .. 4
W. G. CRICKMER ... .. 2	G. STANNARD ... .. 5
W. E. MAULDEN ... .. 3	G. BALLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor's mother upon her 83rd birthday.

LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

*ANDREW PARRY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 4
*REGINALD DULLAM ... .. 2	HENRY KEMP ... .. 5
HENRY WEALE ... .. 3	THOMAS AMOS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\* First peal.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being 720 each of Reverse Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY JEWISS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... .. 4
WILLIAM SPICE, Senr. ... .. 2	THOMAS JULL ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... .. 3	ALBERT J. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

MAKER, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Called differently.

*GEORGE T. SMITH ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM T. LINNELL ... .. 4
†JOHN H. GLUYAS ... .. 2	†HAROLD BENNETT ... .. 5
*WILLIAM E. DAVEY ... .. 3	*GEORGE H. KERSWILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. BENNETT.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First as conductor. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Doubles on the bells, for the use of which the ringers thank the Rector.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Neasden Delight, College Exercise, Woodbine, College Bob IV, Willesden Delight and Old Oxford Modernised. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.

RICHARD KILBY ... .. Treble	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 4
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 5
LAWRENCE B. PORTER ... .. 3	ALFRED HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

CEFN COED, BRECONSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS DAVIES ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. HARRIS ... .. 4
WILLIAM CHAPPELL ... .. 2	ALBERT HUNT ... .. 5
ISAAC REED ... .. 3	JOHN REES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HUNT.

This was the first peal on the bells and by all the band. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. P. Lipsett, of Bilbao, Spain, who was interred at Cefn Cemetery on the above date.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALFRED CLARK ... .. Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM ... .. 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... .. 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... .. 5
EDWIN YATES ... .. 3	Cecil A. VALENTINE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert C. Edwards, who attained his majority on the 25th.

## TEYNHAM, KENT.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob.

H. JEWISS ... .. Treble	J. NYE ... .. 4
G. EASTMAN ... .. 2	C. TUMBER... .. 5
A. J. DAY ... .. 3	W. NYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. NYE.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 26, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

REGGIE CHAPMAN ... .. 1-2	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... .. 3-4
EDWARD CHAPMAN ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by EDWARD CHAPMAN. Umpire, W. MACE.

First peal by the ringer of the trebles who is only 13 years old and was proposed a member of the Association before starting.

## HARWICH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Handbells size 21, in D (Tenor 2 lbs. 9 ozs.).

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 1-2	THOMAS BERNARD ... .. 5-6
GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. 3-4	ARTHUR T. MORRIS ... .. 7-8

Composed by LIOUS HEAD, and Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.  
Umpire, T. CHAPMAN. Witness, T. WRIGHT.

## LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, January 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF H. LANGDON, 70, SALTERFORD ROAD, Tooting, S.W.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON ... 1-2	HARRY R. PASMORE ... 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3-4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY. Umpire: FREDK. J. HARDY.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5103 CHANCES;

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
Umpire: S. RADFORD.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to M. Smither. This peal has each quarter in the titlums and handstroke positions alternately.

## HARWICH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Handbells size 20, in E.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN... 1-2	THOMAS BERNARD ... .. 5-6
GEORGE THOMPSON ... 3-4	ARTHUR T. MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and  
Conducted by ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Rung as a farewell peal to F. A. Holden, R.N., who is leaving this port to be stationed at Queensferry.

## PEALS NOT PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED.

## PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of New London, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

ALFRED CLEMENTS ... Treble	DAVID LEGGETT ... .. 4
GEORGE ABLITT ... .. 2	CHAS. E. FISHER ... .. 5
HENRY PUTTOCK... .. 3	WM. SAWYER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

## CHRISTLETON, CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

AUSTIN GREGORY ... Treble	WILLIAM MAYERS ... .. 5
RICHARD LUNT ... .. 2	JAMES V. WRIGHT ... .. 6
JOSEPH MAYERS ... .. 3	WALTER THOMAS ... .. 7
JOHN ROBERTS ... .. 4	HAROLD WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. V. WRIGHT.

The peal of Double Norwich Major, rung at Palgrave, Suffolk, on January 23rd, 1911, published without the name of a Society, belongs to the Norwich Association.

The time of the peal at Waltham Abbey on December 26th, 1911, was three hours and eleven minutes.

The interesting little Norman church of Bigby is to have a ring of six bells erected in the tower. The work is being carried out by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, Ltd., London.

## WITNEY RINGERS AT READING.

On Saturday last, five of the Witney ringers took advantage of an excursion to Reading, where arrangements had been made for an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Giles' Church. The band was completed by Mr. F. Pounds and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who formerly were both ringers at Witney, and Mr. A. W. Osborne, foreman of St. Giles' company. The peal was successfully accomplished after 2 hrs. 57 mins. good striking, and Mr. E. Brown was congratulated upon scoring his first peal. On descending the tower, the ringers were met by Mr. A. E. Reeves, secretary of the Guild, and Mr. C. R. Lilley. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn very kindly invited the party to tea at the Victoria Cafe, where a very pleasant hour was spent.—Mr. J. Monk, in a very jocular speech, thanked the Reading men for making the visitors so welcome, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for his hospitality. — After a short look round, the Witney men left for home at 8.55 p.m., after a very pleasant half-day's excursion.—The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor, Vicar of St. Giles, for the use of the bells.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX. — At St. John the Baptist Church, on Christmas morning, 720 Plain Bob: A. Fiddis 1, F. Doran (first 720 on a bob bell) 2, S. Hayes 3, W. Miller 4, G. Dawson 5, J. Moule (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, December 31st, 720 Plain Bob: F. Doran 1, A. Prior (first 720 on a bob bell) 2, S. Hayes 3, W. Miller 4, G. Dawson 5, J. Moule (conductor) 6.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK. —Norwich Association.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's Church, by the local company, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: S. Nunn, junr., 1, C. R. Chamberlin 2, R. Haines 3, J. Long 4, H. Spurgeon 5, S. Nunn (conductor) 6. After evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Kidd 1, S. Nunn, junr., 2, R. Haines 3, J. Ives 4, J. Long 5, S. Nunn (conductor) 6. At midnight, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 44 mins.: E. Wornes 1, C. R. Chamberlin 2, R. Haines 3, C. Spurgeon 4, J. Long 5, S. Nunn (conductor) 6. Good striking was maintained throughout.

MORPETH.—At the Old Clock Tower, on Sunday, Dec. 31st, for morning service, 720 Double Court; for evening service, 720 Kent Minor. At night, from 10.30 until midnight, touches of Double Court, Oxford Minor, and Stedman Doubles, with bells half-muffled. The New Year was welcomed with 250 Bob Triples, followed by short touches of Kent Minor and Double Court.

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## OUR ILLUSTRATION.

### JOHN CARTER—COMPOSER AND INVENTOR.

The Exercise contains many clever and able exponents, but no finer example is to be found of the brainy men who adorn the ringing world at the present day and who give the lie direct to the ignorant aspersions such as were recently cast upon ringers by a certain baronet, than Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, who has brought into his association with ringing that inventive genius which he has so successfully applied in other channels, and which has placed him in the front rank of composers. To the younger members of the Exercise he is perhaps better known as a composer, but a perusal of his list of peals will show his remarkable versatility as a



MR. JOHN CARTER.

ringer. His originality in the realm of figures is well-known, for apart from many celebrated compositions, he is the author of a number of methods.

Mr. Carter was born at Darlaston, in the heart of the "black country," on April 30th, 1854, and first entered a belfry at his native place on Sunday, July 6th, 1873, when the ringers were busy with "Stedman" and he proved himself to be an apt pupil. On December 18th of the same year he took part in a date touch of Stedman Triples at Willenhall, and then—just a week after—for a second time visited Enfield for a period of three months in order to complete a contract, and came in contact with the Messrs. Carrs, Powell and Alps at Waltham Abbey. Mr. T. Powell having asked him to learn a course of Stedman Triples on handbells, he made his first attempt, and succeeded in ringing 3-4 through a course in which Mr. Matt Wood, of Bethnal Green, took part. Returning from

Enfield he next worked at West Bromwich under that famous Treble Bob composer, Paul Cashmore. On July 7th, 1874, he rang in his maiden peal at Willenhall—with two conductors—while he scored his first peal of Stedman Triples at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on December 20th, 1875. Peal ringing was not an every day occurrence in those days.

The first peal of which he was conductor was on February 22nd, 1876 (Paul Cashmore taking part in it), when he called Holt's original the first time it was ever rung in the county of Stafford. Then, on July 1st, 1876, he rang 5-6 through his first peal on handbells at the residence of the late Henry Johnson—a peal of Grandsire Triples conducted by his friend, the late Henry Bastable. His first peal as conductor on handbells was on March 16th, 1878, at his own residence at Churchfield, West Bromwich, when he rang 3-4 through Holt's Original, this being the first peal ever rung in hand in the county of Stafford. In the same year, on May 28th, he rang in his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, the peal being composed and conducted by the late Henry Johnson. In June of 1880 Mr. Carter removed from West Bromwich to Birmingham, finding employment at the firm of Messrs. P. Webley and Sons, now Webley and Scotts, Ltd., small arms manufacturers, where he is still engaged. That he is a versatile genius of strenuous and many sided activities is attested by the fact that his name can be found in many of the patent records for inventions and improvements in fire arms, in conjunction with his employers.

It is noteworthy that he conducted the first peals on handbells ever rung in Birmingham of Grandsire Major, Caters, Royal and Cinques, and also Bob Major. On the 16th October, 1883, he composed and conducted what was at that time the record peal on handbells, 10,176 Grandsire Major, in four hours and 55 minutes, and, later, a record peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells of 6137 changes. Not until December 5th, 1885, did he call a peal of Stedman Triples, when he succeeded in doing so at Perry Barr. Then, after a lapse of thirteen years from the commencement of his ringing career, he conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung upon the bells at his native place, Darlaston. On November 20th, 1886, we find him ringing the 2nd at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, in the first silent peal ever rung on tower bells, while he also took part in the "All Conductors" peal at the same place on its anniversary. He can boast of being the first Birmingham man to ring a peal in a Surprise method, accomplishing that feat at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, in Superlative, Cambridge and London. In 1889, on November 16th, at Sheffield Parish Church, he conducted his first peal of Maximus—Kent Treble Bob.

On May 10th, 1893, he had the honour of being selected as one of the national representatives at the opening of the Imperial Institute and bells by her late Majesty Queen Victoria. Elected on the Central Council at its commencement, as the representative of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society, he is now and has been for years past an honorary member of the Council, while he is also a life member of nearly every Association and Guild of Ringers in England.

As a composer he has few equals, his ambition always being to obtain peals which are worth looking at for their sterling qualities—such as his Stedman Caters containing in a 5003 the sixth its full extent at home, both in the tittums and handstroke home positions, i.e., 240, or 120 times each way; also other similar qualities, such as the

same extent with the sixth in fifth's place 240 times, and peals with the sixth 120 times in fifth's and sixth's place in the tittums. He was the first to get all the 5-6's and 6-5's, both in tittums and handstroke home positions in Stedman Cinques. His odd bob one part peal of Stedman Triples, and his broad sheet of Stedman Caters with its 7,000 peals of 5000 and over, together with his numerous peals of Stedman Cinques bear testimony to his untiring zeal and ability in composition and compilation, but, indeed, to enumerate all his special compositions and their qualities would require quite a bulky volume.

Just on the verge of completion, Mr. Carter is now still at work on a truly wonderful machine, which is capable of doing anything automatically which can be done upon bells. For instance, it will ring a single bell, produce the two changes on two bells, six on three bells, twenty-four on four bells, and so on up to the extent on twelve bells—always supposing that it will last the time. The machine can be arranged to ring any method, either in existence or to be created, on any number of bells, or it can be made to work the changes without the bells sounding, the same as practising with the clappers tied. It can ring Triples, leaving out the second or any other bell; it will ring Doubles on ten bells, and have 1-8, 2-9, 3-10, 4-11 and 5-12 striking together. It can be made to print the figures of every change, or the course ends only as they are being rung. It will also make the diagrams showing the working of the method on which it is engaged; it will show how many changes have been rung, and will make any kind of call, such as "bob," "single," etc., always providing they are called at the proper time.

It is most interesting to watch the slides while the machine is in motion, because the hunting, place making and dodging can all be readily seen and followed. When a slide is in line with the side of the machine it is in first place (leading), when 3-16th in. away from the side of the machine in second's place, 3-8th in. from the side in third's place, and so on until it is 2 1-16th in. away or twelfth's place behind, when it will be seen that the other end of the slide is level with the other side of the machine.

This machine was first started upon twenty-four years ago, and is at present in full working order, the writer having heard Stedman Cinques and Duffield Maximus upon it to perfection, but it just wants the slight finishing touches which are required to satisfy its inventor and creator. Mr. Carter says it would have been finished years ago had he only been able to afford the expense and infinity of labour it has cost—most undeniably a true labour of love.

The following is a rough list of the peals Mr. Carter has taken part in:—

Grandsire Triples .....	45	Conducted	28
Grandsire Major .....	13	Conducted	13
Grandsire Caters .....	45	Conducted	37
Grandsire Royal .....	2	Conducted	2
Grandsire Cinques .....	2	Conducted	2
Grandsire Maximus .....	1	Conducted	1
Stedman Triples .....	40	Conducted	27
Stedman Caters .....	15	Conducted	9
Stedman Cinques .....	13	Conducted	2
New Grandsire Triples .....	5	Conducted	1
New Grandsire Caters .....	1		
Plain Bob Triples .....	3	Conducted	3
Plain Bob Major .....	19	Conducted	17
Plain Bob Caters .....	1	Conducted	1
Plain Bob Royal .....	5	Conducted	4
Treble Bob Major .....	5	Conducted	3

Treble Bob Royal .....	4	Conducted	3
Treble Bob Maximus .....	2	Conducted	1
Forward Major .....	5	Conducted	5
Forward Royal .....	3	Conducted	2
Forward Maximus .....	1	Conducted	1
Duffield Royal .....	1		
Union Triples .....	3	Conducted	2
Oxford Bob Triples .....	1	Conducted	1
Double Oxford Bob Major ...	2	Conducted	1
Double Norwich Major .....	2	Conducted	2
Canterbury Major .....	2	Conducted	2
College Single Triples .....	1	Conducted	1
Darlaston Bob Triples .....	14	Conducted	14
Darlaston Bob Caters .....	1	Conducted	1
Handsworth Major .....	1	Conducted	1
Handsworth Royal .....	1	Conducted	1
Aston Major .....	1	Conducted	1
Aston Royal .....	1	Conducted	1
Erin Cinques .....	1		
Superlative Surprise Major ...	3		
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	2		
London Surprise Major .....	1		

Total ... 268

190

Of the foregoing 27 were rung upon handbells, 22 being conducted.

### ODD CHANGES.

A number of items, including a letter from Mr. H. Dains, on "St. Clement's Major"; the Beginners' Corner, etc., are unavoidably held over.

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Reggie Chapman, the 13 year old son of Mr. E. Chapman, of Kettering, has scored his first peal—Bob Minor on handbells, to which he rang 1-2. Other and younger brothers are, however, coming on. On Thursday in last week 720 Bob Minor was rung by father and three sons: Reggie Chapman (aged 13) 1-2, Leonard Chapman (aged 11) 3, Cecil Chapman (aged 10) 4, E. Chapman (conductor) 5-6. Bravo, boys!

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The attempt for the long peal of Cambridge Major at Clent on Saturday by the Worcestershire Association, unfortunately, came to grief after ringing about 5700 changes in 3 hours 30 minutes.

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Peal attempts by journalists (who, by the way, do not seem to be very numerous in the Exercise) and postal officials have been spoken of in this column, but the market gardeners have taken a similar job in hand and completed it. They rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Mickleton, Gloucestershire, last Saturday.

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Mr. William Willson has just given at Leicester an interesting lantern lecture on the origin, history and literature of bells. He had a large and appreciative audience. If these lectures were made more general, public interest in ringing would be increased.

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Miss B. Mitchell, of Shipley, Sussex, scored her first 720 of Bob Minor last Friday, and is to be congratulated upon the way in which she rang her bell. It was her first attempt, having only rung one plain course before.

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### RINGERS' DINNER AT SHEFFIELD.

The annual dinner and concert, in connection with the St. John the Evangelist's Society, Ranmoor, Sheffield, took place on Tuesday evening, January 23rd, at the Ranmoor Inn. Some twenty odd ringers and friends did ample justice to a capital repast served by Host. Hutton. After dinner the party adjourned to the smoke room, where the remainder of the evening was occupied by an excellent musical entertainment. The loyal toast was duly honoured, and the programme was fittingly opened by a selection on the handbells. Other items included a quartette, "Here's life and health to England's King," by Messrs. T. Cooper, H. Dakin, H. Mellor and E. Sheridan, who as an encore sang, "My maid of the mountain"; song, "Gentlemen, the King!" Mr. E. Sheridan; song, "Mary," Mr. H. Dakin; song, "Anchored," Mr. F. Sheridan; song, "The bell at sea," Mr. Room; quartette, "Comrades in Arms" (encore, "North West Wind"); duet, "Battle eve," Messrs. H. Dakin and E. Sheridan; song, "When shadows gather," Mr. J. Dakin; humorous song, "Packed every night," Host Hutton; song, "Father O'Flynn," Mr. F. Sheridan; song, "Sympathy," Mr. J. Dakin; song, "Ianthie," Mr. H. Dakin; trio, "Gipsies' laughter," and quartette, "When shadows gather"; interspersed with selections on the handbells by Messrs. H. and F. Ward, L. Charlesworth, C. Haines and S. Thomas. — This was the fourteenth of these annual gatherings which have all been pleasant reunions, and, while some have been as good, none have been better than this last one. Messrs. Charlesworth and Badger acted as accompanists.

### SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AT EASTBOURNE.

About 40 members of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association met for their quarterly meeting at the Parish Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday week. After ringing in the afternoon, service was held in the church, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Streetfield, M.A., R.D., the address being much enjoyed. By the kindness of Mr. Streetfield the company sat down to an excellent tea at the Pitman Institute. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded that gentleman for his presence at the meeting, for providing the tea and for the use of this beautiful peal of bells.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**EAST MOLESEY.**—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, ten 120's Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: F. Brown 1, W. J. Hall 2, W. Halls 3, J. Baldwin 4, J. Howes (conductor) 5, H. Waters 6.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. G. Naish 1, \*W. J. Hall 2, J. Howes (conductor) 3, \*Miss Eileen Fisher 4, J. H. B. Hesse 5, J. N. Frossell 6, G. Spencer 7, J. Chandler 8. \*First quarter-peal.

**HAUGHTON, STAFFS.**—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Sunday, Dec. 10th, for morning service, in 45 mins., at the Church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1260 changes), being eight six-scores of St. Dunstan's and 2½ of Grandsire: \*L. Johnson 1, \*B. M. Duke 2, \*C. Smith 3, G. Booth 4, J. Taylor (conductor) 5. \*First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal on the bells by local ringers.

**SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.**—The Salisbury Guild.—At St. James' Church, on the eve of St. Thomas' Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: J. L. Hutton 1, C. D. Heginbotham 2, R. Haslehurst 3, S. Hillier (conductor) 4, F. Green 5, H. Brownlee West 6.

**LOWICK, NORTHANTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 24th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Bugby 1, F. Jones 2, W. Purser 3, W. Dunkley 4, H. Guess 5, J. Guess (conductor) 6.—On Dec. 25th, 720 each of Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.—On New Year's Eve, at midnight, 720 Bob Minor: J. Bugby 1, F. Cook 2, F. Jones 3, R. Dunkley 4, H. Guess 5, J. Guess (conductor) 6.—For evening service on Jan. 7th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Bugby 1, H. Guess 2, J. Coleman 3, J. Guess 4, R. Dunkley 5, J. Nickerson (conductor) 6.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—The St. Martin's Guild.—On Dec. 26th, at the Parish Church, 1587 Stedman Cinques, in 72 mins.: T. Reeves 1, F. Dickens 2, C. Dickens 3, J. E. Groves (conductor) 4, T. Reynolds 5, J. L. Wells 6, M. J. Morris 7, F. Wilford 8, J. Neal 9, T. Miller 10, A. E. Pegler 11, H. Dickens 12. This was an attempt for a peal, but Mr. Reynolds, not feeling well, asked the conductor in the 10th course to call the bells round, which was done in the 12th course. It proved, unfortunately, to be the late Mr. Reynolds' last touch.

**HARLOW.**—Essex Association.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Harlow Common, at midnight, on Dec. 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins.: F. Wheeler 1, W. Morris 2, H. Bottrill (conductor) 3, T. Smith 4, T. Cordle 5, H. Smale 6.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, 720, with 6-8 covering, in the same method.

**KENSINGTON.**—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbot's, 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal: F. G. Symonds 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, C. J. Dobbie 3, J. Hayward 4, E. G. Stibbons 5, P. F. Miles 6, W. A. Garrard 7, H. G. Miles 8, R. Charge 9, C. Charge 10.—On Sunday, Jan. 14th, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Cinques: A. V. Selby 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, H. Dains 3, J. Hayward 4, W. G. Matthews 5, C. J. Dobbie 6, W. A. Garrard 7, J. H. Mackman 8, H. G. Miles 9, E. G. Stibbons 10.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

#### PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Guild was held on Saturday last, at Fareham, when members attended from Titchfield, Wickham, Swanmore, Bishop's Waltham; St. Mary's and St. Thomas, Portsmouth; North Stoneham, Havant, Fareham, and Curdridge. Among the visitors were Mr. A. T. King, Rev. E. Banks James, and Mr. Beer. The bells were very kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers, who also attended the service at which an able address was given by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), the Vicar of Fareham assisting at the service. Tea was served at Mr. Pyle's Temperance Hotel, and the business, which followed, was presided over by the Master. The officers were re-elected as follows: Rev. C. E. Matthews, chairman; Mr. J. W. Whiting, hon. secretary; Mr. G. E. Chappell, assistant secretary; Mr. J. Symons, auditor; and Messrs. G. E. Chappell and J. E. Harding, representatives on the Central Committee.—The balance sheet, together with the auditors' report, was presented and adopted, and showed receipts amounting to £12 14s., and expenses £5 18s. 2d., leaving a balance to the credit of the districts of £6 15s.—Mr. A. T. King's name was added to the hon. members' list, and six pull members and two probationers were elected.—The places chosen for the next quarterly meetings were: Titchfield, in April; Ryde, July 20th; Bishop's Waltham, in October; and Portsea for the next annual meeting.

An extra meeting at Wickham is to be arranged by the secretary, Col. and Mrs. Farquhar, of Park Place, Wickham, having kindly offered to give the ringers a tea on the lawn during the summer.—The offer was gratefully accepted by the members, and thanks were accorded Col. and Mrs. Farquhar for their kindness.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. C. E. Matthews for his very able address, the Rev. J. E. Tarbat for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. T. King for kindly taking the chair when the Master had to leave. This brought a very pleasant gathering to a close, and the members again visited the belfry, when touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung.

### RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Friday, January 19th, Mr. and Mrs. William Gordon, of Stockport, celebrated their golden wedding, and were the recipients of many congratulations from a large circle of friends. Mr. Gordon is the steeplekeeper at St. Mary's Church, and the happy event was celebrated by an "all-conducted" peal of Minor in five methods. It was Mr. Gordon's first peal of Minor, although he took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples as far back as March 29th, 1857, and rang on the occasion of the national rejoicing in 1854 for the victory of the British arms at Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were married at St. Thomas', Norbury—where the golden wedding peal was rung—on Sunday, January 19th, 1862, and as they left the church at 10 a.m. they heard a jumpy sort of combined wedding and service peal, produced by a sort of barrel organ arrangement, turned by hand, and very imperfect and unsatisfactory. Afterwards the tenor was broken by the heavy hammer, and the accident sealed the doom of the machine, and brought the ringers on the scene again, after the bell had been recast.

In addition to the peal of Minor, with which the jubilee of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon's married life was celebrated, and which is recorded in another column, an attempt was made on Jan. 21st by eight members of the St. Mary's, Stockport, company, for Shipway's ten-part peal of Grandsire, but it was unfortunately lost, after less than one hour's ringing: A. G. Clarke 1, H. Reynolds 2, J. H. Mason 3, P. Bricknell 4, Alfred Gordon 5, W. Gordon, junr., 6, A. S. Gordon (conductor) 7, E. Edmonds 8. On Monday, Jan. 22nd, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon entertained a large party of friends at Cropley's Cafe, Stockport, tea being followed by a musical entertainment and a dance.

### LANCASHIRE MEETING AT BOLTON.

An excellent monthly meeting of the Bolton branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Bolton Parish Church, on Saturday last, when about 30 members were present from Newchurch, Tyldesley, Walkden, and Pendleton, together with the local ringers. Some very good touches were rung. One hon. member and two performing members were elected, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Deane.

### CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Northampton district was held at Harlestone on Saturday last, members being present from All Saints', St. Giles', St. Peter's, and St. Edmund's, Northampton, Weston Favel, Duston, Kingshorpe, and Easton Mandit. The bells are a fine peal of six (tenor 21 cwt.), and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, and Grandsire Doubles, were rung on them during the afternoon and evening. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw provided an excellent tea, to which about 20 members sat down. Afterwards the business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Thos. Law Weston. Several new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Long Buckby, in July, and a special meeting at Moulton, on Saturday, April 27th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****A MARQUESS AS HON. MEMBER.**

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Hinckley, on Saturday last, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent, the weather being for the time of year ideal. Good use of the peal of eight was made throughout the afternoon and evening. A very nice tea was provided in the Church Schoolroom, and at the subsequent general meeting the vice-president occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. W. P. Hurrell (Vicar of Hinckley), the Rev. J. F. Griffiths (Holy Trinity, Hinckley), the Rev. G. M. Edmonds (Stoke Golding), Mr. E. D. Taylor, Mr. W. C. Wakley (hon. treasurer), and others, about 35 being present.

The Chairman said that as the Vicar of Hinckley was obliged to leave immediately to fulfil an engagement elsewhere, he would at once propose a hearty vote of thanks to him for his kindness in allowing the ringers the use of the bells and schoolroom, and for his presence at the tea.—This was seconded by Mr. W. C. Wakley, and carried with applause.—The Vicar briefly replied that it was a pleasure to him to welcome the Association to Hinckley, and hoped all would thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Messrs. E. D. Taylor and C. Draper were appointed to audit the accounts for the past year, on the proposition of Mr. H. Wakley, seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfeld.—The Chairman drew attention to the peals rung during the past quarter, viz., 53 on tower bells and three on handbells, the former having been rung in 34 towers extending practically over the whole area of the Association, and including a 6000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, at Chesterfield—a record length in the method for the Association.

The Revs. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston, Notts), and E. Douglas Starey (Rector of Sharnford, Hinckley), and the Marquess of Anglesey, were elected hon. members of the Association. Sixteen ringing members were also admitted.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. B. Mitchell, and seconded by Mr. C. Draper, was carried unanimously, and a return was then made to the tower, where ringing was again enthusiastically indulged in.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Burton-on-Trent district was held in St. Paul's Institute, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday week, the Rev. J. J. Stockley (Vicar of St. Paul's, and chairman of the district) presiding. Those present included the Rev. J. H. Martin (curate of Horninglow), Mr. W. C. Wakley, hon. treasurer of the Association, and members from St. Paul's and St. Modwen's, Burton, Elwell, Newhall, Ashby, Uttoxeter, Horninglow, Rolleston, etc., and Mr. H. Wakley, local hon. secretary. The following were elected to serve in the various offices for the year 1912: Chairman of the district, the Rev. J. J. Stockley; committee, Messrs. E. I. Stone and E. W. Beadsmore; local hon. secretary, H. Wakley. Nominations for the general officers of the Association were as follows: President, Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart.; vice-president, Mr. J. W. Taylor; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. C. Wakley; hon. secretary, Mr. W. E. White; delegate to Central Council, Mr. J. Griffin. The Local Secretary having presented a report of the various ringing meetings held in the district during the twelve months just ended, a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close.—Before and after the meeting, the bells of St. Paul's Church were kept going in various methods.

**RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT BRIGG.****PEAL REDUCED FROM EIGHT TO SIX.**

In these days, when the augmentation of bells seems an almost daily occurrence, it is certainly strange to hear of a peal of eight being reduced to six. Yet this is what has happened at Brigg, in Lincolnshire. A correspondent informs us that the reason is that the church authorities and others who had the matter in hand were afraid they would not be able to raise sufficient money to carry out necessary restoration to the church and bells, and, therefore, the two trebles were sold to help defray the expenses. It now turns out that after the whole thing is completed there will be a balance in hand of nearly £100. The six bells have been retuned and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, who have carried out their work admirably. The bells have been dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln (Dr. Hicks), and after the service, the parishioners assembled at tea in the Corn Exchange, and a "social" followed. During the afternoon and evening several touches were rung on the bells (including 720 Bob Minor), ringers from Gainsborough assisting the local company.

**W. T. HYLAND'S FIFTY PEALS.**

Of the fifty peals rung by Mr. W. T. Hyland, 49 have been on six bells, viz.: One peal of Minor (10,080 changes), in nine methods, 38 in seven methods, three in six methods, one in five methods, four in four methods, one in three methods, and one in two methods. The remaining peal was Grandsire Triples. He has taken part in the first peals on the bells at eleven churches; and the first peals in seven methods at twelve churches. The fifty peals have been rung in 16 towers. Mr. Hyland has rung 1,208 720's in 20 methods, and has conducted 220.

**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.****THE FIRST LADY RINGERS.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Warwick on Saturday last. The ringers present represented Allesley, Coventry, Rugby, Warwick, and Stratford-on-Avon, and in the evening Miss Joyce Williams, the Vicar's daughter, who has taken up the art, in company with her sister, and Mrs. Hatton-Fraenkel, wife of the senior curate of St. Mary's, joined in the ringing. They are the first ladies to ring a touch with the members of the Guild. St. Nicholas tower was open from 4 to 5 o'clock, and was well patronised, and then the members adjourned to tea at the Eastgate Restaurant.—The business meeting followed, Mr. W. G. Dickens being voted to the chair. It was decided to visit Bedworth for the next quarterly meeting, and the monthly meetings were arranged for May and June, at Hampton-on-Arden and Polesworth respectively.—Eleven new members were elected, including the Rev. H. Bell, of Leamington, who is now doing his best to instruct a band of change ringers in the town. Five of the new members belong to the Allesley band. They have a six-bell tower, and a nice going ring, and the Stoke-on-Coventry men have kept in close touch with them for some time, with good results.—Mr. J. George proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. Nicholas and St. Mary's for their kind permission to ring, and then a move was made to St. Mary's, where the bells were kept going for the rest of the evening. The methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise Major.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.**

A bye meeting of this district was held at Springfield on Saturday week. After tea, Mr. Edwards presided over the business, and Mr. W. J. Lay, of Springfield, was elected a member. Widford was selected for the next meeting on Easter Monday.—A hearty vote of thanks were accorded the Rev. F. S. Paynter and the Rev. C. Edmunds, of Broomfield, for the use of their bells.

After a few selections on the Association's handbells by Messrs. Letch, Edwards and Wood, and a course of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. Richell, Lincoln, Edwards, Cooper, and Kirton, the tower was again visited, and ringing indulged in till 9 p.m., when an adjournment was once again made to the Plough, and a social hour spent in handbell ringing. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Broomfield, 2½ miles away, with its recently rehung peal, were open for ringing, but owing to the wretched state of the roads and the very dark night, not sufficient ringers could be persuaded to undertake the journey.

**PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED.**

An interesting little ceremony took place in the belfry of the Parish Church of Sunbury-on-Thames on January 18th, the occasion being the unveiling of a peal board recording a peal of Stedman Triples rung on July 18th, 1910, by the Middlesex Association. The newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. P. C. West) dedicated the board, and unveiled it, giving a very appropriate address. The ringers present included the local company, and members from Staines and Teddington. The board was made, painted and lettered by Mr. H. Walter, and also presented to the church by him. He was warmly thanked by the Vicar and ringers, and congratulated on his excellent work. Touches of Grandsire Triples were then rung by the local ringers and visitors, conducted by W. Grigg, of Sunbury, and Mr. Parker, of Staines.

**LYMINGE, KENT.**

In the fine historical Church of Lyminge (the north wall of which was built by St. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the time of King Edgar, and who was much interested in bells and bell founding, a new peal board, the generous gift of the Rev. A. F. Rutty, M.A. (Rector of Lyminge) was formally opened on Saturday, January 27th, and the occasion was celebrated by a well-struck peal of Stedman Triples, ably conducted by Mr. E. G. Buesden, who also manufactured the peal board. Previous to the former opening of the board, which records a peal of Stedman Triples rung last July, the Rev. A. F. Rutty very kindly entertained the company to tea at the Rectory, while before the peal was attempted, the Rector offered prayers, and gave a short address of encouragement.—It may instruct our readers to know that the fine massive tower is the work of Archbishop Markam, in the time of Henry VIII.

**RINGERS ENTERTAINED.**

The St. John's Ringing Society, Cefn Coed, had their annual supper at the Church Hall, on Tuesday, January 16th. There were also present Sunday School teachers, Church officers and workers, to the number of 110, all invited by the Rector (the Rev. J. Davies) and Mrs. Davies. After supper a musical programme was gone through, and votes of thanks were accorded the Rector and Mrs. Davies for their kind hospitality. The Rector briefly responded, and referred to the ringers' devotion to duty in the tower.—Capt. Hunt thanked the donors on behalf of the ringers.

Peal cards 1s. 1d. per dozen, post free. Order and remittance must accompany the peal when sent us for publication.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION EXTENDING.

### BRANCH FOR THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY.

The annual meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, and a large and representative gathering attended. During the afternoon and evening touches in various eight and ten-bell methods were rung on the fine bells of the Parish Church. The members attended service, at which an appropriate address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Young). Between 70 and 80 members sat down to tea, and at the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar (who is also treasurer of the Association), presided, and welcomed the Association to Kingston. He congratulated them upon the large attendance, and upon the fact that they had recently been successful in ringing a peal on Kingston bells.

### THE OFFICERS.

It was resolved to ask the new Bishop of Southwark to become president of the Association, in place of Dr. Talbot, who is now Bishop of Winchester. The following officers were re-elected: Hon. treasurer, the Rev. A. S. Young; hon. secretary, Mr. C. F. Johnston; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Daniels; auditors, Messrs. Smith and Gower; hon. members on the committee, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Messrs. P. Sylvester, C. B. Malin and A. A. Johnston, Mr. C. Dean (late hon. sec.) being added.

On the election of Central Council representatives, Mr. W. Smith asked to be enlightened upon what good the Central Council was.—The Chairman: We cannot discuss the question whether the Council are any good or not.—Mr. Smith: I do not think the Central Council is any good, and a lot of other ringers think the same.—Dr. Carpenter and the hon. secretary were elected to represent the Association.

It was reported that since the last quarterly meeting the following peals had been rung: Grandsire Triples 1, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Stedman Triples 4, Bob Minor 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 1, Superlative Surprise 1.

### THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.

The Hon. Secretary presented the scheme formulated by the committee for the extension of the Association towards the south of the county, so as to extend the Association's activity, and facilitate the affiliation of towers in the district of Reigate, Betchworth, etc. It was suggested that the branch hold three quarterly meetings of its own during the year, the annual meeting of the Association to do for the fourth quarterly meeting. It was also proposed to form a branch committee, consisting of a representative from each belfry in the district that joined the branch, and the district hon. secretary ex-officio, the branch to conform to the rules of the Association. It was recommended that Mr. H. Ewins be asked to take the office of branch secretary, and be given a free hand as to the details of organisation, he being in direct touch with the central secretary. All possible assistance would be given by the Central Association, and a statement of accounts for the branch would be included in the annual report.

Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford) asked whether it would not be better to divide the Association into two branches at once, and have done with it, each branch having a district secretary, while the secretary of the Association continued to conduct the general affairs. He was afraid, unless they did something of that sort, that they would have trouble all round with their finances. He was fully in favour of extending the Association.—Mr. W. Smith said he would like to see the Association remain as it was. If the towers in the south liked to come in, let them join the Association as it at present existed.

Mr. Daniels said the committee had discussed the proposal put forward by Mr. Jones, but thought it would be better to have one branch first. They had plenty of time to grow, and if it were necessary to extend it in the future they could do so.

### BRINGING TOWERS INTO THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Huggett said the reason why some of the towers discontinued their membership was because they lay so wide, and the quarterly meetings were so far away that they were out of touch. He thought the proposal would be the means of bringing them into the Association again.

The Hon. Secretary replied to various questions raised, and said that two or three people in the district to which they proposed to extend were very keen, and were putting their shoulders to the wheel, while many had promised to join if the branch was formed. These people meant to join an Association, and they might as well keep them in the Surrey. He did not think the expense would be a big one, and if there was likely to be a deficit for the first year of a pound or two, he thought the Surrey Association would be prepared to face it. Mr. Johnston read a letter from Mr. H. Ewins, who said that, if the recommendations of the committee were carried, he would be willing to accept the office of hon. district secretary, and do his best to make it a success. He felt confident it would prove a good thing for the Association generally, as well as for the district for which it was intended.

The committee's recommendations were then carried.

A motion by Mr. Lambert altering rule 10 to read, that on a peal being rung the conductor shall send the secretary full details, together with a fee of 3d. for each member taking part, otherwise it should not be counted as an Association peal, was carried.

### DR. A. B. CARPENTER APPOINTED MASTER.

Mr. Reed moved that a Master of the Association be appointed, and that Dr. Carpenter be elected to the office.—Mr. Drewitt, who seconded, reminded the members that Dr. Carpenter was one of the original members of the Association, and was secretary for about eight years.

Everyone knew what a great interest he had taken in ringing, and what a welcome visitor he was in any of the belfries. He was an accomplished ringer, and it would be a great honour to the Association if they elected him as Master. — The resolution was unanimously carried.

Fourteen new members were elected, and the following places chosen for meetings during the year: Mitcham, at Easter; Ashted, in July; Sutton, in the autumn, and St. Peter's, Croydon, for the annual meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Beams for his good services in writing the peal book. Thanks were also accorded to the Vicar for the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, and a similar compliment to Mr. J. Howes for making the day's arrangements, concluded the meeting.

## CHESHUNT NEW BELLS DEDICATED.

### AN EXCELLENT PEAL OF EIGHT.

Cheshunt bells, recast and increased from six to eight, were dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday week, and the tower now possesses a fine octave, with a tenor of nearly 16 cwt. The old peal, whose dates varied from 1636 to 1712, were in a very dilapidated condition, and were practically useless for ringing purposes, and when, about a year ago, it was decided to make an appeal, in order that they might be restored, there was a generous response. In the first place Mr. P. Hargreaves, one of the churchwardens, and his brother, Mr. W. E. Hargreaves, came forward and made the generous offer to give two new bells, in order that, if the rehanging was carried out, the church should possess a complete set of eight. This munificent offer was at once accepted, while subscriptions came in well for the rehanging of the whole. Mr. F. G. Debenham, of Cheshunt Park, gave £100, Canon Fox-Lambert £50, and Lord Salisbury £25. It was then decided by the committee that the six old bells should be recast and rehung, and the work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have carried out the work in a highly satisfactory manner, the whole of the bells being hung in an iron frame with the latest fittings. The cost of the two new bells was £110, and of the recasting and rehanging about £310.

The church was crowded for the dedication, the service being of an impressive nature, while the Bishop of Barking gave a most appropriate address, based upon Psalm cl., 1 and 5. He touched upon the history and uses of bells, on the part which they played in parochial life, and the service of the church. The bells, he said, should inspire all to stir themselves up to work for the glory of God, and the dedication of the bells that afternoon was for the purpose of giving praise to God and to add to His kingdom. The ringers of the bells worked for the glory of God when in the belfry. There were not now, he was glad to say, the old scenes of disorder in the belfries of churches, as the ringers regarded themselves as doing an honourable and holy work for the service of God. He knew of one church where on New Year's Eve, before the ringing in of the New Year, the ringers gathered in the belfry and knelt in solemn prayer, at the same time dedicating their services to God. This, he thought, was an admirable example. In conclusion the Bishop said he hoped the lovely peal of bells which had been dedicated that day would be the means of increased service and praise to God, not only by those who regularly attended church, but also by those who were unable to attend the service in His courts.

The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, "Lifted high within the steeple," and the pronouncing of the Benediction by the Bishop. A collection was taken for the restoration of the bells and for the repair of the organ.

After the service eight ringers from the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston rang a short touch of Stedman Triples. Afterwards the tower was open to visitors, when over 100 ringers were present, representing Croydon, Waltham Abbey, Clapham, Bishopsgate, West Ham, Southgate, Walthamstow, Edmonton, Harlow, Knobworth, Hertford, Romford, Ware, Woodford, Little Munden, etc., and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise were brought round, everyone being pleased with the excellent "go" of the bells. Subsequently the local band and Waltham Abbey ringers, together with those from the foundry, sat down to an excellent tea provided at the Green Dragon Hotel.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells, with their weights:—

- Treble.—"P. Hargreaves gave me, 1911. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon." Weight, 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.
- 2nd.—"W. E. Hargreaves gave me, 1911. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon." Weight, 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.
- 3rd.—"Miles Graye made me, 1636." Weight, 4 cwt. 0 qrs. 22 lbs.
- 4th.—"Miles Graye made me, 1636." Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.
- 5th.—"Lester and Pack, of London. Recit, 1760." Weight, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.
- 6th.—"James Bartlett made me, 1679. Daniel Reddington, Phillip Shettleton, Anthony Farry, Churchwardens." Weight, 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lbs.
- 7th.—"James Waylett made me, 1712." Weight, 11 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lbs.
- Tenor.—"James Waylett made me, 1712. Wm. Welch, Rob Carden, O. Fielding, Churchwardens."—C. B. Law, Vicar; F. G. Debenham, P. Hargreaves, T. S. Blockley, Churchwardens. Weight, 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs. On each of the back six are the words: "Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon." The total weight of the peal is 58 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

## NOTICES.

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**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on February 1st, 15th and 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th; at St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 20th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30. A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, February 3rd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the local members, will be taken at 5 p.m. in the Vicar's meeting room. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to members present. The annual subscription is now due, and it would be a convenience if paid at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at the Castle Inn at 4.15. Special service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by general meeting. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. Members are requested to make an effort to attend this meeting, as a matter of great importance will be discussed.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary.

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A district meeting will be held at Barrington on Saturday, February 3rd. Tea at 5 o'clock. Foxton bells also available.—P. Webb, District Secretary, Ickleton, Saffron Walden.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at Bolsover, Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance, as there is some special business to be transacted.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Rd., Sheffield.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on February 3rd. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Golden Lion Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, February 3rd. Service at 4. Business meeting after. Bells (6) available.—J. R. Newman, General Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting and eight bell contest will take place at Earlsheaton on Saturday, February 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m., at the Commercial Inn, Tram Terminus. Tea to be ordered from me by Monday, February 5th.—George Naylor, Honorary Secretary.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, by special permission of the Rector. Tower open from 3.45 to 6 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 6.15, business to follow at 7. Tea will be provided for a limited number only; will those intending to be present kindly notify me as soon as possible.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, February 10th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, 6d., at 5.30. Nearest stations Poplar (N. London), and North Greenwich (G.E.R.), from Fenchurch Street. Members and friends cordially invited. Subscriptions for 1912 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne, on February 10th. The bells of Hoddesdon will be open until tea time, those of Broxbourne after tea, which will take place at the Salisbury Arms at 5.30. Members 6d., others 9d. Business meeting after. All will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 10th, 1912. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Horninglow on Saturday, February 10th, 1912. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 10th. Alton and Froyle towers open at 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5.30. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by letting me know by Tuesday, February 6th.—James W. Elkins, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Whickham on Wednesday, February 14th. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. at the Rectory. The Rector invites the members to tea at 5 p.m. Members intending being present please notify Charles Todd, Honorary Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

**NOTICES (continued).**

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, February 17th, 1912. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at the Swan Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea at the Coffee Tavern, 1s. each, at 5 o'clock, for those who inform me by the Wednesday previous. Business meeting to follow.—F. S. W. Butler, District Secretary, 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea in the Mission Hall at 5.30, 6d. each. Members please note that subscriptions for 1912 are now due.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at "Ye Olde Royal Hotel," Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 24th, at 6.30 p.m., Francis Edward Dawe, Esq., in the chair. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2/6 each.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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