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MODERN WORK.

EASTER PEAL RINGING.

A good deal of interest will centre on Monday in the result of the two long peal attempts which have been announced, the one at Ashton-under-Lyne and the other at While there may be some, even among ringers, who object to long peals, every member of the Exercise must admire the pluck and determination of a band which sets out to establish a record. Such feats require the exhibition of many qualities which Englishmen appreciate, for they are among the traits which have established the prowess of the nation not only in the realm of athletics, but in the more serious phases of life. A long peal demands from all who take part in it the possession, not only of physical stamina, but strong mental powers, and great concentration of thought, and a grit that will subjugate, if need be, the bodily exhaustion that must be felt after long hours at the end of a bell rope. Moreover, long peal attempts denote a spirit of aspiration, and while great lengths are not often possible on account of consideration which must be given to those who live in the neighbourhood of the church, yet it is well for the Exercise that there should be in its ranks those who desire to excel the great performances of the past, and demonstrate that there are still men in the ringing world to-day as great as those who have gone.

At Ashton-under-Lyne Mr. Sam Woods' merry men hope to bag the record for Kent Royal, to add to their very fine-performance last Easter Monday, when they credited themselves with the Treble Bob Maximus record. A few weeks ago they had a very good practice, when they rang half the 14,000 which they will attempt on Monday, and, barring accidents, the peal ought to be well assured.

The attempt for the Bristol Surprise record at Knebworth cannot, in the very nature of things, be looked upon as anything like such a "dead snip," if we may be pardoned for borrowing a sporting phrase. Bristol Surprise is among the most tricky methods to ring, and, however much the band may be in practice, it is a method that will demand of them the exercise of all their talents if the 12,000 is to be rung. Ringers everywhere will wish the two companies success in their endeavours next Monday.

In addition to these two attempts, ringers will be busy in many towers in the country, and the usual crop of Easter peals may be expected. Except, perhaps, at Christmas, there is no season of the year when ringing is more appreciated than at Easter. The comparative silence of the bells during Lent has something to do with the additional welcome with which they are heard upon the greatest festival in the Church's calendar. Many of the associations, too, will be busy next Monday with their annual gatherings—events to which the members usually look forward with the most pleasurable anticipation.

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Broomfield Vicarage, Chelmsford, February 19th, 1912.

Dear Sirs.

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We consider that the work raflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly, CHAS. EDMUNDS, Vicar of Broomfield.

Messrs. C. CARR, Smethwick.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, March 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

ALBERT WALKER	7	reble	Morris J. Morris		7
THOMAS RUSSAM			SAMUEL GROVE		
CHARLES DICKENS		3	James H. Shepherd		91
ALF. PADDON SMITH		4	JOHN NEAL	• • • •	IO
PERCY O. LAFLIN					
EDMUND J. HYLAND		6	SIDNEY J. JESSOP	2	Геноч
Compo	sed 1	by Io	HN CARTER, And		

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the late Rector of Birmingham (Canon Denton Thompson) as the Bishop of Sodor and Man, which took place the previous day in York Minster. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Smith, was the 50th peal of Stedman Cinques by Mr. C. Dickens and the first by Mr. Morris J. Morris.

TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

In Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5002 CHANCES;

Tenor 243 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD		7	reble	EDWARD C. GOBEY		6	
THOMAS W. GORE			2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	•••	7	
*HERBERT DAY			3	GEORGE A. THOMPSON	• • •	8	
				+Walter Wallace		9	
SAMUEL WESLEY			5	BART MITCHELL	7	enor	
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and							

Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1912, in Three Hours, AT. ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PAR	RT.	Tenor 15 cwt., in F.					
Joseph Johnson	Treble	CHARLES MACKENZIE	5				
THOMAS MILLER	2	Frank Swann	6				
THOMAS J. BRATTON							
THOMAS COLLISON	4	*Walter Gossage	Tenor				
Conducted by Thomas Miller.							

* First peal.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (ROCHDALE BRANCH AND ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

FIVE-PART PEAL.	Tenor 213 cwt.		
*Frank Fletcher Treble	JOHN MILLETT 5		
ALBERT CHADWICK 2	*WILLIAM H. ASCROFT 6		
George Walmsley 3	Joseph Partington 7		
*Joseph Tattersfield 4	*JAMES CHADWICK Tend)7	
C	II Transpoor and		

Composed by Mr. W. H. Thompson, and Conducted by John Millett.

* First peal of Union. This is the first peal rung on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The 'go' is perfect and reflects great credit on the firm. The peal is taken from Mr. Thompson's "Diagram on Union Triples," No. 24, page 45.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES; Tenor 16 cwt.

*JAMES R. KEMP	T	reble	JOSHUA WOODHEAD	5
Frank R. Cundale		2	Percy J. Johnson	6
George A. Jowett		3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH	7
RICHARD H. HOWLAND		4	FRANCIS WOODHEAD	Tenor
Compo	osed	by 3	ork Green, and	

Conducted by Percy J. Johnson.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Albert Stanley Mitchell, who for some years was a member of the Holbeck band, and who was interred

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE,

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Wednesday, March 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

11021	S OMGINAL.						
	reble +John J. Taylor						
	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY						
	3 HERBERT KNIGHT						
George Claybrooke	4 *Benjamin Clark	Tenor					
Conducted by Robert Pickering.							

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Jones (towerkeeper), and A. Fallon (Hon. Sec.), of St. Luke's tower.

PENDLETON, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. o qr. 10 lbs.

FRANK SMITH	•••		7	rebi	le	HARRY WILSON		5
FRANK WILD				2		HERBERT BARLOW	***	6
HARRY HAMPSO	N	• • •		3		THOMAS BOTTRILL		7
JOSEPH OGDEN				4		HARRY CHAPMAN		Tenor
-	_		-		-			

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by H. HAMPSON.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

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

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. o qr. 8 lbs.

*Francis A. Smith	Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	ROBERT E. STAVERT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE		
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-I	PART.	Tenor 9	cwt.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER	Treble	CHARLES H. RUSSELL	5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	2	*Fredk. J. Oxenbury	6
ALAN R. MACDONALD	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
WILFRED ANDREWS	4	OWEN GILES	Tenor

Conducted by George Williams.

* First peal in any method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.) On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

	Tenor	16 cwt.		
RICHARD BUCKLAND	Treble	GEORGE MARTIN		5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE.	2	*JAMES BLACKMORE		б
CECIL C. MAYNE	3	GEORGE ALLDER		7
HARRY COX	4	JESSE ELDRIDGE	***	Tenor
Composed	by I W	. Washbrook, and		

Conducted by George Martin.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

-		Lenor	17 CWt.			
*A. BUTLER		Treble	J. GLEW	•••	***	5
W. BATES		2	J. FLOWER			6
IA. BRAINES		3	TF. HICKLING	***		7
G. DAWSON		4	H. WARD	***	***	Tenor
Co	mposed	by SIR A	. P. HEYWOOD,	and		
	Cor	ducted by	F HICKLING.			

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells and first attempt. ‡ First peal as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

		Т	enor	24 CWt.	
FRED. H. DEXTER		7	reble	ERNEST MORRIS	5
I. LEONARD ALLEN			2	SAMUEL COLTON	6
Louis E. Allen			3	CHARLES H. FOWLER	7
ARTHUR PETTIT	***		4	Josiah Morris	Tenor
				TT 7	

Composed by the late Henry Johnson, and Conducted by Charles H. Fowler.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich rung in the Borough of Leicester by an entire company of resident Leicester ringers.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	Treble	FREDERICK BUTCHI	ERS	5
Andrew Marshall	2	PHILIP HODGKIN		6
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	Jim Beach		7
CHARLES W. PLAYER	4	EDWIN LAMBERT		Tenor
Compo	sed by B.	Annable, and		

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT. * Fiftieth peal. First peal on bells after rehanging by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich. Rung on the back eight.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HOLBETON, DEVON. THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each o	f Single Court	and	Canterbury	Pleasure,	and	five	of
	Plain Bob.		Tenor 14				

	JUD.		
Rev. E. S. POWELL	Treble	ERNEST W. MARSH	4
*Warren Hornbrook	2	*WILLIAM RUNDLE	5
REGINALD DOBSON	· 3	WILLIAM D. JAMES	Tenor
Conduc	ted by W	ILLIAM D. JAMES.	

* First peal of Minor. First peal in three methods in the county.

BRINDLE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720	o's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lbs.
FRED BERRY	Treble	JOHN FOWLER 4
THOMAS STOTT	2	THOMAS BLACKWELL 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES	3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

First peal of Minor by all the band.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes, AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake I—2 | George D. Coleman ... 5—Sydney J. Coleman ... 3—4 | Herbert Fields ... 7— Composed by J. Barker, and Conducted by George D. Coleman. Umpire: E. C. CHASTY.

COMBINED MEETING AT BETHERSDEN.

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A combined meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild and the Ashford Division of the Kent County Association was held at Bethersden on Saturday, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. D. H. Creaton). The attendance totalled about 24, the towers represented being: Appledore, Ashford, Charing, High Halden, Iden, Little Chart, Rolvenden, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterdon, Woodchurch, and the local tower. The ringing consisted of a 720 of Bob Minor, and several chorter touches in that method. Other methods rung were: Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles.—There was no business meeting in connection with the Kent Association, but the Romney Marsh Guild had several items on their agenda. Mr. C. Tribe (hon. secretary), Ashford Division, Kent Association, presided, as the Master (Mr. G. Billenness) had the secretarial duties in hand, owing to the unavoidable absence of the hon. secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs).—Rye was selected as the rendezvous for the next meeting to be held on the last Saturday in April. It was also agreed to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Rolvenden, on the Saturday after Easter.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—This concluded the business, and further ringing foliowed. This concluded the business, and further ringing followed.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

There was a large attendance of ringers at the monthly meeting of the Swindon branch, at Corsham last Saturday. In addition to the local men, there were members present from Bremhill, Grittleton and Swindon. The tower of St. Bartholomew's Church contains a grand ring of six bells, with a tenor about 25 cwt., and Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Minor were rung on these during the afternoon. A substantial tr. was provided by Mr. J. Daymond, and a meeting followed, when the business of the branch was dealt with.—In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Ernest Bishop (Branch President), Mr. O. W. Layng was voted to the chair. Six new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishopstone (Wilts), on April 27th.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, the Rev. A. A. Siack, for allowing the use of the bells.—During the evening several six-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung, in which some of the local ringers took part. in which some of the local ringers took part.

AN APPEAL.

The fund, established by the Milnrow Parish Church ringers (Lancs.) for the benefit of Mr. Fitton is to be closed next week, and we are asked to request those towers who wish to subscribe, but have not yet done so, to forward their contributions without delay, to Mr. S. Brierley (president), Mr. S. Fielding (treasurer), or Mr. H. C. Massey (hon. sec.), who wish gratefully to acknowledge the subscriptions that have already been sept already been sent.

ROYSTON.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On March 20th, at the Parish Church, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor: H. Wilkerson 1, W. C. Darlow (conductor) 2, R. Howard (first in the method) 3, R. G. King 4, E. Bonnett 5, S. E. Roberts 6.

ELEMENTARY COMPOSITION.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.-II.

By GABRIEL LINDOFF.

I am pleased to see so many succeed with the little problem I gave in my previous article upon the composition of Grandsire Triples. It was Holt's Six-Part. now remains for those gentlemen to experiment on their own to get original compositions, of which there is a wealth in the table I gave. One gentleman got out the first half correctly, and instead of taking the remaining leads to make up the second half merely added an ordinary single, and repeated the whole. This is not possible with Grandsire, the reasons for which, and the possibilities, I will deal with later.

For the present I will deal with two simple ways of

singling up the blocks obtained from the table.

The first is by the use of Holt's singles. These singles can only be used when our peal comes out in two large blocks similar to Holt's Six-Part. They appear to be well understood, so I will not dwell on them. Our other is by means of bob blocks and ordinary singles, which will be found to be far more interesting, and give greater scope for original ideas.

A "bob block" is a touch of three leads, produced by three bobs in succession. The beauty of these blocks is, that they can be connected to the main blocks between ordinary singles. For example, the last three leads of Holt's Original. Let us examine one of these blocks and

find its connections.

In course. 235476— 642735-576342-

To fling it out of course, transpose any one lead by 325476, or, in other words, take any one handstroke lead, and prick three bobs. The result will be found to contain every change of the original.

Out of course. A 324567-B 753624— C 467253—

These three leads will be found to connect with ordinary singles to each of the following touches at the points marked :-

234567	234567	234567
342567 4	752634 I	342567 4
423567 4	657423 5	543726 5
A 234567 4	346257 1	745632 5
	B 573624 2	C 647253 5
	675432 5	246375 5
	246375 1	Round next lead
	Round next lead	

When they make t	ip the following touch	enes :—
234567	234567	234567
342567 4 423567 4 S 324567 4 A 753624 I B 467253 I C S 234567 I	752634 I 657423 5 346257 I S 753624 2 B 467253 I C 324567 I A S 573624 I 675432 5	342567 4 543726 5 745632 5 S 467253 5 C 324567 1 A 753624 1 B S 647253 1 246375 5
	246375 1	Round next lead
	Round next lead	

It will be interesting and instructive to take each touch and see how a portion of another can be spliced on. Thus: In the first touch if a single is called at 753624 it takes us to 573624 in the second touch. It can then be completed by bobs at 5 and 1, or again if a single is called at 467253 it takes us to 647253 in the 3rd touch, when a bob in 5 produces rounds. Each touch can finish with the end of the other two if required. For practice write out these nine touches, as similar cross connecting is at times required for connecting together the various blocks that go to make a peal.

Now, in getting out blocks for peals more often than not we get one or more of these "bob blocks." I will give several specimens showing from where they are got and how they are connected. I may remark that two of them are the result of the previous article. Our first is by Mr. A. J. Corrigan, who bobbed the 7th into the hunt in the

following manner:

3rd lead of top three courses 746352 736254 726453 2nd " " 743625 732645 724635 ıst " 3rd " H 3rd 746523 736542 725534 4th ,, 745632 735624 725643 ıst

Note.—To get peals in regular parts care must be taken to treat the 2nd and 3rd course to the right in H in the

same manner as the first.

Now, these twelve leads with 7th bobbed into the hunt, as before explained, each turn four other leads into bobs. Prick out the remaining four of each according to instruction in the previous article. Then mark those leads as bobs in your table, sixty in all. If the table is correctly marked, each of the three columns will be marked alike. Start from rounds and trace through your table, ticking off each lead as you include it in your touch, and the follow ing touch of 57 leads appears :-

	234567				Cont'd. 674523	
	672453 726453 427365 534627 275463	4 5 1	8	(2)	746523 547362 625734 476325 374562	5 2 1
(2)	472356 374625 423756 674523	5 5 3		(1)	573246 275634 342567	5

This, it will be seen, can be twice repeated. If we start at 325467 another touch of 57 leads appears:-

325467			Cont'd. 536472	
743625 647532 476532 (2) 324657 573462 475236	5 4 2 2 5		725643 627354 276354 432576 274365 372546	5 + 1 3 5
274653 672345 536472	5	(1)	573624 245367 	

It will now be seen that all but six leads in each column have been ticked off. These six leads, all bobs, give us two bob blocks of three leads per column, or six in all:

0 15015	Diocits of thice	reads per cordin	
I	425376 -	345276—	235476—
	634725-	623745—	642735—
	576234—	576423—	576342—
2	326475—	436275—	246375
	543726-	524736→	532746
	675243	675324—	675432 —
These	turned out of c	ourse give :	
1	243567—	432567-	324567
	752643—	754632—	753624—
	367452 	267354—	467253-
2	234657 -	342657-	423657-
	762534	763542	764523—
	457362—	257463—	357264—

They are now ready for singling in. Each block can be singled in in three different places noted by the side of the To make a regular peal 57 lead touches in brackets. single in one bob block per part. In the peal given below Mr. Corrigan has singled one each of the three No. 1 bob blocks to the end of each part of the first touch obtained from rounds; and one each of No. 2 to each part of the second touch, singled in on the xxx657 lead ends. This brings our peal into two halves, which can be cross singled together in a similar manner to the singling from one touch to another as previously shown. Here it is set out :-

SIX-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. By A. J. Corrigan, Dublin,

(Rung at St. Patrick's, Dublin, February 17th, 1912, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff).

First Half.	Second Half.
234567	342657
	
672453 2	7 63 5 42 1
726453 4	257463 I
427365 5	S 432657 I
534627 1	574263 2
275463 2	275 3 46 5
472356 5	372654 5
374625 5	673425 5
423756 3	54627 3 I
674523 1	735624 2
746523 4	637452 5
547362 5	376452 4
625734 2	243576 I
476325 1	372465 3
374562 5	473526 5
573246 5	в 574632 5
275634 5	325467 2
S 432567 2	743625 1
А 754632 І	647532 5
267354 1	476532 4
S 342567 I	S 234657 2
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.

S for bob at (A) in any part of first half produces corresponding lead (B) in second; from this lead the three parts of second half are called, concluding with S for bob at (B) to bring up (A). All the call-distances of the two halves are in reverse relationship.

(To be continued).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The President of the Lancashire Association (the Rev H. J. Elsee) presided at a well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch of the Lancashire Association, held at St. George's on Saturday week. Members were present from Walkden, Tyldesley and Deane, together with the local men.

THE TRUMPETS OF GOD.

"The cause why the bells are rung is for to make the evil spirits afraid and to flee; the evil spirits that be in the region of the air, doubt much when they hear the trumpets of God, which be the bells

rung!"
"The Golden Legend of the lives of the Saints," translated by
William Caxton.

Pull steadily, steadily, brave, strong men, Ye ringers who ring so well; Each man in his place, each man at his rope, And each at his favourite bell.

Do ye know what your forefathers thought, my lads, When they rang each tuneful bell? The self-same bells which ye ring to-day, In the tower they loved so well.

The Trumpets of God they named the bells, "The Trumpets of God," said they, Shall sound far and wide, and the call to prayer Will drive evil spirits away."

For "prayer is the power which moves God's heart," The power which evil ones fear; It is said that Satan himself doth quail When a little child kneels in prayer.

So ring with reverence, oh my lads, The bells which are now your care; Ye have offered yourselves for the sacred work Of calling the faithful to prayer.

Perchance some wanderer from the Fold, To penitent life may be stirred, By the well remembered chime of the bells As in days of innocence heard.

Then quit you like men, true Christian men; Can a nobler service be found? "To the glory of God" is carved on the bells, And the belfry is thrice hallowed ground.

Between earth and heaven ye work unseen, As the angels who watchful fly Hidden from sight, between heaven and earth, On the service of God Most High.

Oh the hands that ring must be pure and good, Ye ringers who pull so well, Each man in his place, each man at his rope, And each at his favourite bell.

L. N.

PRESENTATION AT GLOSSOP.

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That thriving little organisation in Derbyshire, the Glossop Association, have taken farewell of one of their members, Mr. William Haigh, who is leaving for Canada. They gave him a hearty send-off at a gathering presided over by Mr. W. Marsden. Mr. Cooper, the senior ringer at Old Glossop, presented Mr. Haigh with a beautiful silk muffler subscribed for by the ringers at the three local churches. Mr. Haigh suitably acknowledged the gift, after which songs were given by Messis. F. Garside, C. Brooks, S. Cuthbert, F. Bridge and J. Buckley, while tunes on handbells were rung by the Whitfield ringers. The Glossop Association, established in a town of 22,000 inhabitants, is fortunate in possessing three towers (two of eight bells and one of six). The Association has a roll of about 60 honorary and performing members, and a splendid feeling exists between the ringers and the Church officials. Meetings are held on the first Saturday in the month at the different churches in rotation, and the methods rung are Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and various Treble Bob Minor methods. Minor methods.

CHESTER'S ANCIENT BELLS.

RECORDS OF NEARLY THREE CENTURIES AGO.

It is one of the glorious traditions of our Exercise, that the bells of England have played their part in most of the stirring events in the history of our country for centuries. It is seldom, however, that any record is available to show the specific occasions upon which a particular peal of bells has been rung, but among the archives of the ancient city of Chester, from which the history of St. John's Church has been compiled, there exists a record of some, at all events, of the occasions when the bells in this steeple were Mr. E. Harrison sends us the following list of events (copied from the church history) upon which St. John's Church bells took part in national rejoicings, and it is particularly interesting as it goes back to the time of the civil war :-

Sept. When the King (Charles I.) came to Chester. Several times, for the King's victories at Middlewich, and in 1642. 1642.

Lancashire, and when Liverpool was taken.

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When Prince Rupert came to Chester.
When the King (Charles II.) was proclaimed.
For Peace between England and Holland.
For Defeat of the Duke of Monmouth.
Proclamation of King William and Queen Mary.
When King William came to Chester for to go for Ireland.
For Battle of Boyne and Seige of Londonderry.
-1706. Many times for the Duke of Marlborough's victories.
For the rout of the Rabbels at Preston. 1660 1673.

1688.

1690.

1715. For the rout of the Rabbels at Preston.

1731. For the Navigation (i.e., the River Dee cutting to Queen's Ferry).

For His Majestje's Victory at Dettingen. For the defeat of the French and Spaniards in Italy. 1743.

1746. For the defeat of the French and Spaniards in Italy.
1759. King of Prutia beating the Russians. For Battle of Minden.
Taking of Quibeck, and several Victories at Sea.
1761. Taking of Pondicherry.
1782. Rodney's Victory. Hood's Victory.
1796. Defeat of Spanish Fleet by Admiral Jarvis (Earl St. Vincent).
1798. Nelson's Victory (Battle of Nile).
1801. Peace of Amiens.
1805. When Volunteers returned. Nelson's Victory (Trafalgar).
1805. Nov. 11. Duckworth's Victory.
1815. Battle of Waterloo.

1815. Battle of Waterloo.

1815. Buonaparte having delivered himself to British.

1855. For fall of Sebastopoll.

The records show that "the 3rd and 5th bells were new caste in the year 1686, and in the same year bells and frames being in great disrepair were newly hung." 1710 the five old bells were recast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, and in 1733 two new bells were added to the peal. These bells were in the tower when it fell, and are now preserved in the belfry. They bear the following inscriptions :-

- Prosperity to all our benefactors, 1710. Peace and good neighbourhood, 1710.
- Abm. Rudhall cast us all. Abm. Rudhall cast us all.

 Jas. Crewe, junr., Esq., Sir Robt. Grosvenor, Bart., Sir Charles
 Bunbury, Bart., Watkin Williams Wynn, Esq., Gabl. Wettenhall,
 Esq., Jas. Comberbach, Alderman, Churchwardens, 1733.

 Prosperity to the Church of England.
 Ranl. Stanway, Thomas Dodd, Churchwardens, 1710.
 God Save Queen Anne, 1710.

 Prosperity to the Society of Chester Scholars.

The following set of rules for the ringers was beautifully painted in large letters upon the belfry wall, and enclosed in a floriated border with cherubs at the corners:-

Ye ringers all observe these orders well, He forfeits 12 pence that turns off a bell;
And he that doth ring with either spurr or hatt,
His sixpence certainly shall pay for that.
He that doth spoile, or doth disturbe a peale
Shall pay his fourpence for a of ale;
And he that it heard to appear a system. And he that is heard to curse or swear Shall pay his 12 pence and forbcare. These customs elsewhere now be used, Lest bells and ringers be abused; Ye gallants then that on purpose come to ring,

See that ye coync along with you do bring. And further also that if you ring here, You must ring truly both with hande and eare; Or else your forfeits surely pay, And that full speedily without delay.
Our laws is old that are not new.
The sexton looketh for his due. A.D. 1686.

EGHAM PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

AUGMENTED PEAL OPENED.

Egham, a little township in North-West Surray, was very joyous on Saturday last on hearing once again the old Church bells, which were Saturday last on hearing once again the old Church bells, which were rung many times during the afternool and evening Since October last the six old bells have undergone a great change, having been recast and tuned upon the Simpson principle. Two new bells have been added, a treble and tenor, the latter weighing 17 cwt., and Egham can now beast of possessing one of the finest rings of eight in the county. The frame containing the bells consists of steel and iron girders welded to the tower, etc., and all the fittings are upon the

girders welded to the tower, etc., and all the fittings are upon the most recent and scientific principles.

A selected band of ringers from the Surrey Association were invited to open the bells, including Messrs, Shepherd, of Hersham (father and three sons), with A. F. Woodrow, C. J. Hamblin, H. Walker and F. G. Woodiss. Other ringers attended from Old Windsor, Wolverhampton, Chertsey, Woking, Old Woking, Slough, Farnham Royal, Staines and Egham. After an inspection of the work by Mr. C. F. Johnston, of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, who pronounced everything in order, the word was given to stand clear, and at 3.15 the bells were rung up, and at 3.30 they showered forth a joyous peal. Very many parishioners and visious standed, and with joyous peal. Very many parishioners and visitors attended, and witnessed the skill of the ringers, amongst whom was the Rector of Petworth, Sussex, who journeyed from London to hear the ring.

At 5 o'clock the ringers were entertained to a meat tea at the Church

At 5 o'clock the ringers were entertained to a meat tea at the Church Room, when the Vicar presided. The company numbered 55, including the Rev. A. C. Tranter, curate; Messrs. Hopkins and Hill, church-vardens; Messrs. Smith, Marshall, Danby, Hook and Keeling, sidesmen; Messrs. C. H. Hughes and E. Budgen, lay readers; Mr. A. E. Danby, organist, Mr. N. Kennerell, acting clerk; and Mr. G. Gigg, sexton, a member of the Surrey Association, who invited the ringers. sexton, a member of the Surrey Association, who invited the ringers.

—The Vicar made a neat little speech upon such an interesting event, and congratulated not only the parishioners upon possessing such a fine peal of bells, but Messrs. Gillett and Johnston upon so successfully carrying out their contract.—Mr. Hopkins thanked all the visiting ringers for their kindness in coming to make the opening day a suc-

ringers for their kindness in coming to make the opening day a success.—Mr. Hill also spoke, dwelling principally upon the work carried out by the contractors.—Mr. Johnston returned thanks.

The bells were lowered at 8.30, when the ringers repaired to a room at the Catherine Wheel Hotel for parting refreshment. At 9.30 the company dispersed, the visitors expressing their delight at having spent a very happy day.

The following information of the bells may be of interest:—

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6	A	36	8	2	25
7	C‡	401	12	0	19
- 8	F	44 7-8	16	3	26
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No service was held, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Bishop, but it is understood that the dedication will take place about the middle of April. The first touch was a well-struck 312 of Stedman Triples, and at its conclusion everyone heartly congratulated Mr. C. F. Johnston on the splendid tone of the new peal, and the ringers were loud in their praises with regard to the "go," which is everything that could be desired. For the benefit of conductors this musical touch is given, for it forms an ideal touch for use on such occasions as this. The calling (7th observation) is as follows: 5, 6, 12 13; 7, 8, 9, 10, 11; repeated. repeated.

repeated.

The weather being fine, a large number of visiting ringers attended, among those who took part in the ringing being such well known men as Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Wolverhampton) and Mr. J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal). Touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman and Double Norwich were brought round before tea. Afterwards there was some handbell ringing, in the shape of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major, by Messrs, F., F. J., A. F. and W. Shepherd, with F. G. Woodiss, also a tune by the four Messrs. Shepherd. On returning to the tower ringing in various methods was carried on till 8 p.m., when the selected band took the ropes for the last touch. The belfry was full of ladies and gentlemen eager to witness the ringing: a very fine touch of Stedman was brought found by the following: H. Walter, A. F. Shepherd, A. Woodrow, F. Shepherd, F. G. Woodiss, C. J. Hamblin, F. J. Shepherd, W. Shepherd (conductor). To Mr. George Gigg the ringers owe many kindnesses, and his untiring efforts deserve the very best of many kindnesses, and his untiring efforts deserve the very best of thanks of all the visitors.

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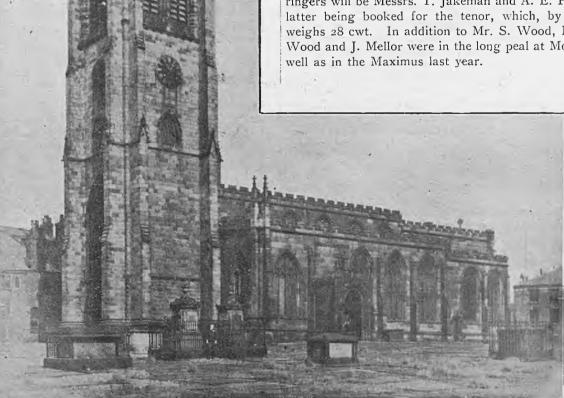
OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

It is in the noble tower depicted on this page that the attempt for the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal is to be made next Monday by members of the Lancashire

Association and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society. Not a few noteworthy performances have taken place in the belfry of St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, but the greatest of all was that accomplished on Easter Monday, April 17th, last year, when the record length of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 12,240 changes was rung in 8 hours 39 minutes, under that able conductor, Mr. Samuel Wood, who, it is interesting to note, was also the conductor of the record length of 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major at Mottram-in-Longdendale some twenty-nine years ago. Now he hopes to land the Treble Ten record, thus winning what may not inaptly be termed, a triple crown. The next to beat each of these three great performances has a big task on hand.

The band, who, if all's well, will attempt the peal on Monday is the same as that which on March 9th rang a 7000 by way of practice. We hope that peal, like the 6000 of Maximus a fortnight before the long peal last year, is a happy augury for the success of the 14,000 of Treble Ten. Eight of the band in the Maximus will be in the Royal, viz., Messrs. C. Bower, J. Wood, J. Mellor, S. Wood, B. Gill, S. Booth, A. Adams and B. Thorp. The other two ringers will be Messrs. T. Jakeman and A. E. Pegler, the latter being booked for the tenor, which, by the way, weighs 28 cwt. In addition to Mr. S. Wood, Messrs. J. Wood and J. Mellor were in the long peal at Mottram, as well as in the Maximus last year.



THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE:

ODD CHANGES.

Records of peals rung on Bank Holiday should be posted to this office on Monday night in order to secure insertion in next Friday's issue. As there is certain to be a large number of peals rung, it will be an advantage if conductors will, as far as possible, send on their reports the same night. Good Friday having necessitated going to Press a day earlier this week, some reports, arriving late, are unavoidably held over.

An interesting article appeared in last week's "Uttoxeter Advertiser," recalling the past successes of a famous band of Uttoxeter handbell ringers more than 50 years ago. On four occasions at Manchester this band won the championship open to the world, and in these competitions they were the smallest company in point of numbers, but used the largest number of bells. After winning the championship the fourth time they were debarred from competing further—a sufficient tribute to their ability. The founder and leader of the band was the grandfather of Mr. William Richardson, of Uttoxeter, an enthusiastic campanologist, who has still in his possession the bells used by this wonderful band.

When, some weeks ago, the peal at Great Munden, was recorded as the first non-conducted peal of Minor, it was quickly pointed out that the first non-conducted peal on six bells was rung at Buckland, on April 6th, 1897. But now comes evidence that even this company were not the first to set up the record. Mr. Thomas Stead, of Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, informs us that an unconducted peal of Minor was rung at Batley, Yorks, exactly 30 years before.

On April 6th, 1867, the following company rang seven 720's—Oxford, Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, and Arnold's Victory—without a word being spoken from "go" to "that's all.": John Stead 1, George Clay 2, H. Robinson 3, Thomas Stead 4, John Collins 5, Tom Haigh 6. The whole band belong to Huddersfield, and the performance was accomplished in the presence of two expert ringers as referees. Four of the band and both referees are dead, but Mr. Thomas Stead and Mr. Tom Haigh are still engaged at Huddersfield Parish Church.

The bells of Finedon, Northants, a peal of eight, are to be rehung in an iron frame, and several of the leading founders have been asked to tender for the work. The tower is to be restored and the bells rehung in memory of a friend and benefactor of the parish, the late Miss Mackworth-Dolben, and a suitable tablet erected in the church to record the fact. The work is now urgent, and it is felt it would perpetuate her memory in a way that would be most pleasing to one who loved the church as she did. A meeting to explain the scheme to the parishioners is shortly to be held.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association took place at Aberavon on Saturday week, when members from St. Mary's, Swansea, Sketty, Aberavon and Bag'an were present. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the number of lady ringers present from Baglan. Various touches were rung, Miss Llewelyn, of Baglan, taking part in a 420 of Grandsire Triples. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Baglan, in June.—A hearty vote of thanks, accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

EASTER EVENTS.

Among the events for Easter Monday are the following:-

Attempt for 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne, starting at 7 a.m.

Attempt for 12,000 Bristol Surprise Major, at Knebworth, Herts, at 9 a.m.

Annual meeting Hertfordshire Association at St. Albans. Annual meeting Ely Diocesan Association at Huntingion.

Annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Nottingham.

Annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association at Evesham.

Annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Cheltenham.

Annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Bedford.

Annual meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society at Leeds.

Annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at Wolverhampton.

Annual meeting of the North Wales Association at Wrexham.

Essex Association meeting (South-Eastern District) at Widford.

Quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association at Mitcham. Quarterly meeting of the Sussex Association (Western Division) at Arundel.

Monthly meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association at Norton.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Service at the cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. A. J. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden, followed by meat tea and annual business meeting for election of officers, in the Abbey Institute, at 5.50 sharp. Will secretaries of bands please notify the probable number of their members who will attend not later than Easter Monday morning. Price of tea, 6d. to members, 1s. 3d. to non-members. St. Albans is an unique place for a bell-ringers' gathering, possessing four peals of bells, a grand cathedral, and historical ruins and associations possessed by no other city in the world. It is the place for a day's holiday.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above Association will take place at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, April 8th. A short service will be held in All Saints' Church at 12.30 p.m. The dinner and business meeting will be held at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. The bells of All Saints (6), St. Mary's (8) will be available during the day, and Godmanchester (8) after 3 p.m.—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the society will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1912. Peal attempt at 10.30 a.m. Bells (12) available all day. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. at the Royal Oak Hotel.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAF-FORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Wolver-hampton on Easter Monday. Ringing at St. Peter's (12) from 11.30, St. Luke's (8) from 11; Lettenhall (8) from 11. Evensong in St. Peter's at 4. Tea at Fleming's Restaurant, North Street, at 4.30; 6d. each to fully-paid members; to others 15.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Easter Monday. Bells at 2 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 8d. each, at the White Horse. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by Thursday, April 4th. Writtle bells will be open for ringing from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel on Monday, April 8th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. All members intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Thursday, April 4th.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The thirtieth annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 8th. The bells at St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, Lenton, and St. Mary's, Bulwell, will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at Calvert's Café, Long Row, at 3.15. A proposition will be made to give new members a copy of the rules in lieu of a report and to alter Rule 4b accordingly. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, in 4the same room at 4 o'clock. All the towers will be

closed during the time of tea and meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Evesham on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1912. Service at 1.30, address by the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Walker. Meeting in the Parish Hall at 2.30. Subscriptions received, etc., in the Parish Hall between 12 and 1. Bells available: Bell Tower (10), Bengeworth (6) and Great Hampton (6).—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Cheltenham on Easter Monday, April 8th. Service at the Parish Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. F. L'Estrange Fawcett, M.A. (Rector). The business meeting will be held immediately after the service. The bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 10.30 to 11, and for one hour in the afternoon. Prestbury (8) and Charlton Kings (8) will also be available in the afternoon. Dinner at Criterion Restaurant at 1 p.m.—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Norton, near Sheffield (not Morton, as stated on some of the fixture cards) on Easter Monday, April 8th. Church of St. James, 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.), available 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. The church is about 20 minutes' walk from the Woodseats tram terminus.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Mitcham on Easter Monday. Bells open at 3 p.m. Ringing during the afternoon and evening at the Parish Church and Christ Church. Short service at Christ Church at 5.15, to be followed by tea in the Church Room (High Street, Collier's Wood) at 5.45 at the invitation of the Vicar, churchwardens and local band. Business meeting after tea.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Wrexham on Easter Monday, April 8th. Bells (10) available from 9 a.m., and Cresford (8) from 12 noon. Full particulars from Mr. H. Moore, junr., Castle, Pentrefelin, Wrexham. All welcome.—S. A. Cullington, Honorary Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Practices at Yorktown, April 9th, Ottershaw, April 13th, both at 6.30 p.m. Cycle run April 20th. Quarterly meeting, Horsell, May 4th. Visitors gladly welcomed. Kindly apply for full details of the above to G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 11th and 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 16th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 16th and 30th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m. Also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

give new members a copy of the rules in lieu of a report and to alter Rule 4b accordingly. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, in the same room at 4 o'clock. All the towers will be field on Saturday, April 13th. The bells of the Parish

Church (12) will be available from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The business meeting will take place immediately afterwards, at which all members are respectfully requested to attend, as matters of importance will be brought forward for decision.—S. F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cannington on Saturday, April 13th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Anchor Hotel, meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, junr., Honorary Secretary, Huntspill, Bridgwater.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, April 13th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. 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.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. O. R. Dawson) on Saturday, April 13th, 1912. Service at 5 p.m., with sermon by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Tea, 6d. each, at 6 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited. The following towers will be available for ringing: St. Matthew's, from 3 to 5, and after the meeting; St. Paul's, Homerton, and St. John, at Hackney, from 3 to 5; and St. Mary's, Walthamstow, from 7.30 to 9. Will all who intend being present kindly inform their district secretary before April 10th. Nearest station Clapton (G.E.R.).—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Rothersield on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open from 3 to 8.30. Evensong 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. F. W. Champneys, M.A.). Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by April 10th.—George H. Howse, Divisional Honorary Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will take place on Monday, April 15th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business meeting at 9.30 in the tower room. The society also meets the second and fourth Sunday in each month at 10 a.m. for service ringing.—E. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.— The quarterly meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 20th. Tower open at 3.30, meeting at 5.30. - E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-Dale.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 20th, 1912. available at 2.30 p.m. Short service 5 o'clock. Meat tea at the George Inn 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All members intending to be present for tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 16th. A charge of 3d. per member will be made to ensure better tea .- G. Moore, Dis-

can, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES .- Mr. T. J. Salter has removed to 27, Blackwell Street, Kidderminster.-Mr. A. R. Macdonald's address is now 8, South Front, Southampton.

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STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild, East Dorset Branch.—On March 23rd, a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Ridout 1, C. C. H. D'Aeth 2, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards 3, W. W. H. D'Aeth 4, A. Hussey 5, A. Burn 6. First Surprise by all the band, and by local members of the branch.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE. — On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: C. Holland 1. N. Short (conductor) 2, A. Moss 3, H. Oliver (first quarter-peal) 4, Chas. Bird 5, Wm. J. Thyng 6, Geo. Vamplew 7, Hy. Strickland 8.—On Sunday, March 17th, 1344 Bob Major, in 52 mins.: Wm. Miller 1, N. Short 2, Wm. J. Thyng 3, *H. Oliver 4, Chas. Bird 5, *Hy. Strickland 6, A. Moss 7, Geo. Vamplew (conductor) 8. *Longest touch in the method

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SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 24th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor: F. March (South Weald) 1, E. Furbank (Havering) 2, R. Mison (Navestock) 3, G. Rashbrook (Warley), conductor, 4, A. Rainbird (Bentley) 5, W. Leggett (Shenfield) 6.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE. — On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Bowkett 1, G. Hinton, junr. (longest touch) 2, W. Rouse 3, T. Bullock 4, E. Winterton 5, W. Page 6, G. Checketts (conductor) 7, J. Pardoc 8.

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EWELL.—Surrey Association.—On Tucsday, March 19th, after an attempt for a peal of Darleston Bob Triples, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 43 mins.: R. Etherington 1, J. A. Lambert 2, J. Beams 3, Dr. A. B. Carpenter 4, E. Grove 5, H. G. Beams 6, C. Read 7, J. Beams (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples: W. Sharman 1, H. G. Beams 2, J. Beams 3, E. Grove 4, S. Wilson 5, H. Greenhill (conductor) 6, C. Read 7, F. Laver 8. Also for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS. — On March 23rd, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. G. Lancaster 1, T. Moulden 2, R. W. Hyner 3, G. Lancaster 4, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 5, F. Looker 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

WORCESTER.—On March 19th, at St. John's Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Pardoe 1, B. S. Hill, aged 67 (first 720 in method) 2, G. Hinton, junr., 3, L. Longney 4, W. Page (conductor) 5, G. Checketts 6.

—On March 21st, at St. Helen's, 512 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Checketts 1, G. Hinton, junr., 2, J. Brettel 3, J. Morris 4, W. C. Jones 5, W. Page (conductor) 6, E. Watkins 7, W. H. Johnson 8. Longest touch in method by all except Messrs. Checketts, Jones and Page.

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SOUTH STOKE (OXON).—The Oxford Diocesan Guild,—On Saturday, March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: Sidney Kew 1, James Smith 2, Miss E. O. Nind 3, William Geall 4, William Goodenough (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal by all and the first ever rung on the bells.

DUFFIELD.—Midland Counties Association.—On March 8th, at St. Alkmund's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1248-changes): Geo. Basson 1, C. Draper 2, Bart Mitchell 3, F. Hickling 4, J. Flower 5, E. Clarke 6, H. Letts 7, J. Pagett (composer and con-

CAERLEON.—On Sunday, March 17th, at St. Cadoc's, Church, 504
Grandsire Triples: N. Evans 1, E. Davies 2, G. Stafford 3, C. O. Hobbs
4, F. Bolton 5, C. Davies 6, P. Stafford 7, V. Davies 8. Also 882
Grandsire Triples: N. Evans (longest touch) 1, E. Davies 2, C. Davies
3, H. Holmes 4, G. Stafford 5, C. O. Hobbs 6, P. Stafford (longest touch as conductor) 7, V. Davies 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On March 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Moulden 1, R. W. Hyner 2, W. G. Lancaster 3, F. Looker 6, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Monday, March 18th, at 135, Brighton Road, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: S. Roper 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, A. Clark 5—6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles by A. J. Perkins and S. Roper.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Avis 1, R. Tall 2, A. Constant 3, R. Smith 4, R. Constant 5, J. Constant 6, A. Martin 7, L. Silver (conductor) 8.

Martin 7, L. Silver (conductor) 8.

MALDON, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's, on March 16th, a peal was lost, after ringing 720 each of Double Court and College Exercise, and about 600 of New London Pleasure: A. Peake 1, H. Finch 2, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 3, A. South 4, A. Gozzett 5, F. Chalk 6.—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 720 New London Pleasure: J. Gozzett 1, H. Finch 2, H. J. Mansfield 3, A. South 4, T. Gozzett 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Cambridge Surprise by E. W. Finch, W. Keeble (conductor), H. Finch, A. South, T. Gozzett, and A. Gozzett.—At All Saints', on Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 120 Plain Bob.—At the men's service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: E. Mansfield 1, R. Hutson 2, A. Peake 3, H. J. Mansfield 4, F. Chalk 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by E. Mansfield, H. J. Mansfield, A. Peake, J. Baker, F. Chalk (conductor), C. Tabor.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for the men's ser-

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ERDINGTON.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On Saturday, Feb. 17th, at the Abbey, after meeting too late for a peal, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: T. Ward 1, G. Parsons 2, J. Jennings 3, C. Waithman 4, T. Bloore 5, B. W. Witchell (conductor) 6, G. Roberts 7, B. G. Leedham 3.

OHESHUNT, HERTS.-The Herts Association.-On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Andrews I, W. G. Darlington 2, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 3, H. Cornwall 4, F. Jelf 5, R. Smith 6, G. Maxim 7, D. Tucker 8. First quarter-peal by local band.

VARIETY IN METHODS.

DOUBLE NORWICH AND UNION CATERS.

On more than one occasion we have urged the introduction of greater variety into the methods rung on the higher number of bells. Probably there is less variety in Cater ringing than on any number except eleven and twelve bells, for it is very seldom indeed that anything but 'Grandsire and Stedman Caters are rung. Erin Caters is now being taken up to some extent and very occasionally one reads of a peal of Double Norwich Caters being rung, but few bands know this method. Why should there not The as much variety in the ringing of nine bell methods as in the 9-7-8 position.

in seven bell methods? To give those companies who care to do so, and who do not aspire to Surprise Royal ringing, some opportunity of practising other methods than Grandsire and Stedman Caters we give below a lead and peal each of Double Norwich and Union Caters :-

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Repeat last 12 courses, omitting bob at I, produces

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* By bobs at 4, 5, 7.

By bobs at 2, 3s (five lead course). Has the 5th the in course extent and the 6th the full extent behind the 9th

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.

On different occasions I have dealt with the ringing of Plain Bob Minor and Treble Bob Minor, and it will probably interest a number of young ringers anxious to push on in the Art if I now turn attention to some of the other methods based upon the plain and Treble Bob hunts. All methods, which have a plain hunt for the treble, are known as plain methods, and they are, generally speaking, after all, only an elaboration of Plain Bob. It is well that young bands should have an ambition, and where their bells are limited to six, their goal should be to reach a peal in seven different methods.

Now among the six bell methods there are instances of one being the reverse of another, or of a bob lead of one being a plain lead of another and vice versa. Thus it will be seen that by learning one method the ringer will really have acquired two. One young band have asked me to advise them as to what plain method to take up now that they have rung Well there is considerable variety from Bob Minor. which they may choose, and Oxford Bob is one to which they might turn attention. In this the treble has a plain hunt, and the rules are fairly simple. To begin with and's place is made when the treble leads, just as in Bob Minor, but in addition there are in each lead two 4th's places made, one immediately after the treble has led and one immediately before the treble leads and these places are made by the same bell. Before the first of these places, the bell has a dodge in 3-4 up (with the bell that made 4th's in the previous lead—the dodge occurring while treble is actually leading), while, after the last of the places, the bell has a dodge in 3-4 down (with the bell that is going to make 4th's in the next lead). Just as the 4th's place at a bob in Bob Minor causes the bell that makes it to return to lead without going behind, so does each of the 4th's places in this method, and this turning of the bells in 4th's, necessarily keeps two other bells dodging in 5-6. They come together as the treble passes through 5-4 going down and remain dodging until the treble comes back again to part them. This envolves what is known as a three-pull dodge. In other words the bell that dodges up strikes one blow in 6th's and one back in 5th's three times before it eventually lies a whole pull behind. For those who would like to work out the full course, I give a lead of the method

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214365	561324	
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432615	135642	
34625 P	316524	
364521	361542	
635412	635124	
653142		
561324		
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153624		
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The work in table form would be set out as follows:-Pass treble in 5-6, three pull dodge in 5-6 down, lead whole pull;

Pass treble in 2-3, dodge in 3-4 up, make 4th's and

Pass treble in 3-4, make 4th's, dodge in 3-4 down and

Pass treble in 4-5, three pull dodge in 5-6 up, lie whole , pull behind;

Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nd's place and lead again.

It will be noticed that passing the treble does not come in quite the same regular order as in Bob Minor, but this should present no difficulties if the beginner will but remember the order of the places where he should look for the treble, first in 5-6; then 2-3; then 3-4; then 4-5; then 1-2. As a matter of fact the work of the bells below 5-6 is precisely the same as in Bob Singles.

The bobs are made by cutting out the 2nd's place, and making 4th's as in Bob Minor; the bells that pass the treble either in 3-4, 2-3, or 1-2 making 4th's place, without any dodge before or after, and returning to lead.

"Inquirer."—I believe the "Old Ten," which one finds occasionally rung by heart by ringers who have not taken up scientific ringing; is what is known to the Exercise as Original Doubles, in which all five bells do the plain hunt, and, therefore, come back into rounds at the end of ten changes.

CONDUCTOR.

LEEDS SOCIETY AT HUNSLET.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Hunslet on Saturday, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major being rung in the afternoon. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, with the President in the chair, supported by members from Armley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Holbeck, Kirkheaton, Leeds, Mirfield, Pudsey, and Tong, and the local band.—The President announced, with regret, the death of Mr. Albert Stanley Mitchell, the late secretary, and a vote of condolence and sympathy with his parents was passed by all standing in silence.—On the motion of Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by standing in silence.—On the motion of Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by Mr. H. Dransfield, it was resolved that a letter expressing the society's sympathy be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell.—Mr J. Rangeley, of Kirkheaton, was elected a member of the Society.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Hunslet and to the local band was passed, to which Mr. W. Powell responded, and the meeting closed. The tower was again visited, and further ringing was done.

DEATH OF A LEEDS RINGER.

It is with the greatest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Albert Stanley Mitchell, a member of the band at Holbeck, Leeds, who passed away on March 22nd, at the early age of twenty-one, a victim of that dread scourge, consumption. Commencing ringing at the early age of fourteen, at Holbeck, Leeds, he, when opportunity offered, made rapid strides, and became one of the most brilliant young ringers in the city. He rang all his peals within the short space of three years. These were twenty in number, and comprised eight on handbells of Bob Major, Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters, and twelve on the tower bells in the four standard methods. About two years ago the disease to which he succumbed first manifested itself. After this his strength gradually waned, and although he bore up bravely under his affliction, he had to give up ringing early last year, and, to the regret of all his friends, passed peacefully away as above stated. The deceased was secretary of the Leeds and District Society for some eighteen months—a work he had to abandon owing to illness—and a numerous gathering of members of the society met at the funeral, which took place on Tucsday week. After service in the church, at which a large congregation was present, the remains were finally laid which took place on Tuesday week. After service in the church, at which a large congregation was present, the remains were finally laid to rest at the Cemetery. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. Cundale, Johnson, Williams and Jowett, and in the evening a muffled peal was rung on the bells he loved so well, a record of which will be found in its proper place. His genial face and enthusiasm is sadly missed in the tower, where his kindly disposition won him the highest regard of all his friends.—R.I.P.

On Friday, March 22nd, on the day of Mr. Mitchell's death, the whole on Friday, March 22nd, on the day of Mr. Mitchel's death, the whole pull and stand was rung at Holbeck Church, with the bells deeply muffled, by: F. R. Cundale, J. W. Blaxendale, G. A. Jowett, R. H. Howland, J. R. Kernp, J. Chilton, J. R. Moger, P. J. Johnson (tenor); and on Sunday week, for evening service, 1264 Bob Major, by: Percy L. Cooper I, John Chilton 2, George A. Jowett 3, Richard H. Howland 4, Joshua Woodhead 5, Frank R. Cundale 6, John R. Moger 7, Percy

J. Johnson 8.

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