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## MODERN WORK.

### THE EASTER MEETINGS.

Ringers were busy throughout the country on Easter Monday, and many of them put in a very full day in the belfries and in conducting the affairs of their associations. Pretty well a score of meetings were held, many of them annual meetings, up and down the country, and, all things considered, they were exceedingly well attended. The effects of the great strike were still felt on the railways where the restricted train services rendered travelling, in many cases, inconvenient. Added to this, the weather conditions were not altogether favourable to those who delight in the joys of the cycle. But, notwithstanding these drawbacks, most of the associations could claim a good attendance and the gatherings were of a very pleasant nature. These bank holiday meetings serve an excellent purpose, because they enable practically all members to participate. Saturday or mid-week meetings must have their limitations, because business inevitably prevents one section or other from attending. But with the bank holiday festivals it is different. So generally is work suspended on the "Feast of St. Lubbock" that there are few ringers who, if they are sufficiently interested, need be absent from a meeting fixed for such a day. Speaking generally, ringers readily avail themselves of the opportunity which bank holiday thus presents, and as the day enables all to meet where under other circumstances some must be kept away, the holding of, at any rate, the annual gathering on a public holiday is to be commended if only because the principal business of the year can be attended by a more representative gathering.

Many ringers prefaced their day on Monday with a peal or a peal attempt, and a good many successes are to be recorded. Chief among the performances, however, is the accomplishment of the record peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Knebworth. The 12,160 changes were rung in seven hours 18 minutes, and the whole Exercise will join in congratulating Mr. George Price (the conductor) and the rest of the band upon a record, which for difficulty on account of the method, as much as for the length, will ever rank as one of the finest ringing performances of these days. No long peal in the method had been rung before, but this, at any rate, is a length which will make future attempts a serious undertaking if it is to be beaten. although, of course, it would never be surprising to learn that such an attempt was to be made.

It was unfortunate that unavoidable circumstances made it impossible to start for the record peal of Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne, but the attempt may be expected in the not far distant future, and will, we hope, be attended with the same success that was achieved in the Treble Twelve last year.

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### OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage,  
Chelmsford,  
February 19th, 1912.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects 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.

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Kindly ask us to inspect, Report and Tender before deciding your Contract,—we may be able to assist you.

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**TEN BELL PEALS.**

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... Treble	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 6
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 2	EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 3	*CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 8
*WILLIAM H. WOOD ... 4	PHILIP H. PIERCE ... 9
EDWARD TRENDILL ... 5	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and  
Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

This composition has all the 4-6-8's. \* First peal of Stedman Caters.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6160 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*FREDERICK SMITH ... Treble	THOMAS W. GORE ... 6
GEORGE HOLLIS ... 2	*ALBERT R. COPPOCK ... 7
*HERBERT DAY ... 3	SAMUEL WESLEY ... 8
FRANK JACOBS ... 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 9
*JOHN C. DICKEN ... 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Oxford Royal.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE BELL TOWER,

**A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY J. PHIPPS ... Treble	THOMAS EDWIN ... 6
JAMES HEMMING ... 2	FREDERICK JORDON ... 7
HERBERT JORDON ... 3	FRANK COOK ... 8
WILLIAM SHORT ... 4	HARRY MIDDLETON ... 9
FRANK MOSS ... 5	WILLIAM WORKMAN ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and  
Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lbs.

EDWARD A. HERN ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 6
ERNEST E. FERRY ... 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... 7
WILLIAM STORY ... 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 8
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 4	ROBERT RICHARDS ... 9
*BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\* First peal of Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

THE BRISTOL SURPRISE RECORD.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Seven Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 12,160 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
HUBERT EDEN ... 2	FREDERICK WHITE ... 6
HENRY HODGETTS ... 3	GEORGE N. PRICE ...
GEORGE IRVINE ... 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES, and  
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This peal, which has the tenors together throughout, is the longest length yet rung in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, March 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. REEVES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. THYNG ... Treble	CHARLES H. BIRD ... 5
NORMAN SHORT ... 2	H. STRICKLAND ... 6
T. P. HOCKNELL ... 3	A. MOSS ... 7
*R. OLIVER ... 4	GEORGE VAMPLEW ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE VAMPLEW.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the treble and 5th.

GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, March 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

NORMAN C. FLECK ... Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON ... 5
ROBERT W. FALCONER ... 2	ALFRED F. HILLER ... 6
JOHN F. BIRD ... 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and  
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

HUNSLET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED  
SOCIETY.

*On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
GEORGE A. JOWETT ... 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 6
WILLIAM B. SMITH ... 3	JOSEPH RANGELEY ... 7
FRANK CUNDALE ... 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Sunday, April 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SPARROW ... Treble	FRANK COOK ... 5
LEWIS SPARROW ... 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
AUGUSTUS DORE ... 3	JOSEPH FAULKNER ... 7
FRANK MOSS ... 4	JAMES ADDIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

## PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD... .. 5
STEPHEN STONE ... .. 2	JOHN NETLEY ... .. 6
LEONARD STILLWELL... .. 3	ALFRED GREENFIELD ... 7
PERCY H. DOICK ... .. 4	PETER KNIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED GREENFIELD.

## HATFIELD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	WILBY J. HAZEL ... .. 6
GEORGE B. LUCAS ... .. 3	JAMES PARKER ... .. 7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD ... .. 4	GEORGE PAICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and  
Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

## PENSHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS H. COLBURN ... Treble	DAVID WRIGHT ... .. 5
ARTHUR J. LEWIS ... .. 2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUNR. 6
GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. 3	WALTER S. WISE ... .. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SENR. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and  
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SENR.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Rung as a birthday  
compliment to T. H. Colburn.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM DIAPER ... Treble	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and  
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

## GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER... Treble	PERCY BALLANCE ... .. 5
†CHARLES HENRY BAKER ... 2	*HERBERT TORR ... .. 6
JOHN CHARLES TINKER ... .. 3	JOHN THOMAS LADD ... .. 7
WILLIAM DICKENSON... .. 4	J. GERALD M. BOWER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a farewell to  
J. G. M. Bower, who is shortly leaving the neighbourhood for  
British Columbia, his brother ringers wishing him every success in  
the future.

## HARLOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL ... Treble	WALTER TARLING ... .. 5
WALTER HOBBS ... .. 2	*HARRY SMALE ... .. 6
GEORGE F. MARGETSON ... 3	WILLIAM WATTS ... .. 7
HENRY J. TUCKER ... .. 4	*CHARLES HOY ... .. Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

\* First peal in the method.

## GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' SIX-PART TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 32 cwt.

*J. FRANK PROCTOR ... Treble	JOHN C. WHETSTONE ... 5
†ERNEST NIDD ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 6
HARRY THORPE... .. 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 7
ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 4	THOMAS H. HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung after meeting:  
short for Caters.

## LONDON.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM DAYNES ... Treble	JOSEPH LAW ... .. 5
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 2	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 6
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
THOMAS G. DEAL ... .. 4	CHARLES H. MACKLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since the rehanging by Messrs.  
Bowell, of Ipswich.

## TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 29. Tenor 23½ cwt., in E flat.

LUKE SUTHERS ... Treble	JAMES RICHARDS ... .. 5
WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 2	*GEORGE WHITEHEAD ... 6
*SAM HARTLEY ... .. 3	JAMES WHITEHEAD ... .. 7
HARRY WHITEHEAD ... .. 4	JOHN CROWTHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.

\* First peal.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT D. STONE ... Treble	JOHN CAPP ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 6
ROBERT J. DAVE ... .. 3	KEITH HART ... .. 7
ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 4	PHILIP ALLFREY ... .. Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.



SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Treble	JOHN CAPP ... .. 5
ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 2	KEITH HART ... .. 6
ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**SIX BELL PEAL.**

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob each called differently.

HERBERT JORDAN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 4
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 3	THOMAS EDWIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, March 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

FREDERICK DEWELL ... 1-2	ARTHUR E. MOORE ... 5-6
HARRY A. TURNER ... 3-4	*WALTER RADLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire: FRANK J. LEVITT.

\* First peal double-handed.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES.**

†JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 1-2	*JAMES OSBORN ... .. 5-6
†RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	*ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... 7-8

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and  
Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witnesses: MRS. J. OSBORN and MRS. A. HOLMES.

\* First peal of Major in hand. † First peal in the method in hand.  
First peal in the method in the county and by the Guild, also the first handbell peal of Major by a resident band.

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

On Monday, April 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

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

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	ERNEST PYE ... .. 5-6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 7-8

ALFRED W. GRIMES ... .. 9-10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: T. LANGDON.

Messrs. C. T. Coles, H. J. Ranzetta and J. E. Davis also heard the greater part of the peal.

SHEFFIELD.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

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

*JOHN THORPE ... .. 1-2	CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 5-6
GEORGE LEWIS ... .. 3-4	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 7-8

\*R. WILFRED COLLIER... 9-10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpires: JAMES EVINSON, TOM O'HARA, and JOSEPH ATKIN.

\* First handbell peal of Royal. This is the conductor's 100th handbell peal. It is also the first handbell peal of Royal in Sheffield for over 100 years.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, April 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,  
AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

Umpire: R. CHAPMAN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

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

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

\*THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER, and  
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Caters in hand. A. H. Pulling's 200th peal as conductor. This composition is No. 8 on Broadsheet.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. WULFRAM'S CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently.

HARRY THORPE ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 3-4
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Umpire: ARTHUR TAYLOR.

First handbell peal by all, and also first ever rung in the town of Grantham. It was rung at the first attempt.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Dudley on March 23rd was Horace Belcher.

The peal rung at Reigate on Monday has been sent without the number of changes.

**LATE PEALS.**

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT W. WHEALE... .. Treble	JAMES PARSONS... .. 5
JOHN FEIST ... .. 2	THOMAS STRINGER ... 6
ERNEST E. BISH... .. 3	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 7
HENRY J. GRAVETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM STENNING... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

## TENTERDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs., in D flat.

CHARLES TRIBE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 5
JIM BEACH ... .. 2	EDWIN LAMBERT ... .. 6
ANDREW MARSHALL ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 7
FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 4	PHILIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and  
Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

First peal of Major in this tower since 1771. It is also the first peal of Major on record, in which this tenor has been rung throughout by one man only.

## NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*A. VICTOR MORGAN ... Treble	FRANK MORGAN ... .. 5
ARTHUR E. MORGAN ... 2	JOHN BUTLER ... .. 6
JOHN BULLEN ... .. 3	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	JOHN GODDARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. E. B. CHARLES.

\* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. A. V. Morgan is only 15 years of age and the peal was rung as a birthday compliment to him and to the conductor.

## BLEWBURY, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*WALTER WEBB ... .. Treble	FREDERICK JAMES ... .. 5
THOMAS EAST ... .. 2	RICHARD JAMES ... .. 6
WILLIAM NAPPER ... .. 3	JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 7
JOSEPH NAPPER ... .. 4	GAUIS WELCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

- First peal.

## CHESHUNT, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs., in E.

*GEORGE ANDREWS ... Treble	*HENRY CORNWALL ... .. 5
GEORGE GRAY ... .. 2	HENRY G. ROWE ... .. 6
†GEORGE MAXIM ... .. 3	WILLIAM IRONS ... .. 7
JESSE PUPLETT ... .. 4	*HORACE SIMMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd and 7th belong to Hertford, the 4th to Hoddesdon, and the rest to the local band.

## SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 4	ERNEST PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN E. MILLER ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. 6
GEORGE H. JAYE ... .. 3	ERNEST PYE ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on occasion of the election of churchwardens. The above is the conductor's 50th peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HOW ... .. Treble	FRANK DIAMOND ... .. 5
FRANK J. DAVEY ... .. 2	JULIUS SNOW ... .. 6
*ARTHUR D. SOWELL ... 3	JOHN HAYMAN ... .. 7
FREDERICK MILFORD ... 4	GEORGE STOCKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYMAN.

\* First peal.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs., in F sharp.

*FRANK UNSWORTH ... Treble	CHARLES BOYERS ... .. 5
RICHARD DAGNALL ... .. 2	†ARTHUR UNSWORTH ... .. 6
JOHN A. CALLAND ... .. 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 7
BENJAMIN TREVITT ... .. 4	WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

## CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK C. RICH ... Treble	JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 5
*HORACE TAYLOR ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BELL ... .. 6
*FRANCIS W. CANNINGS ... 3	SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 7
THOMAS F. KING ... .. 4	†WILLIAM HAYWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal and first attempt. Rung on the 37th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

## PUTNEY.

## ST. MARY'S (PUTNEY) ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt., in F.

†HENRY WHANSLAW ... Treble	*GEORGE W. HONEYBALL ... 5
ARTHUR JONES ... .. 2	THOMAS BOLTON ... .. 6
JOHN KENT ... .. 3	†JOSEPH HERBERT ... .. 7
*WILLIAM HONEYBALL ... 4	*CHARLES COLLIS, JUNR. ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR JONES.

\* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. ‡ First peal of Grand-sire on tower bells. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by a local band, the first peal by the Association, and the first attempt.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.  
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On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 of London Scholars and Sandal Exercise, 720 of Islington and Duke of Norfolk, 720 of Oxford and Burton, and 720 each of Killamarsh, Coventry, Woodbine and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... Treble JAMES FERNLEY ... 4  
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 2 ALLEN S. GORDON ... 5  
HARRY LANGLEY ... 3 JOHN W. HARTLEY ... Tenor  
Conducted by J. W. HARTLEY.

**ELEMENTARY COMPOSITION.**

**GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.—II (Concluded).**

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Our next example sets forth the value of these bob blocks, showing how they can be used as shunts as well as connections.

Bob H in the following manner:—

3rd lead of 1st three courses.

1st " 2nd "

1st " 3rd "

5th " 4th "

And the following is produced:—

	Cont'd.	Cont'd	Contd.
234567	473652	375426	672534
A 672453 2	524367 2	753426 4	576423 5
346572 1	675432 2	457632 5	625734 3
723654 2	476253 5	574632 4	476325 1
627435 5	324576 1	325467 2	374562 5
736254 3	473265 3	743625 1	573246 5
237465 5	274536 5	647532 5	275634 5
B 542637 1	652374 1	256347 1	(234567) (3)
375264 2	276543 3	472635 2	—II7
273456 5	572364 5	234756 3	674235 —
352764 3	375426 5	672534 1	526374 —
473652 1			435726 —

Now this is actually one third of a peal, which, if it had come to a convenient part-end, could have been twice repeated. But, as it does not do so, we must seek some other way. Our bob block thrown out of course is:—

A 762453

347562

B 253647

A singles to A in the long part from 234567, B singles to B in the long part started from 342567. Here then is a connection between two parts with one bob block. Therefore, with the assistance of two of these blocks, the three long parts can be singled together with the following results.

**SIX-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

BY ANDREW J. CORRIGAN (Dublin).

	Cont'd.
234567	627543
*S 762453 2	356427 1
347562 1	273645 2
S 523647 1	342756 3
475362 2	673542 1

374256 5  
453762 3  
274653 1  
532467 2  
675243 2  
276354 5  
432576 1  
274365 3  
372546 5  
653472 1  
376524 3  
573462 5  
475236 5  
754236 4  
257643 5  
572643 4  
435267 2  
724635 1  
627543 5

576234 5  
635742 3  
276435 1  
472563 5  
574326 5  
375642 5  
(342567) (3)

Twice repeated.

A 672453

346572 1  
723654 2  
627435 5  
736254 3  
237465 5

S 452637 1

\*S 674352 1

Twice repeated.

In any part a bob is called for the S marked (\*) in first calling, bringing up A from which the second three parts are called, concluding with a bob for single marked (\*).

The last specimen that I lay before you is one by myself, a nine-part peal, the first produced. It is obtained by bobbing H in the following manner:—

First three courses, 1st and 3rd leads.

Second " " 1st lead.

Third " " 3rd lead.

Fourth " " 1st and 5th.

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 9-PART.**

234567	324567	647253
752634 1	S 573624 1	476253 4
S 437265 2	245367 2	324576 1
524637 1	732645 1	473265 3
765324 1	637524 5	274536 5
S 347265 1	456237 1	652374 1
523647 1	374625 2	276543 3
475362 2	253467 2	S 342657 2
374256 5	672345 2	763542 1
453762 3	536472 1	257463 1
274653 1	725643 2	S 432657 1
452736 3	257643 4	574263 2
674352 1	S 752643 4	275346 5
746352 4	A 367452 1	752346 4
657423 3	243567 1	637452 1
726534 3	Twice repeated	Twice repeated
527463 5	with Single at	with S last call of
635742 2	A in last part	3rd part followed
276435 1	produces	by S at 1 produces
472563 5		rounds.
574326 5		
375642 5		
423567 2		

Twice repeated  
with S at end  
gives

In concluding this portion of my article I trust my friends will find my remarks on Grandsire composition helpful in guiding their footsteps to the more scientific plan of composition as given in "Grandsire."

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## OUR ILLUSTRATION.

### THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the Hertfordshire County Association on Monday Mr. George William Cartmel was unanimously elected honorary secretary for the ninth time, and was accorded the best thanks of the members for his services. The expressions of appreciation which were voiced were never more deserved than in the case of Mr. Cartmel, to whom the association owes a great deal, not only for the businesslike ability and the tact with which he has conducted the affairs of the association, but also for the spade work which he has done in spreading change ringing in the county, where little was known of the Art



MR. G. W. CARTMEL.

thirty years ago. One happy result of the efforts, in which Mr. Cartmel with other pioneers shared, has been the spread of the Exercise throughout the county.

Mr. Cartmel, whose father was a native of Carlisle, was born on September 29th, 1865, and first handled a rope in the autumn of 1883, becoming a constituted member of the St. Albans Cathedral Society in January, 1884, under the tuition of Mr. N. N. Hills. In those days there was no change ringing at St. Albans, and Bennington and Hertford were the only towers in the county where the Art was practised. Mr. Cartmel rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on August 29th, 1885, conducted by H. J. Tucker, at the cathedral, and on January 12th, 1886, rang at the cathedral in the first peal by entirely local men for upwards of 120 years. This was conducted by Mr. Hills. Handbell ringing was taken up with much zeal, and on April 28th, 1886, he rang 7-8 to a peal of Grandsire, con-

ducted by Mr. C. F. Winney. Handbell peals became fairly frequent after this, and on Monday, September 12th, 1887, at the meeting house of the College Youths, the Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, he called his first peal, Holt's Original, ringing 1-2, with Messrs. Debenham, Winney and W. H. L. Buckingham. The peal was almost faultless, the umpires, Messrs. J. M. Hayes and G. T. McLaughlin, expressing their enjoyment of the performance, and adding that their services were not needed. Since then Mr. Cartmel has called Holt's Original from every pair of handbells, being the first ringer to accomplish this feat, which he completed on September 19th, 1889. With the exception of Sundays, for a long period scarcely a day passed without a handbell touch. A hasty midday meal, and fifteen minutes spent at the shop of Mr. Henry Lewis, in the "little room," in company with Messrs. Lewis, Hills and Battle, was the invariable rule, and repeated knocks upon the counter could not tempt the host to lay down his pair of bells. Not satisfied with this, however, Mr. Cartmel arranged with Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham and J. C. Mitchell to meet at his own place of business at 5.30 a.m. several mornings each week, when they used to roll off 720's in a great variety of methods.

Joining the College Youths on June 6th, 1885, Mr. Cartmel was for a long period a regular attendant at the annual dinner, and on one occasion the St. Albans' contingent, with the assistance of Mr. Winney, had the honour of ringing a touch upon the handbells—a very trying ordeal for youngsters—which passed off successfully to the great delight of the gathering. Mr. Cartmel was also a member of the St. James' Society, the Waterloo Society, the Sussex, Surrey and Essex Associations, and still retains his membership of the Bedfordshire Association. In 1889 he was appointed by the Rector as conductor of the St. Albans' Cathedral Society, which post he held for five years, resigning after a somewhat prolonged serious illness. In consideration of his services he was elected a life member of the Cathedral Society.

Under medical orders he abstained from ringing for a few years, during which interval he took up a more spiritual side of church work. He became a teacher in the Abbey Sunday Schools, and has the satisfaction that during the many years' service at these schools he was never once late. About three years ago he gave up this branch of the work and attached himself to Christ Church to take up Bible Class work among young men. In this he is still engaged twice every Sunday, in addition to which he interests himself in giving Gospel addresses to men, and in simultaneous missionary addresses to Sunday Schools in the deanery, while he is also a prominent temperance worker and secretary of various church organisations. Mr. Cartmel, it will be realised, is a very busy man, who devotes his leisure from business by working in many spheres for the benefit of others.

He succeeded as secretary to the Herts Association at Easter, 1904, upon the resignation of Mr. E. P. Debenham, who held that office continuously from the year 1888, during which period Mr. Cartmel acted in the capacity of assistant secretary. He entered the secretariat at an important crisis of the society, for at the same annual meeting it was decided to divide the county into three districts. The district secretaries entered heartily into the new project, and through their exertions it has proved a step forward in the right direction.

As a Churchman Mr. Cartmel holds most strongly that every ringer should be a communicant, and a regular

attendant at the place of worship, and that the ringers' motto should be "First things first." Ringing should be taken up as a definite church work, and given as an offering of praise to the Great Creator. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." This, Mr. Cartmel maintains, is the infallible cure for the jealousies that germinate in so many of our belfries, often resulting in spoiling much patient work of conductors.

Mr. Cartmel is engaged in the printing industry, becoming a partner in the firm of W. Cartmel and Sons upon the death of his father. The claims of business deny to him, to a great extent, the enjoyment of ringing so frequently as he would like, but nevertheless he has rung a good many peals.

#### On Tower Bells.

Grandsire Triples .....	24	Conducted	5
Bob Triples .....	5	Conducted	1
Bob Major .....	2		
Bob Royal .....	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal .....	2		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ...	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major .....	2		
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	1		
Grandsire Caters .....	10	Conducted	2
Stedman Caters .....	2		
Stedman Triples .....	7		
	57		8

#### On Handbells.

Grandsire Triples .....	16	Conducted	6
Bob Triples .....	5	Conducted	1
Bob Major .....	2	Conducted	1
Bob Royal .....	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major .....	1		
Grandsire Caters .....	5	Conducted	1
	30		9

In Grandsire Triples Mr. Cartmel has never called any other peal but Holt's one-part.

### ODD CHANGES.

Of the two long peal attempts that were announced to be made on Monday, that at Knebworth was, we are pleased to say, successful, 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major being rung in 7 hours 18 minutes. The record of the peal will be found in its proper column. Hitherto nothing beyond an ordinary 5000 has been rung in this method.

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Owing to unforeseen circumstances the 14,000 Treble Bob Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne has had to be postponed until a latter date. At Chesterfield on Monday a 6160 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung at the church with the famous crooked spire.

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The bells of Barkway Church, near Buntingford, Herts, are in a very dilapidated condition, and require the attention of a bellhanger.

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The church of St. Michael and All Angels, Star Street, Paddington, W., possesses a ring of eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.), which are now being rehung by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

The Easton Neston (Northants) ringers have just given a very fine flag staff to the church to commemorate the jubilee of the Rector (the Rev. R. C. Collins).

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Until the rehangng of the bells is completed all ringing is suspended at St. Woolos Church, Newport, Mon. The various founders are submitting estimates, and it is hoped that the work will shortly be put in hand.

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The Primate of the English Church celebrated his 64th birthday on Easter Day. Before becoming Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Davidson was successively Bishop of Rochester and Bishop of Winchester.

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Practices will be resumed on Monday, April 15th, at St. John's, Deptford, where the rehangng of the bells has been completed.

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Mr. Clement Glenn, of Sheffield, is the second ringer to reach 100 peals on handbells. This total has been put together in a variety of methods, and all but four have been conducted by Mr. Glenn. This is a splendid record, particularly in view of the many difficulties that have from time to time had to be surmounted. Mr. Glenn has helped many ringers to score their first "in hand," and the methods include Bob Minor, Major and Royal, Little Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples. The only other ringer who has scored 100 peals on handbells is Mr. W. Pye, although both Messrs. E. and G. R. Pye are close upon the double-handed century.

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A good many attempts have been made from time to time in recent years for a peal of Major on the fine peal of bells at Tenterden, but it has been reserved to men from local towers to be the first to score a peal of Bob Major being rung on Monday. The previous peal of Major was 5184 of Oxford Treble Bob, rung by the Leeds ringers in 1771, with two men on the tenor, and in which the famous James Barham took part. Monday's performance—after a lapse of over 140 years—is the first time on record that the tenor has been rung through a peal by one man.

### BARCOMBE BELLS DEDICATED.

#### MEMORIAL TO A JUDGE.

The little village of Barcombe, Sussex, the home of the late Sir William Grantham, entered at Easter upon the possession of a peal of six bells, which have been erected as a memorial to the deceased judge. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have recast the three old bells and added three new ones, the tenor being 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs. The bells have been tuned on the Simpson principle, and hung in a new steel and iron frame. The dedication took place on Easter eve, the Bishop of Lewes officiating, and preaching an interesting discourse from the words, "Let Him that heareth say come." He referred to the appropriateness of the day for dedicating to the service and worship of Almighty God something which was new and for linking the present with the past. He alluded to the Divine purpose of the bells, and urged those within their hearing to induce others to come to worship; to the sacredness of the office of bellringing and to the improved demeanour of the ringers compared with olden times; and added that the parish had got a splendid peal of bells which they would no doubt be very proud of. —The concluding hymn was "Resting from his work to-day."

On Easter Day the bells pealed merrily at intervals, the ringing having been arranged by Mr. A. Edwards. Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, and the villagers were delighted with the tone of the bells, while the ringers expressed complete satisfaction with the way in which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have carried out their work.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, on Easter Day, 576 Bristol Surprise: W. Watson (conductor) 1, A. Chaplin 2, G. R. Pye 3, G. Briggs 4, W. Woodgate 5, H. Dawkins 6, G. Jaye 7, E. Pye 8.

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21	6¼ "	D	...	4	0	0	...	5	0	0	...	5	10	0	...	6	15	0	...	8	0	0
20	6 "	E	...	3	15	0	...	4	15	0	...	5	5	0	...	6	10	0	...	7	15	0
19	5¾ "	F	...	3	10	0	...	4	10	0	...	5	0	0	...	6	5	0	...	7	10	0
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## THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Leeds on Monday. A peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins. Four members then tried for a peal of Bob Major on handbells, but this was also lost after two hours' good ringing. The tower bells were rung until the business meeting, which was held at the Royal Oak Hotel in the evening.

The President occupied the chair, supported by members from Mirfield, Tong, Shipley, Halifax, Burley, Headingley, Holbeck, Pudsey, and the local band. The president, two vice-presidents, treasurer, hon. secretary and committee, were all re-elected.—Mr. P. J. Johnson was elected as representative to the Central Council, and a grant of £1 was voted towards his expenses.—The rota of meetings for 1912-13 was passed, and the balance sheet for the year adopted, and ordered to be printed.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was moved by Mr. H. Lockwood, and seconded by Mr. J. Broadley, and Mr. P. J. Johnson responded.—The arrangements for a peal attempt at Guiseley on April 20th were left in the secretary's hands.—A vote of thanks to the church authorities at Leeds and to the local company was proposed by Mr. J. Cotterell, seconded by Mr. T. Maude, and carried unanimously.—Mr. W. Woodhead responded, and the meeting closed.—The tower bells were then again rung.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.

The thirtieth annual meeting was held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, and for some reason or other was very sparsely attended, the Coal Strike, and the absence of excursion fares on the railways being, perhaps, mainly the cause of this. The bells at St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, Lenton, and St. Mary's, Bulwell, were available for ringing from early in the day, and touches in various methods were rung. All ringing has been stopped at All Saints', in deference to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood, who complain of the noise; and St. Mary's bells, owing to structural alterations to the church, are for the time being silent. Therefore, these towers were not open as usual when the Association meets in Nottingham.

The committee met at 3.15 in Calvert's Cafe, and at 4 o'clock tea was served at the same place, the number sitting down being no doubt the smallest on record for an annual meeting, and it was noticed that not even one local ringer was present.

At the subsequent general meeting, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., took the chair, supported by the Rev. A. W. Dewick (St. Peter's, Nottingham), the Rev. J. P. Hales (Cotgrave), Mr. W. W. Worthington, Mr. D. D. Taylor, the hon. treasurer, and others.—The Treasurer presented his report for the past year, and on the proposition of Mr. C. Draper (one of the auditors), seconded by Mr. H. W. Abbott, the balance sheet was adopted.—The general officers were thanked for their services in the past, and unanimously re-elected.—At this stage the chairman was obliged to leave the meeting, and on his proposition, Mr. W. W. Worthington kindly took his place.

Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., and Messrs. John W. Taylor, Joseph Griffin and Edward C. Gobey, were chosen delegates to the Central Council for the ensuing three years.—Bakewell, Bolsover and Whitwick, were selected as the places at which the quarterly meetings of the year should be held.—Thirteen ringing members were unanimously admitted.—The proposed alteration of Rule 4b was carried without dissent, and new members on entrance will now be entitled to a copy of the rules and objects of the Association, and not to a full report of the past year as heretofore.

Thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells and for their presence at the meeting were given on the proposition of Mr. W. W. Worthington, seconded by Mr. E. D. Taylor.—The Rev. E. W. Dewick and J. P. Hales made suitable acknowledgments, and spoke of the pleasure it gave them to be present, and of their interest in the work of the Association.—Thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

## PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

After the morning service, on Palm Sunday, a peal board to commemorate the first peal on the eight bells, rung for the Coronation of King George V, at Easton Neston, was unveiled. In asking the Rector to unveil the board, Mr. Slarke paid a high tribute to the donor, Mr. F. Collins (the Rector's son), as one who had always taken a deep interest in bells and bell ringers. They all very much regretted his absence that day, but they desired to thank him for his generous gift.

The Rector, after unveiling the board, made a felicitous speech, and Mr. Fred Wilford, the secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association, thanked Mr. Collins for his generosity.

Short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung before and after the morning service, the following taking part: Messrs. F. Wilford and F. Hopper, Northampton; A. H. Martin, Higham Ferrers; T. Law and F. Rollins, Weston Favell; F. Rowledge, Moulton; G. Basford, Braden; A. J. Green, Wicken; C. Valentine and W. Bonham, Stony Stratford; and the local ringers.—Mr. Slarke very kindly entertained all the ringers, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his hospitality.

## ST. JOHN'S, DEPTFORD.

The peal of eight at St. John's, Deptford, was cast at the White-chapel foundry, and installed in the tower towards the close of 1874. After over 37 years' wear, without having the attention of a bell hanger, it was thought advisable recently to have the peal overhauled and rehung, and at the same time board up the louvres. Tenders were asked, and it was decided to entrust the work to Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich. The result is, the bells are now in excellent going order, and as soon as Mr. Bowell and his men had completed their work on Saturday, March 30th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. W. Daynes, J. Law, A. G. Bennington, F. W. Richardson, H. G. Welham, A. Bowell, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), and C. H. Macklin. Unfortunately, however, after nearly an hour's ringing a "shift" occurred. Afterwards, some touches were rung, in which Mr. W. Weatherstone took part. All the ringers present were quite satisfied that the "go" of the bells left nothing to be desired, and this remark has been entered in the minutes of the society. Messrs. Bowell have recently carried out work in Kent, at Leeds and Malden, and, amongst other peals, are now engaged on the bells at Bishops Castle, Salop; Tetley, near Grimsby; and Otley, Suffolk.

## BISHOP GIVES A PEAL TABLET.

On Thursday, March 28th, previous to a confirmation service at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Chatham, the Lord Bishop of Rochester (the Right Rev. J. R. Harmer) accompanied by the Rector, Dr. Burr, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain, ascended to the ringing chamber and dedicated a beautiful marble tablet peal tablet, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on October 28th, 1911, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival. The tablet was given to the tower by the kindness of the Lord Bishop. It is mounted on a four-inch English oak frame, and reflects great credit upon the manufacturers, Messrs. Caspar and Co.—A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. Belsey, and seconded by Mr. G. Riordan, was accorded to the Bishop for the gift. Before the confirmation service 630 Grandsire Triples was brought round in good style on the bells by the local ringers, and another touch was rung after the service.

## DEATH OF TWO YORK RINGERS. LIFE-LONG FRIENDS.

Tuesday, April 2nd, and Saturday, April 6th, 1912, will long be remembered as sad days by the members of the York Minster company, for in the early hours of the former day John Wm. Cundall passed away after a brief illness, whilst near mid-day Robt. Thompson was taken with a sudden seizure, and died almost immediately, and on the latter day both were taken to the Minster together, and thence to the cemetery. The two men were life-long friends; born in Clifton, a suburb of York, 50 odd years ago, they attended the same school, played together in the old rugby football team, took up change ringing together at Clifton Church, and together joined the Minster company more than thirty years ago. Both were life members of the Yorkshire Association.

The funeral service in the Minster was solemn and impressive, and the scene will not be soon forgotten. The first part of the joint obsequies, which were conducted by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, were witnessed by a large congregation of mourning relatives and friends, who assembled at the Minster to pay the last tribute of all to the friends who were united in death as they had been in life. In death they were not divided, and the mortal remains, enclosed in oaken shells, rested side by side on purple-clothed biers, which were placed directly in front of the stalls of the Dean and Canons of the Minster. The service was fully choral. The lesson was read by the Bishop of Sheffield, and the prayers were recited by the Dean. The bearers in each instance were ringers, the remains of Mr. Cundall being borne to their last resting place by Messrs. T. Hodgson, T. F. Earnshaw, L. Woodcock, G. Horner, P. Firth, and C. W. Fountain; and those of Mr. Thompson by Messrs. A. Feamley, E. Rickitt, H. Imeson, G. Worth, A. Haigh and A. Leadley. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at each graveside; and to conclude a sad and solemn day the ringers assembled in the Minster tower in the evening, and rang a few courses of Grandsire Caters with the bells muffled.

## RESTORATION AT SHIPLEY, YORKS.

The bells at Shipley, Yorks, have been restored, and the church clock renovated, the former work having been carried out by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the latter by Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds. The bells were retuned and rehung in new fittings, and the frame strengthened by iron angle brackets. Both the tone and "go" are now excellent. The dedication was carried out by the Bishop of Knaresborough, who also set the clock in motion. The Bishop preached a most appropriate discourse from the first four verses of Psalm xix., and the service was attended by a large congregation. After the service, "Queen's," and touches of Treble Bob were rung, and a date touch was rung before evening service. The bells are a nice ring of eight, with tenor 15 cwt., in F.



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## HERTFORDSHIRE ANNUAL MEETING.

### A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

#### THE REV. A. G. LANGDON ELECTED PRESIDENT.

St. Albans, whose history goes back to the days of the Cæsars, was on Monday again the scene of the annual gathering of the Hertfordshire Association. Apart from its great antiquarian interests, St. Albans has many attractions for ringers, for it has four peals of bells—in the towers illustrated on this page. Despite the disorganised train service, and the boisterous day that made cycling anything but a pleasant pastime, a large number of members put in an appearance from all parts of the county, and spent the afternoon in the various belfries. At five o'clock they gathered in the grand old Abbey for evensong, which was choral, and had all the brightness of an Easter service. The lessons were read by the Dean and the Rev. Canon Papillon, and the address, a manly and practical discourse, was given by the Rev. A. G. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden.

Basing his remarks upon the words, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,' the preacher applied them to the practice of ringing, referring first of all to punctuality. The man who invariably came late, he said, was a man who only received and did not give. He received other people's time, and would not give his own. With regard to the helping of beginners, he always thought there was no body of men who were so willing at all times to help beginners, as ringers were. Granted that a man, or a boy, however young, was keen on what he was going to do, there were always plenty who would give him a helping hand. And what a splendid thing that was; because he thought, especially in their far away country parishes, that bell ringing was sometimes the salvation of those who took it up. They got so wrapped up in it and got so keen upon it, that they could never get enough of it, and it was a perfectly wholesome pursuit. It was the wholesome things, and the keenness of their minds for them that was wanted to keep them from other dangers and temptations. It was far better to give a helping hand to someone than to make themselves over so skilful or proficient. Lastly, with regard to those who were

outside the belfry, outside the church. They wanted, there again, to give more than they received. They all knew that the ordinary person knew almost nothing at all about bell ringing, but he did know the difference between good striking and bad striking. For the ringers it might be a greater pleasure to undertake some high method, and so improve themselves. But that was only receiving. What they wanted to do was to help people's devotions in the church services, and if they were going to do that and put others into a frame of mind to be able to go into the Church of God and there worship Him, they must be willing to give, as well as to receive, to give good striking as well as ring difficult methods. Indeed, they should be ready, particularly on Sundays, to take some simple method which should be struck well, and which would appeal to those outside. He did not think they could find in the Bible a better motto for bell ringers and for all Christians, than the text he had given them. They were the words of the Lord Jesus, and they were also the life of Jesus Christ. They were, therefore, fit enough motto for all who wished to be His disciples.

#### THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After the service, a party, numbering about 80, sat down to an admirably served meat tea in the Abbey Institute. The chair was taken by the retiring president (Mr. H. L. Waddington), who was supported by Dean Lawrence, Sir Hildred Carlile (M.P. for St. Albans), the Rev. A. G. Langdon, Canon Papillon, the Rev. H. T. Drake, Mr. Toulmin, Mr. Rupert Cecil, Mr. H. Lewis, Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer), Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary), Mr. B. Prewett (hon. auditor), etc.

During the proceedings, a telegram announcing the success of the long peal of Bristol at Knebworth was read, and received with great enthusiasm.

Three honorary members (Messrs. C. E. Gabain and C. E. Head, churchwardens of Bushey, and Mr. A. P. Ginn, of Hertford) were elected, as well as over 30 ringing members, including the Rev. W. A. Errington, of Hunsdon.

Mr. Debenham presented the financial statement, which showed that the balance in hand had been increased from £2 19s. 1d. to £9 3s. 6d. as the result of the year's working. The total amount received by subscriptions was £16 14s. from ringing members, and £4

10s. from hon. members.—The balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory, was adopted.

#### THE REPORT.

Mr. Cartmel then read his annual report.

The report stated that financially the Association was in a much stronger position, and Coronation year had certainly been a year of progress from many standpoints. One pleasing feature of the work was that the hon. secretary had been able to give advice in many instances to clergy considering the rehanging or augmenting of their bells. He wished it was more widely known that the Association, through the committee, was always willing to advise in any matters pertaining to church bells.

The Committee had discussed the advisability of granting small sums of money for the purpose of providing an instructor to weak or new hands. It was felt that although there was at present no urgent need for help, as far as the committee knew, a little discussion by the annual meeting would be helpful. He would suggest that a small committee, consisting of the three District Secretaries, the Auditor, and the Hon. Secretary might be empowered to collect information, and present a scheme for consideration at the next annual meeting. During the year 39 peals had been rung, 34 on tower bells, and five on handbells. About 123 members had taken part in Association peals during the year, and the peals had been rung in 21 churches, with 17 conductors; or including the "silent" peal, 22 conductors. The peals comprised one of Stedman Caters, 5 Superlative, 1 New Cambridge, 1 London, 3 Bristol, 1 Double Norwich, 2 Kent Treble Bob Major, 6 Stedman Triples, 3 Grandsire Triples, 9 of Minor in various methods (one non-conducted), 2 peals of Doubles. Upon handbells, 3 of Stedman Triples, 1 Stedman Caters, 1 Grandsire Triples.—Mr. G. N. Price was to be heartily congratulated upon accomplishing the feat of ringing and conducting Stedman Caters from each pair of handbells. The Bushey Society has rung its first peal of Superlative by an entirely local band, which bespeaks progress. The Eastern members generally did something "great" each year, and the year under review afforded no exception. Messrs. N. Patmore, B. Patmore, H. Wallace (Great Munden), F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence and A. Hodston (Little Munden) had rung a silent or non-conducted peal of Minor in seven methods. It was an excellent performance, one meriting the erection of a peal board in the Great Munden tower. The Royston Society also claimed to be the first Hertfordshire band to ring London Surprise in a Minor peal. Only two peals were rung on Coronation Day, one at Great Munden, and a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Albans, which made Mr. Price's 400th peal. A deep debt of gratitude was due to the district secretaries year by year. The Northern secretary, the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake, had removed to Sandy, but he was willing to continue his work if the meeting so desired. The district had never been worked better or more enthusiastically. The report thanked Mr. R. A. Kirby for his services as hon. librarian, and Mr. H. Eden for entering the peals, and concluded by counselling the ringers to be regular and punctual at the practices and for Sunday ringing, and to show still further their whole-heartedness in the work by regular attendance at the House of Prayer. Put first things first. "Stick up" for the dear old Church of England, and its grand liturgical services; "stick up" for the parson and cheer him in the "trivial round, the common task."

The adoption of the report was moved by Canon Papillon, who said that the report showed progress all round—progress in the extension of the higher methods and progress by those who were beginners. He was very glad to hear mentioned in the report the names of those who had rung their first peal, because the Association existed to encourage young ringers. He congratulated the Association on the work it was carrying on, and upon the report which the secretary had been able to present to them.—The report was adopted.

#### THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The Rev. H. T. Drake said he had been present at the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association that morning, and they wished him to convey to the Hertfordshire Association their brotherly greetings, and every good wish for their continued success (applause). Proceeding, the reverend gentleman proposed the election of the Rev. A. G. Langdon as president of the Association, referring to the whole-hearted interest which Mr. Langdon had in ringing, and to the good work he had done in the eastern part of the county. He thought it was a great help to an Association to sometimes have one of the benefited clergy at the head of it, because he could influence his brother clergy to have their bells better rung.—Mr. Toulmin seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.—Mr. Langdon briefly acknowledged the honour that had been done him, and then took the chair amid applause.

Mr. E. P. Debenham was re-elected hon. treasurer, and in proposing the re-election of Mr. Cartmel as hon. secretary, the President expressed the grateful thanks of the Association to that gentleman for his great services for many years past.—The motion was carried by acclamation, and Mr. Cartmel replied.—Mr. B. Prewett was re-appointed auditor and representative on the Central Council, and the district secretaries were also re-elected: The Rev. H. T. Drake (Northern Division), Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Eastern), and Mr. H. Eden (Western).

Dean Lawrence, who said that the Association was established at

a meeting in his own house in 1884, stated that he had watched its steady progress and the enthusiasm that the members displayed, and he hoped they would go on increasing in numbers and efficiency every year. He proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. G. Langdon for his practical address.—Canon Papillon seconded, and, in replying, the Chairman mentioned the remarkable performance of Miss Parker, who was a member of their Association, in calling the first peal of Cumberland Delight. He felt, he said, far more inclined to support the cry of "Votes for Women," because one had rung a peal of that sort, than if they had been engaged in breaking the windows in Oxford Street (laughter and applause).

Sir Hildred Carlile proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean of St. Albans, and to the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's, for the use of the bells during the day. He referred to the debt which the ringers owed to the kindly sympathy of the clergy, and spoke of the excellent work which the ringers themselves did, a work which Churchmen looked upon not only with respect, but also with reverence.—The motion having been carried, the Dean replied, and the meeting terminated, after a vote of congratulation had been passed to the band who had rung the long peal at Knebworth.

Afterwards the various towers were again visited, and ringing in a great variety of methods indulged in.

#### NOTICES.

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**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale to-morrow (Saturday, April 13th). Bells ready at 4.30. Members intending to be present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Churchill to-morrow (Saturday, April 13th). Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting to follow. Tea kindly provided free. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

**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 Rotherfield 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 ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield 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.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—Practice, Ottershaw, April 13th, 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 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.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade and District Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Blunham on Thursday, April 18th, 1912, from 6 to 9 p.m. Business: To elect officers for working the branch. All members are invited to attend.—F. Blood, Honorary Secretary, pro. tem.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 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.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on April 20th, 1912. Peal attempt at 2.30, and business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 20th, 1912. Bells 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, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Crondall, on Saturday, April 20th, 1912. 3 p.m., bells available (6); 5.30, service at All Saints' Church, preacher, Rev. E. B. Cotton, Vicar; 6.15, tea at the Castle Hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at or before the meeting.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Election of committeeman.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Bull's Head Hotel at 5 o'clock, 1s. each, followed by business meeting. A trustee will be elected in place of Thomas Reynolds, deceased.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, April 20th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea can only be arranged if members let me know by April 20th of their intention to be present.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, The Parsonage, Shotton.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector) at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Kingswood Hall, the Rector presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on April 27th. Bells available from 3.30.—Tea, 6d. each, at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Eckington on Saturday, April 27th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. The Vicar, the Rev. W. Ismay, will kindly provide tea for those only who notify me of being present not later than Monday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m.—J. Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

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