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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS, GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

WHERE ASSOCIATIONS MIGHT HELP.

Speaking at the meeting of the Yorkshire Association Archdeacon Kilner gave voice to some very pertinent suggestions which might be taken to heart by a good many of our ringing organisations. He was referring to the difficulties which sometimes arise in regard to bells and ringers, and in these matters he urged that the associations should take up the position of advisory bodies. That they are ready to do so we have not the slightest doubt, but very few of the associations go out of their way to make it known among incumbents that their assistance in this respect is at the service of any who desire to take advantage of it. We do not refer so much to the question of disputes between church authorities and ringers—these, perhaps, are best left for settlement by those chiefly concerned, although even here there might be scope for judicious mediation on the part of an association.

There frequently occur, however, instances in which, particularly with regard to bells and the organisation of local companies of ringers, the practical advice which could be given by the committee or officers of an association would be of immense value to an incumbent, but more often than not it does not occur to him to consult the ringers' organisation. It seems to us, therefore, that the associations might do good work if they took special steps to bring to the notice of the clergy within their respective spheres of influence the fact that advice and help, so far as it can be given, are available on all matters appertaining to the belfry.

The question of rules for ringers, in the formation of which an association might also play a useful part, was also touched upon by the Archdeacon. This is one of the matters upon which local circumstances have an influence. Conditions which might be readily acceptable to one company, could not be enforced with another, but associations might do more than they do, perhaps, to secure the general adoption of the model rules for local companies, as drafted by the Central Council.

Other points were touched upon by the Archdeacon, and may well give many executives of associations food for thought. There is plenty of scope still for bringing church authorities and ringers into closer touch with the county diocesan and district ringing organisations, and the more intimate their relationship the better it will be for the Exercise, and the stronger will be the associations. It is not sufficient merely to draw members into affiliation, there are many practical ways in which the ringing organisations can be of real value, and a little enterprise and judicious effort in giving help along lines such as were suggested by Archdeacon Kilner to the Yorkshire Association would prove beneficial not only to church authorities and ringers individually, but to the ringing societies in their collective capacity as well.

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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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TEN BELL PEALS.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES ;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Treble	FREDERICK MANSER ... 6
EDWIN WHITING... .. 2	GEORGE SNELLING ... 7
CHARLES BAKER 3	JOHN SNELLING... .. 8
BERTIE TURNER 4	ERNEST WHITING ... 9
HENRY GARNHAM 5	FREDERICK SEAGER ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

First peal on ten by all except the ringers of the treble and third.

CIRENCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES ;

Tenor 29 cwt., in D.

FRANCIS W. BOND ... Treble	*H. W. L. WELLS ... 6
*W. C. MINCHIN... .. 2	CHARLES BARTLETT ... 7
JOHN AUSTIN 3	H. T. GARDNER ... 8
H. C. BOND 4	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 9
CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 5	W. J. FINCH ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Caters. Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival, and as a farewell peal to W. C. Minchin.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15½ cwt., in F.

THOMAS BICKNELL ... Treble	JOHN SANDERS ... 5
CHARLES COTTRELL ... 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 6
THOMAS RUSSAM 3	GEORGE GARRISON ... 7
JONATHAN PRESTON ... 4	THOMAS WELLS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Edwin J. Houlston, churchwarden of Erdington.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 5
*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... 6
*GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM BURGESS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BUEWER, and
Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)*On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

†JACOB WILLIAMS ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 2	JOHN LLOYD ... 6
WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... 3	CHARLES F. WHITE ... 7
WILLIAM POTTER 4	*WILLIAM ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER SEAR ... Treble	EDWARD WHITBREAD ... 5
*JOHN MEAD 2	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... 6
GEORGE N. PRICE 3	HARRY SEAR 7
CHARLES W. SMITH... .. 4	*THOMAS BEST ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method as conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS MAY THOMPSON... Treble	HENRY BROWN... .. 5
JOHN CLARKE 2	JAMES HARRIS 6
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON... 3	WILLIAM WILLSON ... 7
ALBERT H. BELL 4	WILLIAM W. THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung as a birthday tribute to Miss May Thompson, aged 17 years.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... Treble	THOMAS W. GARRARD ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 6
THOMAS FITZJOHN 3	WILLIAM DENT... .. 7
PERCY W. FORDHAM... .. 4	W. R. JOHN POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ANDREW GORTON ... Treble	FRED ABBOTT 5
*HAROLD GORTON 2	TITUS BARLOW... .. 6
THOMAS WORSLEY 3	ROBERT BENNETT ... 7
WALTER GORTON 4	ROBERT ALDRED ... Tenor

Composed by J. ASPINWALL, and
Conducted by T. BARLOW.

* First peal.

TAUNTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Taylor's BOB AND SINGLE.

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. MADDOCK Treble	G. H. YENDALL 5
T. DOBLE 2	H. BOSLEY 6
F. MILLARD 3	W. FARLEY 7
E. E. BURGESS 4	W. TARR Tenor

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Dr. Dixon, Vicar of St. James'. W. Farley hails from Wells.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC EMERY Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER 5
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 2	GEORGE BUXLEY 6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 3	GEORGE DURLING 7
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON 4	*JOHN T. NEWICK Tenor

Conducted by G. DURLING.

* First peal.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOHN SMITH Treble	ARTHUR LEEDER 5
GEORGE H. CROSS 2	CLEMENT MORE 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
WILLIAM ROSE 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Messrs. Rose and Clover hail from Thornham, and Cross from Norwich.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JAMES T. WARD Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
GEORGE N. PRICE 2	JAMES GARRATT 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	ALFRED H. MARTIN 7
EDWARD WHITBREAD 4	ARTHUR CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Arranged for Messrs. Price and Whitbread.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 24 cwt.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN Treble	ROBERT F. TURNER 5
ARTHUR E. PAYNE 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6
GEORGE N. PRICE 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	EDWARD WHITBREAD Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This peal was specially arranged, and rung to oblige Messrs. G. N. Price and E. Whitbread, who hail from Watford.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt., in G.

W. POLLARD Treble	N. ADDISON 5
J. H. JONES 2	G. CATTLE 6
*WILLIAM RUDD 3	J. H. BLAKISTON 7
C. POLLARD 4	J. H. PINKNEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by WM. RUDD.

* First peal as conductor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	CHARLES RUSSELL 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
CHARLES J. FRAY 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON, and

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne, who recently resigned the living, after having been for 26 years rector of North Stoneham.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM ORSLER Treble	E. HOBART SMITH 5
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 2	WILLIAM FLORY 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	*PETER LAFLIN 7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 4	JOHN C. SELF Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ERNEST J. SILLS Treble	*JAMES BENNETT, R.M.L.I. 5
F. A. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I. 2	FREDK. MACEY 6
*THOMAS JULL 3	WM. H. B. WILKINS 7
ERNEST DOBBIE 4	WM. J. WALKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

* First peal of Major.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

HENRY J. SELBY Treble	JAMES HEASMAN 5
ARTHUR J. LEWIS 2	*GEORGE MALYAN 6
GEORGE B. SELBY 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 7
*ERNEST LEIGH 4	HARRY DURLING Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns. The ringers of 1, 2, 3 belong to Westerham, 4, 5, 6 to Edenbridge, 7, 8 to Chislehurst.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
EDWIN WHITING 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
BERTIE TURNER 3	FREDERICK MANSER 7
FREDERICK SEAGER 4	JOHN SNELLING Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

First peal on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOKS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr. ... Treble	WALTER MARTIN 5
JOSEPH W. TIMMS 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
ERNEST STONE 3	HARRY ARGYLE 7
ROWLAND O. POLLARD ... 4	DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE.

This peal was arranged as a compliment to the conductor, this being the 16th anniversary of his birthday. It was his first peal as conductor in the method.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY),

AND THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD, HAMMERSMITH.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE W. COOMBER ... Treble	†HARRY STEVENS 5
HARRY BARRETT 2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... 6
ERNEST H. COOK 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... 7
E. RALPH MACKRILL ... 4	WILLIAM BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on eight bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Treble	JAMES T. WARD 5
GEORGE N. PRICE 2	WALTER J. GERMAN ... 6
JAMES GARRATT 3	EDWARD WHITBREAD ... 7
*J. HUBERT HORN 4	JAMES HOUGHTON Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by G. N. PRICE.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Messrs. Price and Whitbread.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 5
WILLIAM WILLSON 2	EDWARD WHITBREAD ... 6
WILLIAM SMITH 3	EDWARD READER 7
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	WILLIAM THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Price and Whitbread, of Watford, Herts, who were elected members previously to starting.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD DARLOW Treble	FRANK T. MARTIN 5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS 2	BERTRAM PREWETT 6
WALTER S. INWOOD 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
HUBERT EDEN 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

The rooth peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 26½ cwt.

WILLIAM COOK, R.N. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
ERNEST DOBBIE 2	WM. H. B. WILKINS ... 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	WM. J. WALKER 7
JAMES TULLETT 4	FREDK. A. HOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

Arranged for A. H. Winch, who hails from Leatherhead, Surrey. W. J. Walker's rooth peal.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Five Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8896 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN Treble	EBENEZER ANDREWS ... 5
CALEB FENN 2	REGINALD BLAKE 6
GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
THOMAS FAULKNER 4	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

The longest peal on the bells, and by all the band. Also first peal of Treble Bob by R. Blake.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 24½ cwt.	
ALBERT D. STONE	Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK ...	5
JOHN T. RICKMAN	2	WILLIAM C. HART ...	6
JOHN CAPP	3	KEITH HART ...	7
EDWARD C. MERRITT ...	4	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ...	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

The band visited Rotherfield at Mr. Rickman's invitation, and they wish to thank him through the "Ringing Word" for providing such a sumptuous dinner after the peal. The local ringers are also thanked for having everything in readiness.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
REUBEN SANDERS	Treble	HENRY C. BECKFORD ...	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	JOHN ARMSTRONG ...	6
GEORGE H. JAYE	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	ARTHUR J. NEALE ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE BOLNEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt., in F.	
ARTHUR ABSOLAM	Treble	THOMAS GASSON ...	5
*WILLIAM VINCENT	2	GEORGE A. LEWRY ...	6
WILLIAM WHEELER	3	WARDEN WALDER ...	7
FRANK STONER	4	GEORGE WALDER ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM VINCENT.

* First peal as conductor.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.		Tenor 19 cwt.	
WALTER FARLEY	Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT ...	5
*ISAAC B. HOLMYARD ...	2	†THOMAS E. FRANCIS ...	6
HENRY J. TRIM	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ...	7
LEWIS MOORE	4	*GEORGE FISHER ...	Tenor

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells by the Bath and Wells Association, and rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Trim, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ...	Treble	*SYDNEY SHELTON ...	5
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON ...	2	T. HENRY HARDY ...	6
LESLIE WILLARS	3	WILLIAM WILLSON ...	7
EDGAR VALLANCE	4	RALPH HUBBARD ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal. Miss Hilda Willson, age 13, is presumably the youngest girl ringer on record to accomplish a peal on church bells.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	Treble	WILLIAM H. HUNTER ...	5
*HARRY JONES	2	†JOHN H. GARTSIDE, Junr.	6
FREDERICK HINDLE	3	WILLIAM E. WILSON ...	7
FRED RIGBY	4	JOHN WATSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. The ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 6 hail from Chorley.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

		Tenor 14 cwt.	
LEONARD P. BAILEY	Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ...	2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ...	6
FREDERICK W. BAILEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	*CHARLES E. FISHER ...	Tenor

Composed by the late REV. H. E. BULWER, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
EDWIN H. LEWIS	Treble	*CHARLES E. BOYERS ...	5
JOHN WILKINSON	2	THOMAS MURRAY ...	6
ROBERT SPERRING	3	WILLIAM DAVIES ...	7
*WILLIAM BIBBY	4	HENRY W. WILDE ...	Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving. For calling see Midland Counties Association Report, 1905, No. 1210.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK S. PRICE	Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ...	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	WM. CLIFFORD, Junr. ...	6
WM. CLIFFORD, Sent.	3	EDWARD WHITBREAD ...	7
GEORGE N. PRICE	4	PERCIVAL PRICE ...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Arranged for Messrs. G. N. Price and Whitbread, who are holidaying in the district. The thanks of the band are due to the local men for having everything in readiness at very short notice.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 24 cwt.	
*HAROLD BUTCHER	Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ...	5
WILLIAM MCCAFFREY	2	ARTHUR K. HARRISON ...	6
JESSE FRANCIS	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ...	7
CHARLES RAISON	4	*WILLIAM BAXTER ...	Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* First peal of Triples. This is the quickest peal on the bells; also the first peal on them since rehanging by Messrs. Llewellyns and James. All the above ringers are members of the local band, and it is the first peal rung at Trowbridge by entirely local men since March 28th, 1826.

TADCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 0 lbs.

ERNEST H. LINDLEY... ..Treble	FRANK POOLE 5
CHARLESWORTH W. HOGG ... 2	HERBERT E. PICKERING... 6
JOHN W. GARBUIT 3	JOHN BRADLEY 7
HERBERT BLAKE... .. 4	HENRY CLAYTONTenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by C. W. HOGG.

BELCHAMP WALTER, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...Treble	OLAVE BROYD 5
WILLIAM DENT 2	*HARRY W. CATTERWELL ... 6
ALBERT CATTERWELL 3	WALTER NICE 7
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4	*GEORGE PANNELLTenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. The 6th and tenor men were elected members previous to ringing the peal. It is upwards of sixteen years since a peal has been rung on these bells.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

SAMUEL PEARCETreble	LEONARD F. TAYLOR ... 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6
EDGAR T. SMITH... .. 3	HARRY GOODMAN 7
SIDNEY R. ROPER 4	THOMAS J. ELTONTenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Hughes, the esteemed ringing master of the above Society, who came specially to hear the last part of the peal, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Leonard F. Taylor, the ringers greeting both with the usual good wishes. The band desire to thank Mr. Ben Fullwood for the bells and getting same in readiness; also for his and his good wife's kind hospitality to them and Mr. Hughes after the peal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

†EDWIN WHITINGTreble	GEORGE SNELLING 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT... 2	JOHN SNELLING... .. 6
*WILLIAM STEELE 3	*JOHN E. BURTON 7
*GEORGE P. BURTON... .. 4	FREDERICK SEAGERTenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

* First peal in the method, these ringers never having rung a course in the method before. † First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT E. PARSONS... ..Treble	CHARLES F. WHITE ... 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	ALFRED HACKETT 6
WILLIAM BIRD 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
VICTOR WHITE 4	WILLIAM GREENTenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Parsons and the conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford Bob, two of Double Bob and three of Plain Bob.

JOSEPH DUNTHORNE... ..Treble	JOHN JUTSON 4
*WILLIAM WALDRON... .. 2	HENRY TRAYNAR 5
EDWIN TILLEY 3	GEORGE JUTSONTenor

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

* First peal.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Bob Minor.

Tenor 18½ cwt., in E.

FREDERICK WILKINTreble	FRANK CLAYDON 4
LEWIS WISEMAN... .. 2	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 5
HORACE H. COOPER 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERSTenor

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

First peal on the bells and rung at the first attempt.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Bourne and Norwich Surprise, Kingston Treble Bob, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt 0 qr. 4 lbs.

CLARENCE GOOCHTreble	GEORGE SNELLING 4
FRED MANSER 2	JOHN SNELLING 5
BERTIE TURNER 3	FRED SEAGERTenor

Conducted by F. MANSER.

First peal on the bells.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WOODSTreble	ARTHUR DAVEY... .. 4
REGINALD SCOTT 2	WILLIAM WATSON 5
ARTHUR PALMER... .. 3	ARTHUR MACKEARSTenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

Rung in honour of the return of Capt. H. F. P. D. Acland and Mrs. Acland to Syston after their wedding.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

REX T. BUSWELLTreble	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... 4
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	WALTER T. WILSON ... 5
FRED WILFORD 3	WILLIAM D. JAMESTenor

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. PARSONS Treble	FRED BRACE 4
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	CHARLES F. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. V. B. Robinson, the new curate of the above parish.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN WILLIAM ROWLEY ... Treble	ARTHUR R. OLDHAM ... 4
JAMES UPTON 2	ALBERT UPTON 5
WILLIAM THORPE 3	ROBERT FURBOROUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR R. OLDHAM.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, viz.:—Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ROBERT BLACK Treble	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by D. J. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. This is the first peal of Minor in 8 methods to be rung by the Association, and it contains what is supposed to be the first 720 of Cambridge by the Association.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

FRANK SKEVINGTON Treble	WILLIAM JACQUES 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 3	HENRY W. GAYTON 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

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

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*JOHN PEEL Treble	ARTHUR DRURY 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	†WILLIAM E. WOODS 5
ARTHUR MACKEARS 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal on a bob bell.

MONKSILVER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY WATTS Treble	ARTHUR H. JENKINS ... 3
WILLIAM BENNETT 2	ARTHUR CAVILL 4
ALBERT J. BARKER Tenor	

Conducted by WM. BENNETT.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... Treble	FRED BRACE 4
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5
JOHN BASS 3	CHARLES F. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
On Sunday, October 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Plain Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

H. PERKINS Treble	W. UNDERWOOD 4
A. IVES 2	G. RICE 5
W. WIFFEN 3	E. PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. UNDERWOOD.

The last peal rung on these bells was March 15th, 1883.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 1—2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5—6
ERNEST PYE 3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

Umpire: E. E. GRIMES.

J. E. Davis also heard the last part of the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANCES;

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

THOMAS W. RADFORD 9—10

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

JAMES M. BAILEY 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3—4	*FREDERICK W. BAILEY... 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: E. H. BAILEY.

* First peal on handbells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. LANGDON, 70, SALTERFORD ROAD,
TOOTING.

A PEAL OF STEBMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	... 1—2	HARRY R. PASMORE	... 5—6
HERBERT LANGDON	... 3—4	JAMES GEORGE	... 7—8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpires: FREDERICK J. HARDY, WILLIAM H. PASMORE and
WALTER S. WISE.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT "LEYLAND," QUEEN'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 size, in C.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS	... 5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	... 3—4	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	... 7—8
* WILLIAM A. WOODROW ... 9—10			

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpires, Messrs. J. LOVERIDGE and F. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Royal. First handbell peal of Royal by the Guild.

"THE CRAZE FOR BELL RINGING."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me, in reply to Mr. Prewett, to state that the Rector of Acton was not "absent-minded" when he gave permission for the peal which was rung by the College Youths in April last, as he simply fulfilled a promise of some months' standing, made in fact before the formation of the Acton Guild. The conductor on this occasion considerably fixed the date to suit the convenience of the locals. Under these circumstances there were no grounds on which to protest; but if there had been, the protest would certainly have been forthcoming, whether the band belonged to the College Youths or the Middlesex Association. I am a member of both Associations, and I would like to add that nearly the whole of our band are being proposed as members of, and the tower is being affiliated to, the latter. I may also inform Mr. Prewett that it was owing to the vigorous protest made by the locals that the Rector gave them another night for practice, and this was some considerable time after I appealed to Mr. Harding. I further submit that Mr. Prewett would not have put off his attempt for the peal if we had not been granted this concession.

I accept Mr. Trollope's statement so far as to believe that he himself had no thought of interfering with the local ringers' rights, but am afraid he is not entitled to include thought-reading among his many accomplishments. An attempt was made by one of his band to undermine the loyalty of our steeplekeeper, who is also a member of our band, by pointing out to him that he was losing money as steepleage while the tower was closed for peals. I, therefore, think that Mr. Trollope's wisdom would have been well employed if he had made further enquiries into what he wrongly described as a dispute. While the authorities of Acton Church see fit to retain my services, I shall use to the utmost my privileges in order to combat such methods as this. I heard soon after I came to London of similar tactics being employed in securing towers for peals, but being an unsophisticated countryman, I hardly credited these reports; but now that I have experienced something similar I begin to think there is something in them after all.

I must remind Mr. Trollope that other bands besides his have been in the habit of ringing peals for years past on Acton bells; but if the local band is to have a chance at all to progress in the Art, it is obvious these attempts by visitors must cease, at least for a time, as we do not intend to pursue a dog in the manger policy.

I would like to make further observations on the matter of peal ringing, but am afraid I am encroaching on your indulgence. However, before closing, may I be permitted to suggest that as regularity and good ringing for Sunday services constitute the highest duty of ringers, some system of acknowledging this might be introduced by the Associations awarding each year a certificate suitably inscribed, to the bands in each district showing the highest percentage of attendance and best performances for Sunday ringing. I venture to think that such a competition would instil a more proper rivalry amongst ringers than peal ringing, without further introducing the methods of the Football Association.

119, Wells House Road, Willesden.

J. R. MAOKMAN.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

BIRMINGHAM MEN AT BOLDMERE.

The last quarterly meeting of the current year was held on Saturday last at Boldmere, and was well attended by members from Birmingham, Aston, Erdington (Parish Church), Handsworth, Harborne, Smethwick, Sutton Coldfield, Tipton and West Bromwich.

The Church of St. Michael, Boldmere, is comparatively "young" as churches go, having been built only about 55 years ago. It is prettily situated, about four miles from the centre of the city, and the tower contains a musical ring of eight, tenor 13½ cwt. in F, by Barwell, installed in 1906. Ringing was commenced early in the afternoon, and at 5.30 a substantial tea was partaken of at "Ye Olde Gate" Inn. This was a very enjoyable function; none the less so because the room had apparently been "made to measure," and would not have accommodated another single person over and above those who had expressed their intention to taking tea.

The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vice-President, Mr. Samuel Reeves.—The business was purely formal, several new members being elected. Later, while some remained to enjoy a social hour, others re-visited the tower, and kept the bells going till about nine o'clock. During the day ringing in the following methods was indulged in, several men taking the opportunity of ringing their first touch in one or other: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

The ringers wish, through the medium of the "Ringing World," to thank the Vicar for so kindly placing his bells at their disposal, and Mr. Wm. Anker for making such excellent arrangements for tea, and for having the tower in such good order.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH OFFICERS ELECTED.

On the extreme edge of the county of Worcestershire and of the Western Division of the Association, the parish of Strensham is situated. Away from the village the Parish Church is to be found, after a walk through winding lanes and across fields. It stands out in noble form, isolated, but a good land mark for miles around. Inside the church, which dates back to the 12th century, is to be found some very rich carvings. Here on Saturday the quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held. The six bells (recently rehung, with the addition of a new treble, added by the munificence of Mr. A. J. Taylor) were raised, and six-scores of Doubles and touches of Bob Minor were rung.—The Rector (the Rev. A. E. F. C. Davenport) conducted a service, and gave a very practical address. Tea, kindly provided by Mr. A. J. Taylor, was then partaken of, and afterwards, while the tables were being cleared, more touches of Oxford Treble Bob and College Single were rung.

The business meeting followed, the Rector being in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the squire. Ringers were present from the Cathedral and St. John's, Worcester, Hallow, Suckley, Malvern Link, Madresfield, Upton-on-Severn, Castlemorton, Welland, and Strensham.—Malvern Link was selected for the next quarterly meeting, on January 25th, and arrangements were made for the quarterly peal to be attempted at Strensham, Mr. W. C. Jones to be conductor.—The Rector consented to become an hon. member, as did Mr. T. C. Santler, of Malvern Link. Two new performing members were also added.—Mr. W. Page was re-elected Master, and Mr. R. G. Knowles, secretary.—Mr. W. C. Jones, of Worcester, was appointed to represent the branch on the Central Committee.

The Rector promised to convey the thanks of the meeting to Mr. A. J. Taylor for providing such an excellent tea, and in acknowledging a vote of thanks, said he was very pleased to meet the ringers. He wished them to make it known that, though Strensham Church was rather out of the way, they had a church that was really worth seeing, and a ring of bells, for the ringing of which he would gladly give permission.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A well attended meeting of the Western Division was held at Heene, on Saturday week, when members were present from Arundel, Augmering, Brighton (St. Peter's), Goring, Pulborough, Lewes, Shoreham, Steyning, West Tarring, and the local band. The methods practised were Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tea was held at the Church, 35 sitting down, the chair being taken by the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Fallows), who is an hon. member of the Association, supported by Mr. F. B. Tompkins, the Master.—The Chairman gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and expressed a desire to defray the cost of the teas, an offer which was much appreciated, and which was received with applause.

The usual business meeting followed. Two new members were elected to the Steyning branch, and one to the Pulborough branch.—Mr. Tompkins proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for his kindness in defraying the cost of the teas and granting the use of the bells.—The Rector, in replying, mentioned that he was much interested in his ringers, and he hoped that they would soon win the county challenge bell again.—The bells were once more set going after the service, and ringing continued till nine o'clock. West Tarring tower was also visited after tea, and touches of Minor and Doubles were rung.—The meeting proved a very enjoyable one.

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THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL SCREEN FOR DRAYTON CHURCH.



We give above a picture of the screen which is to be placed in the west end of Drayton Church as part of the memorial, provided by the ringers of England, to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. It will be remembered that the original intention was to provide a chancel screen for the church, and thus complete a work which the deceased gentleman had intended to carry out himself. He had executed some beautiful carving for the clergy and choir stalls, and he had designed a screen which he hoped to execute. This, however, his failing health prevented.

The committee responsible for the memorial had hoped to complete the work thus begun, but sufficient funds were not available for this larger scheme, and modified pro-

posals had therefore to be adopted. The memorial is now to take the form of the screen illustrated above, which is to go at the west end of the church. It is to be eleven feet long and nine feet high, and will be executed in oak. The actual cost will be about £124, and, after meeting the other expenses incurred, the balance of the £204 subscribed will be devoted to a memorial tablet, or given towards a new service of communion plate at Drayton Church, or to some other purpose that commends itself to the committee. The screen has been designed by Mr. C. J. Hare, architect, of London, and the work is being carried out by Mr. Reed, the well-known carver, of Exeter.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

MR. W. J. WALKER'S 100 PEALS.

In Minor Methods, 48; Grandsire Triples, 15; Stedman Triples, 16; Stedman Caters, 2; Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 12; Oxford Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2. All the peals have been under the auspices of the Kent Association, and they have been rung in 38 different towers.

MR. C. TRIBE'S 100 PEALS.

In Minor Methods, 17; Bob Triples, 3; Bob Major, 8; Grandsire Triples, 55; Grandsire Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 4; Stedman Triples, 11; Double Norwich Major, 1; total, 100. Rung in 40 towers in three counties.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Cirencester branch was held at Titbury on Thursday week. Long Newton was visited during the afternoon, and some good tapping was done in various methods of Doubles on the handy ring of six, which are in good going order. Tetbury was then visited. The bells here are a sweet-toned peal of eight in good going order. Some good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and a good practice was held in Stedman Triples and Bob Major. At the tea and business meeting only nine members were present. Cirencester was chosen for the annual meeting of the branch on Boxing Day. A social hour was afterwards spent with the local ringers. Although the attendance was small, those who attended spent a very pleasant afternoon.

ODD CHANGES.

Owing to the great pressure on our space by peal reports, etc., several items are unavoidably held over.

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In the October issue of St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, "Parish Magazine" appears a reference to the peal of Superlative rung at that church by the Cambridge University Guild. The Vicar adds that he has received the following letter from the Guild hon. secretary (Mr. W. D. James):—

I write to thank you on behalf of the Cambridge University Guild of Ringers for the use of your bells for a peal on the 4th inst. The peal was a great success, and the bells were very much admired. As it was the first peal on the bells, and the first peal in a difficult method rung by the Guild, it is hoped that you will permit us to leave some permanent record in the belfry in the form of a small peal board. I enclose a rough sketch.

By the way, these bells were all cast at the foundry of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, Bristol.

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The proposal that the male members of the Exercise should commemorate the ladies' peals at Cubitt Town by erecting a suitable tablet recording the performance, has met with general approval. Already contributions are coming in, and we would request those who intend to subscribe to send along their subscriptions as soon as possible to the Editor.

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The band that rang a peal of Minor at Yattendon on September 22nd wish to apologise for having claimed it as "the first peal on the bells." A peal was rung there in 1886 by the Caversham Band.

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Dr. A. B. Carpenter writes under date October 11th: I notice in to-day's issue of "The Ringing World," on page 239, that a peal rung at Mitcham is described as "composed" by me. I am sure Mr. Lambert will forgive me for pointing out that I am not the composer, and never claimed to be. The peal in question is Thurstans' four-part composition, varied by beginning the calling in another place.

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Another lady has joined the ranks of the peal ringers, the second of the family. Last Saturday Miss Hilda Willson, daughter of Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester, rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire. She is only 13 years of age, and is probably the youngest girl ringer to ring a peal on tower bells. Congratulations to the young lady and to Pa. He must be a proud man.

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There are several variations of Mr. J. J. Parker's famous twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples. The one rung at Bolney last Saturday has the 2nd as the fixed bell. The calling runs in the following order: O at 2, Hs, B, I, O at 1, B, I, O at 2, Hs, I, O at 1, Hs B, H, I, the part end (243756) coming up at the next plain lead. This variation, by Mr. G. Walder, of Bolney, is, in the opinion of Mr. Parker himself, "more interesting than the one with the 7th as observation."

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A fortnight ago we asked who could beat the record of the Wool ringers, who have rung four times every Sunday for the past five years. Mr. D. G. Taylor, of Ilminster, writes that the band at St. Mary's, Ilminster, have rung regularly for two services every Sunday since 1902, while Mr. Lawrence points out that at Little Munden the band have rung twice every Sunday for 15 years.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

A few hints on calling Cambridge Surprise Minor is what W. A. (Gainsborough) has asked for. Well, there is no royal road to calling this method. The conductor should carefully study the method, and he will find that his investigation will help him a good deal when it comes to practical work in the belfry. As examples of the guides which may be found in this way, I would just call attention to the fact that the bell going to the places up takes up the work in 3-4 from its course bell, while its after bell is doing treble-work. From this, it follows, of course, that when the conductor's bell is doing treble-work his course-bell is doing places in 3-4 up, to be afterwards taken out of the work by the bell which this course-bell is following. An ability to transpose the work of the different bells from some such observation as this enables the conductor to set any hesitating ringer on his work again.

Among other points that help to keep things going is the fact that in Cambridge Minor the bells come up behind in proper coursing order. Then the last dodge of the bell doing treble-work is with the bell coming to do the same work for the next lead, and that bell is the bell in front of your course bell. Only four bells come behind between the departure and the return of the treble. The first is doing treble-work behind and going to 3-4 places down, the next is doing intermediate work *after* treble-work in front, the next is doing intermediate work *before* treble-work in front, and the last has come up to treble-work behind. These are just a few of the points which the conductor would do well to remember.

As to the actual calling, the transpositions are the same as in Bob Minor, the only difference being that the leads do not come in quite the same order. The "Home," of course, is at the course-end, but the "Wrong," instead of being at the first lead as in Plain Bob, is at the third lead. A 720 can be got as follows:—

2 3 4 5 6	4 5 2 3 6
5 6 3 4 2	3 6 5 2 4
4 2 6 3 5	2 4 6 5 3
— 2 3 5 6 4 W	— 4 5 3 6 2 W
6 4 3 5 2	6 2 5 3 4
— 4 5 2 3 6 H	3 4 2 5 6

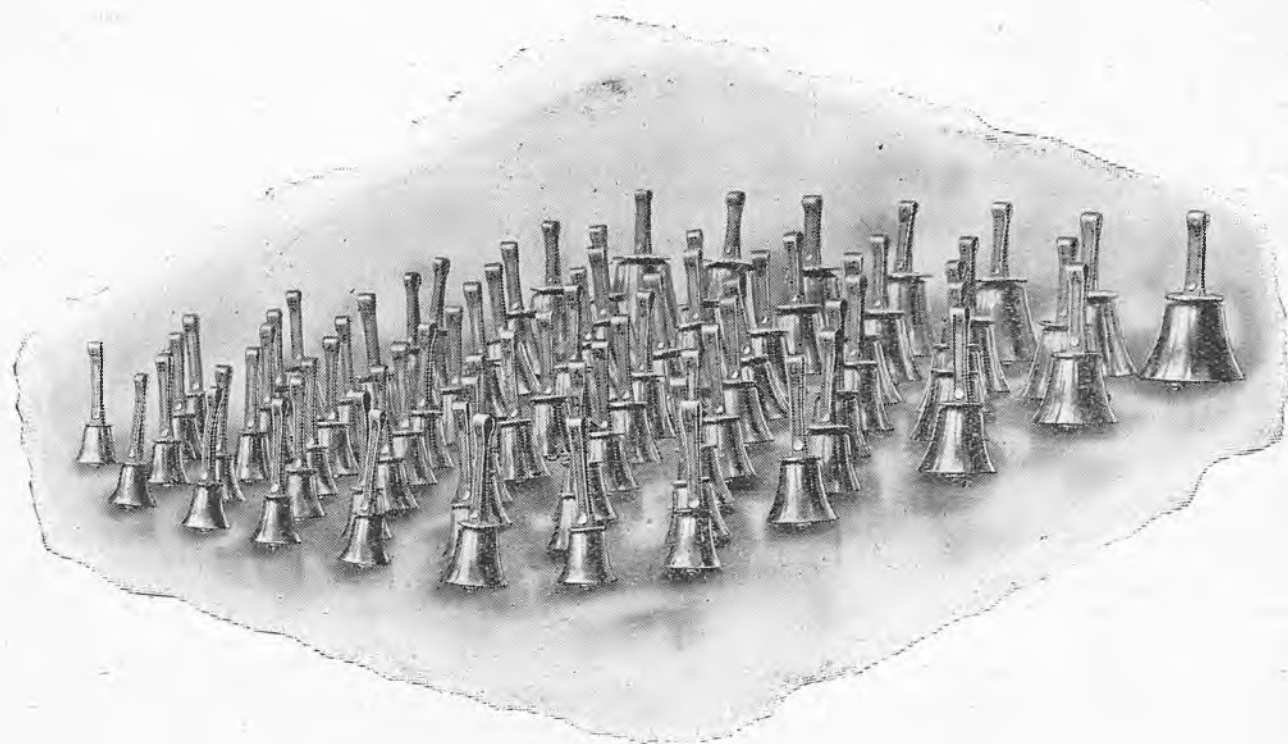
The whole twice repeated.

VETERAN RINGER'S DEATH. A PIONEER IN BERKS AND BUCKS.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, Mr. Robert Smith, a veteran ringer, has passed away at Boyn Hill, Maidenhead. The deceased, who was in his 89th year, was one of the oldest ringers in the Oxford Guild, having been one of the first to start the Guild, and having remained a member ever since. He was born at Kingsclere, Hants, and served in the Metropolitan Police, spending the greater part of his time at Devonport Dockyard, and retiring on an inspector's pension 42 years ago. He kept no records of his peals, but a record exists of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at the Dockyard Chapel, Devonport, on Saturday, November 2nd, 1867, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., conducted by W. Banister, in which Mr. Smith took part. This was the first peal in the Western Counties. The deceased has also taken part in seven peals for the Oxford Guild.

He was the first to introduce change ringing in the East Berks and South Bucks district, starting at Boyn Hill, where he met with a good deal of opposition from the old stoney band. But once started, he kept on until he had a band to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles. He then visited all the towers in the district until he aroused sufficient interest to form the old East Berks and South Bucks Society, which eventually became the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Mr. Smith had not taken an active part in ringing for several years, but was always pleased to meet ringers and talk of the time when men would walk miles to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles. The funeral took place on Friday, October 4th, at St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead, Canon Drummond, Vicar of Boyn Hill, officiating. In the evening, at All Saints' Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 45 mins.: L. Copsey 1, A. Walker 2, A. W. Garaway 3, A. Walker 4, C. Smith 5, J. Eldridge 6, G. Martin (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT NORWICH.

GREAT PROGRESS RECORDED.

A large and representative gathering of members attended the annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Norwich, on Thursday week. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), St. Gregory (6), and St. Peter, Permentergate (5), were open for the use of the visitors throughout the day, and the opportunities for ringing were very largely taken advantage of. Divine service was held at St. Peter Mancroft, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (the Rev. C. L. Kennaway) reading the special prayers and collects, and the Vicar of Mancroft (the Rev. F. J. Meyrick), the special lesson. A large number were present, and the singing of hymns and special psalms was quite a feature of a hearty and inspiring service. A particularly appropriate address was delivered by the Bishop of Thetford, his lordship's remarks being based upon the text, "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification."

At the close of service, luncheon was served in the Mancroft Mission Hall. The Rev. C. L. Kennaway presided, and was supported by the Revs. F. J. Meyrick, E. C. J. Bowen and E. C. Hopper, Messrs. W. J. Howson, D. Hayward and T. Fitzjohn (district secretaries), D. O. Holme, G. P. Burton, J. E. Burton, A. Coleman, and C. E. Borrett (secretary), etc.

After the health of the King had been loyally drunk, Mr. G. P. Burton returned thanks, in the form of a toast, to the Bishop of Thetford for his admirable address in church, and to the incumbents who had placed the towers of their churches at the disposal of the members. —The Rev. E. C. Hopper gave the toast of "Success to the Association," and this was responded to by the Chairman.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Secretary then read the annual report as follows: "It is our good fortune to be able to announce in the opening words of this, the thirty-fourth, annual report, that during the last twelve months our progress has been more rapid and extensive than in any other year of our history. In our early days progress was mainly measured by the number of members on the books, but now that we have practically reached high water mark in this direction, we must measure progress by what our members do in the way of actual ringing. The amazing increase in our peal performances during the last twelve months (and especially during the last nine months) is, therefore, particularly gratifying. We record, with deep regret, the death of one of the founders of the association—Dr. Meadows, of Otley. He was one of the small circle of enthusiasts (the late Rev. G. H. Harris, Capt. Moore, and Mr. Gervase Holmes were of the number) who met at Ipswich in 1876, and discussed the possibility of starting a ringing society for the diocese of Norwich. The direct result of that discussion was the meeting at Norwich on February 10th, 1877, when this association was formally constituted. Dr. Meadows was the last survivor of those who attended the conference at Ipswich, and in 1906 he was unanimously elected one of our vice-presidents. The number of our original members has also been further reduced by the death of the Rev. Canon Ripley, and the North Elmham band has lost one of its oldest members by the death of Henry Betts.

A RECORD IN PEALS

Our financial position is thoroughly sound, the statement of accounts for 1911 showing a considerably increased balance over that of 1910. We regret to announce the resignations of three district secretaries—Miss Constance Meadows (of Woodbridge), Mr. Henry Hopson (of Beccles), and Mr. J. W. Sedgely (of Lynn). All three have been at the head of their respective districts for a number of years, and have rendered invaluable services. An encouraging amount of restoration work to bells and belfries has been carried out in the diocese since our last annual meeting. Mention has been made of the great increase in the number of peals rung since the last annual meeting. In the analysis for 1911, compiled by the Central Council, we occupied third place according to point value, although we actually scored 23 peals more than any other association. Solely through the fault of those taking part in them, three of our peals were unfortunately not recorded in the ringing papers, nor in our own printed report. Had they been published in the usual way we should have been second in the analysis instead of third. Our printed report for 1911 contained particulars of 181 peals, to which must be added the three unpublished ones already referred to. This great number constituted a record for ourselves or for any other association—our own previous best being 159 rung in 1904. Since the beginning of 1912, up to the present date, we have rung no less than 180. It is to be hoped this great increase in peal ringing is not done at the expense of our chief duty—that of ringing the bells for Sunday services. All over the country increasing importance is given to this obligation of ours, and the clergy are rightly urging it upon us at every opportunity. The first rule of our society begs for the recognition of ringers as office-holders in the church. That has been accorded long ago, and it is for us to show, by our regular attendance in the belfry on Sundays, that such recognition was not undeserved. If we ringers are Church workers, as we claim to be, can

there be any doubt as to what our duty is on Sundays? And there is a very practical side to the matter, too—as the custom of Sunday ringing increases, the number of uncared-for belfries will correspondingly decrease, for the authorities must then consider it a bounden duty to keep the tower and its contents in proper order. Whilst there is already a great amount of service ringing done in this diocese, there is room for more. Let us work for the extension of it for all we are worth."

The re-election of all the officers, the election of new members, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business part of the meeting. Members then once more adjourned to the various belfries of the city, and the bells were kept going until a late hour.

In all ways the festival was a great success, and the members present spent a most enjoyable day.

MEMORIAL BELLS AT LOWER PEOVER.

NEW RING OF SIX DEDICATED.

The parishioners of the ecclesiastical parish of Lower Peover paid a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Arthur Guest on Sunday week, when a peal of six bells was dedicated to the honour and glory of God, and in memory of one who for the long space of thirty-four years had rendered faithful service within and without the venerable church. It may be remembered that on Thursday night, Sept. 28th last year, the reverend gentleman, who was one of the most popular harvest festival preachers in the Northwich and Knutsford districts, had a preaching engagement at the Marston Church harvest thanksgiving service, and was on his way to fulfil the engagement, when he met with injuries which proved fatal. The tragic suddenness of the call to the grave filled all with sorrow, and especially was this the case in his own parish, where he had lived and laboured for the greater portion of his life. It was only a natural sequence on the part of the parishioners to plan some scheme wherein the memory of so worthy a pastor should be permanently identified with the church which he loved so much; and when subscriptions were invited there was such a generous response that the Memorial Committee had no hesitation in embarking on the heavy cost of re-casting and re-tuning the bells, which had done service for so long a period. Accordingly the well-known London firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, was commissioned to execute the work, and this they have performed to everyone's utmost satisfaction, the splendid tone of the new bells being especially admired.

THE SERVICE.

The bells were dedicated at a commemorative service in the presence of a large congregation, including many old friends of the reverend gentleman from a distance, as well as a number of relatives, including Mrs. Guest, Mr. T. Guest (brother), and Mr. Spurrier (brother-in-law). It was also appropriate that such an old friend as the Rev. H. A. D. Surridge, Vicar of High Leigh, should take an important share in the impressive service, including the delivery of the pulpit address. The service was intoned by the Rev. H. H. M. Lefroy (the Vicar), and the lessons read by the Rev. E. G. Auden, Rector of Byley. After the singing of the hymn, "For all the saints who from their labours rest," the clergy went in procession to the belfry, where the Rev. H. A. D. Surridge read the introductory prayer. The Vicar then recited the dedicatory prayers, which included the following: "To the glory of God and as a last memorial of His servant. Arthur Guest, priest of this Church and Parish, these bells after being recast and restored, are now dedicated by his parishioners and friends in sure confidence that he has been called from earth to Refreshment, Light and Peace, in the Paradise of God."

Following this the bells were rung, and the clergy returned to the altar. The memorial office was then recited, and prayers were read by the Vicar of High Leigh. An impressive service closed with the singing of the hymn, "Abide with me."

THE BELLS.

The new bells are a ring of six, with a 12½ cwt. tenor in the key of G, and are hung in a steel frame with all the most modern fittings. The inscriptions upon the bells are as follow:—

- Treble—Dorothy Mary Guest, 1894.
- 2nd.—Mrs. and Miss Groves, Mrs. C. Bell, Mrs. C. Burgess.
- 3rd.—Guest Memorial Committee. C. Burgess, George Bell, W. Page.
- 4th.—Rev. H. H. M. Lefroy, M.A., Vicar, 1912. W. Lea, S. Carter.
- R. W. Platt, G. A. Vernon, Wardens.
- 5th.—These bells were hung in 1853. Rev. John Holme, Incumbent.
- J. C. Bancroft, Isaac Goodwin, T. Atherton, George Leech, Wardens.
- Tenor.—These six bells were recast in 1912. In memory of Rev. Arthur Guest, M.A., Vicar (1877—1911).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting for the North Eastern District of the Essex Association was held at Dunmow, on Saturday week. Tea was served at the Angel and Harp, and at the meeting which followed, the Rev. J. Evans (Vicar of Dunmow) presided. At the election of district officers, the Master, Mr. D. Elliott (Coggeshall), and the Secretary, Mr. A. Shufflebotham (Braintree) were prevailed upon to continue for the ensuing year. Four ringing members were elected, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar for his address at the service, which had been held previous to the meeting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACON KILNER'S EXCELLENT ADVICE.

The lovely weather which prevailed brought forth a good attendance of members for the September meeting of the Yorkshire Association, at Gargrave. A peal of Treble Bob was rung in the morning on the bells of the Parish Church, and various methods were rung afterwards throughout the day. During the afternoon many members availed themselves of the privilege of looking over the vicarage gardens, also those of Gargrave House, Eshton Hall, and Flasby Hall. About 200 partook of tea in the Parochial Hall, and the business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the president, the Rev. C. C. Marshall.

A cordial invitation was received from the Selby branch to hold the annual meeting there, and emphasising the claims of the historic Minster so soon after its wonderful restoration and addition. The invitation was backed up by the sincere wish of the Vicar, Dr. Solloway, that the Association would hold its annual service in the Minster.—It was unanimously resolved that the invitation be accepted.

The President proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Kilner, M.A., for the use of the bells, schools, and parochial room, and expressed, on behalf of the members, the great pleasure it was to visit such a beautiful spot on such a lovely day.

Replying in a most interesting speech, Archdeacon Kilner spoke first of all as Vicar, and intimated what a real pleasure it was, both to the churchwardens and himself, to welcome the Association to Gargrave. He had always liked ringing, and had always regretted that he had not learned the Art when he was younger. But he also wished to speak, he said, in his capacity of Archdeacon. As such it was one of his duties to visit churches, and he always made a point of inspecting the towers and ringing chambers, and he had often been able to point out the need of repairs and improvements. Sometimes difficulties as regards bells and ringers were brought before him, and he thought that the Association might do much in the way of giving advice upon points of difficulty. There was the question of rings for ringers, scale of fees for ringing when time at work had to be broken, insurance of ringers, and the advisability of having a yearly meeting with the Vicar present, also the election of a foreman or conductor. All such points he would like the Association to consider, as representing the best interests of change ringing, so that they might be appealed to in cases of difficulty. As regards people wanting the bells stopped owing to their noise, he had always made this rule: "If you want the bells stopped, please bring me a doctor's certificate." For himself, the ringers always had a warm place in his heart, and he trusted they always would have.

The Chairman thanked Archdeacon Kilner for his very interesting speech and suggestions.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local branch for their arrangements, and to the ladies for so kindly and efficiently looking after the tea.—To this motion, Mr. J. McKell suitably responded.—Votes of thanks were also passed to Mr. J. W. Coulthurst, Sir Matthew Wilson, and Mr. J. H. Preston, for kindly allowing members to walk through their gardens.

A notice of motion was handed in, to come up for decision at the next meeting, to the effect that canvassing, on behalf of any candidate for election, should disqualify such candidate for a seat on the committee.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded a very pleasant meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Canterbury District met at Hernhill on Saturday week to hold the special meeting decided upon at the annual gathering in May last. Members began to gather soon after three o'clock, having walked, cycled or motored, and one and all agreed that place and weather were everything to be desired for such a gathering.—The Rev. A. Clark (Vicar) opened the meeting with prayer, and very heartily welcomed those present to his parish. Various touches in the standard methods were rung before tea, which took place in the school, and was provided by the local members—a phrase explaining much to those who know the district.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore proposed a very hearty vote of thanks, firstly to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., and expressed the delight of the ringers at his presence during the afternoon; and, secondly, for the tea which was so well catered for and enjoyed.—This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Pitman, and carried with acclamation.—Both votes were suitably responded to.

Mr. E. G. Buesden proposed that another special meeting be held at Selling during January, and this was carried nem. con.—A return to the tower was then made, and the bells were kept going till 9 p.m. in various methods, including Superlative Surprise.

ELECTRICITY APPLIED TO CHIMES.

A chime of eight bells, weighing 53 cwt., is to be erected at Dunecht House, near Aberdeen, the seat of Lord and Lady Cowdray, by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, at a total cost of £1,000. The bells are to be operated by Messrs. John Warner and Sons' patent electrical apparatus, which combines a mechanical device for tune playing, with a clavier or keyboard to be operated by hand. The Carillon will be worked from the electric lighting mains, by current, which is generated upon the premises. Some of the many ringers who visited Messrs. Warner's stand at the Festival of Empire

Exhibition, Crystal Palace, will remember the electrically rung bell which was shown there.

These bells are a great boon for small churches, where it is impossible to erect a ringing bell, and also for schools and public buildings. Messrs. Warner have just erected a 4 cwt. bell at St. Matthias's Church, Tulse Hill, and they have a 6 cwt. bell in hand for the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham, and also others for Swansea Training College, and Schools at Kilburn (2), Tottenham (4), Enfield (2). Other bells have been erected at Southall (3 cwt.), Southsea (3 cwt.), Hornsey (3 cwt.), St. Helen's, Lancs; St. Augustine's Convent, Westgate-on-Sea; Wimbledon, Gravesend, Tonbridge, Ealing, and Westminster.

CORONATION BELLS.

DEDICATION OF TWO TREBLES AT WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

So long ago as 1887 the work of restoration and augmentation of the bells in the tower of Whitechurch Canoniconum, Dorset, was commenced. Following the restoration of the fine perpendicular tower, which is 28ft. square and 75ft. high, came the rehanging of the peal of five bells. These are all of ancient date, and bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble: Harke when I Call
Come To Corch All
Come To Sarve God
Or Come Not At All

An x No x Do x Mi x Ni 1669 W.L.H.C. C.W.T.P.

Second: ANNO . DOMI . NI . 1603 R.P.R.M.

Third: ANNO . DOMI . NI . 1603 R.P.

Fourth: Give Thanks to God 1641 . IL . IG.

Tenor: Plebs omnis plaudit ut me iam sepius audit.

(in old English lettering).

This is a bell about 21 cwt. in E flat.

The committee carrying out this work had the foresight to have a frame for eight erected and the five bells rehung. Then in 1904, as a memorial of the Coronation of the late King Edward they added a sixth bell, which carries the inscription: "Ring in the Christ that is to be. 1904."

Now, eight years later, the people of this picturesque Dorset village have seen the consummation of their efforts; for as a memorial of the Coronation of our present King they have completed their octave.

These two new bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble: "Hear my voice, O God."

Second: "May all in breath and harmony rejoice

To honour Church and King with heart and voice."

To commemorate the Coronation of King George V. 1912.

The work has been efficiently carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, who have made a truly excellent "splice." The work reflects the greatest credit upon the firm.

Thursday week was the day set apart for their dedication, and at the service there was a large congregation. The surpliced clergy present were: The Venerable Archdeacon of Dorset (the Rev. C. L. Dundas), the Revs. E. H. H. Lee (Vicar), W. M. M. Sellwood (curate), F. J. Lory (Wootton Fitzpaine), E. H. Greenhow (Chidcock), S. E. Simms (Charmouth), and the Rev. D. H. Stubbs. There were also present the Revs. C. F. Langford (Bradpole) and E. D. Maynard (Marshwood). The service opened with the singing of Psalm 31 as the surpliced choir and clergy passed down the nave to the tower, where the Archdeacon received the keys of the tower from the hands of the churchwardens. Following the prayers of dedication, the local ringers rang the bells in rounds while the choir and clergy returned to the chancel. Then followed evensong, with special lessons, psalms and hymns, in which the congregation heartily joined.

Taking as his text, "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. iv. 3), the Archdeacon preached a most practical and helpful sermon, emphasising the need of unity in these restless times amongst all classes of Christians, and showing what could be done when a parish was united—as the completion of the bells bore witness.

After the service and during the evening, the bells were rung in changes by a band drawn from Bradpole, Bridport, etc. These were the Rev. C. F. Langford, T. H. Beams (conductor), C. Barrett and A. Hile (Bradpole), W. and B. Northover and J. Zealley (Bridport), F. C. Webb (Cork), T. Taylor (Whitechurch), and J. Double (Marshwood). At 4.30 a tea was held in the schoolroom, while later in the evening the same building was utilised for a dance.

Thus ended a memorable day in the annals of this old-world parish.

PECKHAM RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Wednesday evening, October 9th, the Vicar of St. Michael's, East Peckham (the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley) entertained the ringers at the Vicarage. After dinner, the Vicar presented Mr. G. Bell, one of the band, who has recently been married, with a brace of pipes in case, a wedding present from the Vicar and his fellow ringers. The gift was suitably acknowledged.—The Vicar then proposed the health of the band. He thanked them for their services in the past, and hoped they would get higher into change ringing.—Mr. T. Saunders responded on behalf of the band, and thanked the Vicar for his kind hospitality and the way in which he had entertained them. The remainder of the evening was spent with songs and other amusements.

THE BELLS OF AN ESSEX VILLAGE.

NEW TREBLE DEDICATED AT SIBLE HEDINGHAM.

What may not inaptly be termed a ringing week took place from Sept. 26th to October 3rd, in the little village of Sible Hedingham, Essex. On Thursday, Sept. 26th, a party of ringers from various towers in the district, together with some of the villagers, assembled at the church to ring and hear for the first time a peal of six bells sending forth their music from this tower. Through the generosity of the Misses Webster, the old five bells have been rehung in a new iron frame with all latest fittings, iron headstocks, etc., the old treble and fourth being recast, and a new treble added. The tenor is 18½ cwt. in E, and the work has been admirably carried out by Mr. A. Howell, Ipswich. The first touch on the bells was a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by: L. Wiseman 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, F. Claydon 3, H. H. Cooper 4, A. Shuffelbotham 5, A. Saunders 6.

On Sunday, Sept. 29th, the bells were dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Warburton), a course of Oxford being rung on this occasion, while ringing was also continued during the afternoon and evening, and included 720 Cambridge Surprise, by: A. Saunders 1, E. Newman 2, A. Shuffelbotham 3, F. Claydon 4, E. W. Beckwith 5, D. Elliott (conductor) 6; and 720 Double Court, by: E. Newman 1, L. Wiseman 2, H. Cooper 3, A. Shuffelbotham (conductor) 4, H. E. Bowers 5, A. Saunders 6. On the following Tuesday, which was practice night, several touches of Bob Minor were rung, some of the local ringers taking part, and on Thursday an attempt for a peal proved successful, as recorded elsewhere.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT MEETING.

The October meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held at Dore, on Saturday, and proved very successful. The beautiful ring of eight bells (tenor 11½ cwt.) at the Parish Church were raised about 4 p.m., and were kept going with short intervals till eight o'clock. About 25 members were present from Dore, Dronfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, Norton, Ranmoor, Sheffield Parish Church, and St. Maries' (R.C.), Rotherham Parish Church, and Worksoy. Some good striking was heard, the methods rung being Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major. A short business meeting was held in the tower during the evening. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, Mr. W. Biggen (Norton) was elected to the chair.—Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. J. Thorp and J. Atkin (Sheffield Parish), and Messrs. A. Hague, J. Monks and C. Ryder (Rotherham Parish).—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the local company for granting the use of the bells and making all arrangements was carried unanimously, Mr. G. Thorpe suitably replying.—This closed the proceedings.

CHURCH BROUGHTON BELLS.

The tower of Church Broughton formerly contained three bells, one of which was cracked. This has now been recast and two new bells added, the whole peal being hung in a new iron frame with new fittings and room left for another bell, which it is hoped will soon be forthcoming. By the kindness of the Vicar, permission was given to members of the Midland Counties Association to try the peal on Thursday, October 3rd. After the bells had been raised in peal, a number of 120's were rung by: J. H. Swinfield and W. J. Smith (Burton), L. Smith and J. Topley (Rollesten) and F. Weeks (Sudbury), each one having a turn at conducting. A large number of parishioners, including several ladies, soon came flocking to the church, and were very interested in the proceedings, it being the first time they had had the opportunity of seeing any change ringing. The Vicar and a number of promising young men are forming a band, and it is hoped change ringing will soon flourish in this beautiful Derbyshire village. The whole of the work has been executed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughboro', and the "go" of the bells is all that can be desired.

DEVON GUILD MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Archdeaconry of Totnes division of the Devon Guild was held on Saturday week at Lifton, where there is a nice peal of eight with a tenor about 24 cwt. Bands were represented from Three Towns, Kelly, Lifton, Walkampton and Holbeton, and the bells were kept going the whole of the afternoon, several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Doubles being nicely struck. Tea was provided at the Arundel Arms, and was presided over by the Rev. M. Kelly (President of the Devon Guild). There were also present: The Misses M. E. and W. U. Kelly, Mrs. and Miss Keagh, who kindly presided at the tea urns; the Rev. A. Keagh (Rector of Lifton), the Rev. G. D. Symonds, the Rev. E. S. Powell, and 34 ringers.—A hearty welcome was given to the Rev. M. Kelly and his daughters, and they were also thanked for their interest in the meeting and their presence. Thanks were also accorded to the Rector of Lifton for the use of the bells, and to the secretary for organising the meeting.—The votes were suitably responded to.

With an enthusiastic and unanimous vote, the Rev. E. S. Powell was chosen as representative for Totnes Archdeaconry on the committee of Devon Guild. Tavistock and Plympton were both proposed as the next place of meeting, and, on being put to the vote, Plympton was selected by a substantial majority. It was acknowledged on all hands that the meeting was a perfect success.

BELL RESTORATION AND AUGMENTATION.

BRISTOL FIRM'S EXCELLENT WORK.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, have recently completed some important bell contracts, and their work has been executed to the utmost satisfaction of the authorities concerned.

At Slymbridge, Gloucestershire, they have rehung the peal of five, recast the treble and tenor, the latter a bell of 24 cwt., and added a new treble to make a peal of six, which have been placed in a new steel and iron frame, with all new fittings. The old bells were taken to the foundry and retuned, and the Rector (the Rev. J. O. H. Carter), in complimenting the firm upon the successful completion of the contract says, "Everyone is delighted with the bells, and the ringers are enthusiastic at the ease with which they can now be rung. The whole work of providing a new frame, a new treble, recasting the old treble and tenor and rehanging the bells, has been carried out to the complete satisfaction of the churchwardens and myself."

At Oxenhall, near Newent, Messrs. Llewellyns and James have just finished the restoration of the three bells, the tenor having been recast, and the whole rehung in a new steel and iron frame. They have also provided a new floor, and a top frame for an extra bell. In this case also the church authorities have complimented the firm upon the prompt, efficient and satisfactory execution of the work.

The four bells of Upwey, Dorset, have also been to the foundry. The treble and tenor have been recast, and the others tuned. Two new trebles have also been added to make a peal of six, and the whole of the bells have been rehung in a new frame.

RINGING CONTEST.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S COMPETITION.

The general meeting and eight-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at the Halifax Parish Church, on Saturday last, when the bells and schools were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Burn). Six companies entered for the contest, each set ringing 672 changes, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges were Mr. Broadley, of Bradford, and Mr. Smith and Mr. Whiteaker, of Halifax. During the afternoon tea was served to the visitors, who numbered about 110.

The general meeting was held in the school after the ringing, the President (Mr. Cotterill) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar and the society's officers.—Six new members were elected, and on the motion of Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Sharman, the place of next contest was left in the hands of the secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks, passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom, was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Lawson. The judges' decision was announced as follows by Mr. Broadley: Earlsheaton, 210 faults; Pudsey, 357; Lightcliffe, 302; Liversedge, 355; Bradford, rung out; Brighouse, 348. Earlsheaton were, therefore, declared the winners.

The Vicar, in presenting the cup to Mr. Hardy, the conductor of the winning team, said he was pleased to see so many ringers present, and he had enjoyed listening to the ringing that afternoon.—Mr. Hardy suitably thanked him on the team's behalf, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges.—This was seconded by Mr. Drake, and carried.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Johnson to the local company for the way they had entertained the visitors.—Mr. Dransfield seconded, and Mr. Rylands, having replied, a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, when about thirty members were present from Heywood, Rochdale, St. Albans, Balderstone, Milnrow, Newhey, Todmorden Parish and Unitarian, Middleton, Oldham Parish, Glodwick, Hyde, and Helmshore.—Mr. John Harrison, of Heywood, presided over the meeting, at which three new members were elected.—Mr. R. Buckley, of Milnrow, and Mr. W. Crabtree, of Todmorden, were nominated for the office of Branch President, and the election will take place at the next meeting at Balderstone. The bells were kept going in Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major. The annual social of the branch will be held at Milnrow, on October 19th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Marlborough branch held a meeting on Saturday, at Hilmarton, where there is a good ring of six bells, which, however, go none too well for half-pull ringing. After just over an hour's ringing, a service was held, at which an appropriate address was given by the Rev. E. W. W. Payne. Tea was afterwards partaken of in the schoolroom, where the business meeting was also held.—Three new members were elected, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. E. W. W. Payne for conducting the service, presiding at the meeting, and for giving the tea, and to Mr. Atlay for officiating at the organ.—Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung on the handbells, and then a return was made to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob were brought round.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

BOLSOVER.

The Bolsover ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, October 5th, when they made Irthingboro' their headquarters. A good programme had been drawn up by Mr. J. Houghton, who met the party at Kettering, and conducted them to the tower, where Mr. Nicholls and some of the local ringers welcomed the visitors. Touches of Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and London, were rung. A beautiful eight miles' drive was then enjoyed, and all around could be seen the spires of various churches for which Northamptonshire is noted. Arriving at Irthingboro' the party sat down to an excellent dinner, after which they journeyed by brake to Higham Ferrers, where Mr. Martin and the local ringers welcomed them. Superlative, Cambridge, Norfolk and London were rung, and on returning to Irthingboro', the party were met by the local ringers, and rang London, Bristol and Superlative. At each tower some of the local ringers took part in the ringing. Soon after tea, tracks had to be made for the train. The Bolsover men wish to thank the ringers of the respective towers, through the "Ringing World," for making this one of the most enjoyable outings they have ever had, the only regret being that they could not spend more time with the ringers in the district. Central Northants has something to be proud of. It possesses some excellent peals of bells, and some jolly good ringers, and if any ringers are at a loss as to where to have an outing they cannot do better than pay a visit to this district.

COSELEY.

The ringers of Coseley had their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 14th, when they, together with a large number of friends, spent the afternoon and evening at Penkridge. The Vicar and the people's warden were among the party. As soon as the ringers saw the tower of Penkridge Church, they took to their heels—and toes—and raced away. We have not heard who was the winner, but we understand that Messrs. Gough and Jeavons were classed as "also ran." The more staid and sedate of the party quietly ambled through the streets, and on to the bridge of the Penk, and the whole of the visitors reunited round the tea tables.—The Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Law, without whom such an occasion would be almost impossible.—Mr. Marsden seconded, and the vote was carried with acclamation.—Mr. Law responded in a capital speech, and as the Vicar of Penkridge entered the room as he was speaking, Mr. Law took the opportunity of proposing a vote of thanks to him for the use of the bells.—The Rev. J. A. Price seconded.—Thanks were also accorded to the ladies for their kindness in presiding at the tea tables. After this, the whole party attended evensong in the beautiful old church. At about 6.30, most of the visitors wended their way to the station, but no inducements could get the ringers from the church tower, and the train steamed out of the station to the merry jingle of the bells. The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, and Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Major, conducted by Mr. William Fisher.

GAINSBOROUGH.

On Saturday week, in response to an invitation from Miss Beckett, Somerby Hall, the Gainsborough Parish Church ringers paid their annual visit to Corringham. The afternoon's ringing commenced with four six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and was followed by an attempt for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, which was lost close upon the second part end. The visitors afterwards adjourned to the house of Mrs. Smithson, where they were met by the Vicar of Corringham (the Rev. C. C. Fowler) and Mr. G. W. Glasscodine, one of the local ringers. Here a most excellent spread, kindly provided by Miss Beckett, awaited them.—Votes of thanks were passed to the donor for her hospitality, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mrs. Smithson and Mrs. Glasscodine for so kindly making the necessary arrangements, and to Mr. J. S. Bell for his presence.—These were duly responded to by the Rev. C. C. Fowler and Mr. G. W. Glasscodine, after which the handbells were brought in, and courses of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters were rung by the visitors. A return was then made to the church, where a well-struck 720 of Plain Bob Minor was brought round by: G. Smithson (first 720) 1, J. C. Tricker 2, J. T. Bartram 3, C. H. Baker 4, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 5, P. Ballance 6. An attempt for a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, which unfortunately came to grief, brought to a close a very successful outing.

ACTON.

The St. Mary's Guild, Acton, visited Feltham for their annual outing on Sept. 21st. They were met at St. Catherine's Church by Mr. Denford and another member of the local band, and the mixed company rang several touches of Grandsire and plain courses of Stedman, the bells, a musical peal of eight, being much admired. After partaking of a substantial tea, and according votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Denford for having everything in readiness, the party proceeded to St. Paul's, Brentford, and joined the local ringers in touches of Grandsire and Stedman. This concluded the Guild's first annual outing, and seeing that eleven members were able to attend, it proved to be a most successful and enjoyable one.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, WALTHAMSTOW.

The ringers of this church made Braintree their headquarters for their annual outing. They were met by Mr. C. H. Howard (the Master

of the Essex Association), and after a look round the church, and lunch at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, started upon a twenty miles' drive, in the course of which calls were made at All Saints', Stisted; St. James', Greenstead Green; Earl's Colne, and Halstead. At each place the bells were at the visitors' disposal, and touches were rung.

Returning to Braintree further ringing was indulged in at St. Michael's, and, after late tea, the remainder of the evening was spent with handbell selections and songs. The next morning a quarter-peal was attempted for service at Bocking, but came to grief after 40 minutes' ringing, while in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman came to grief after half-an-hour. The morning and afternoon were spent in looking round the neighbourhood, and the visitors spent a most enjoyable time.—The ringers wish to thank those who contributed towards the expenses of the outing, and also the Vicars who placed their bells at the disposal of the party.

IDEN.

The Iden (East Sussex) ringers held their annual outing on Thursday, Sept. 26th, when they journeyed to Portsmouth, which was reached after about four hours' ride. Dinner was immediately served, and the company then crossed by ferry to Gosport, having a good view of Nelson's old ship, the "Victory." A tram was then boarded, and the company journeyed to Fareham via Brockhurst, the naval and military barracks being visible on the way, while the magnificent scenery at Fareham Quay was greatly admired. A move was made to the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, and after the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Bartar) had been interviewed, the party were able to try the bells, Mr. Harding, the verger, attending to their wants, and showing them over the church. Several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung, after which the party returned to Portsmouth in time to visit the dockyard, which was inspected with interest.—Tea was subsequently partaken of, and although only six hours were available at Portsmouth, the outing was thoroughly enjoyed.

DITCHLING.

The annual outing of the Ditchling, Sussex, ringers, took place on Sept. 18th, when, with a few friends from Brighton, Steyning and Burgess Hill, they made a trip into Surrey. Reaching Redhill at 8.20, they found a brake in readiness for the day, and a start was made for Nutfield, which was reached about nine o'clock. On arriving at the tower, the ringers found everything ready, thanks to Mr. W. Cheeseman, and the bells, a peal of six, were soon going to Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, several touches of each being brought round. A move was next made for Bletchingly, and several touches of Triples and Minor were successfully brought round. The next call was Godstone, where there is another peal of six, and the visitors were welcomed by Mr. W. Beeson. Touches of Plain Bob and Doubles were rung, and then the party proceeded to Oxted, through some very pretty country, but very hilly roads. At the Hoskins Arms Host Taylor provided a substantial dinner, which was fully enjoyed after the long drive. A visit was then paid to the interesting Parish Church, where there is a heavy peal of five, which required plenty of hauling. However, a few touches of Doubles were got through before a short service. After a walk round the village the return journey was begun through Redhill, and on to Reigate, Merstham being abandoned with regret, owing to lack of time. Reaching Reigate, after an enjoyable ride, a halt was called for tea.—Afterwards, the party wended their way to the tower, and found Mr. G. F. Hoad and several of the local band waiting to welcome them. The bells, a splendid peal of ten, were soon pulled up, and with the aid of the local ringers, several touches of Caters, Royal and Triples were brought round. The weather during the day was perfect, and the outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The ringers extended their thanks to the various Rectors for the use of the bells, and also to the local ringers for the hearty welcome received at every tower.

THANKS.

Mr. Ben Gough, of Coseley, Staffs. desires, through this journal, to thank all friends of Bournemouth, Poole, Christ Church, and district, for the kindness extended to him during his recent visit to Bournemouth, especially to Mr. Chas. W. Goodenough for making all arrangements; Mr. Geo. Williams for specially visiting Bournemouth to conduct the peal of Stedman Triples; to Mr. A. Macdonald for conducting the unsuccessful Stedman peal attempt at Poole, which came to grief after 2 hrs. 45 mins. ringing; and to Mr. M. Stewart and Mr. A. Osman for trying to get permission for Wimborne bells, and to all those who obliged by standing in the peals mentioned.

A CYCLING EXCURSION.

A pleasant cycling trip was recently indulged in by members of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association. They visited Hanley, where 720 Oxford Bob was rung, Welland, where touches of College Single and Canterbury were brought round, and Castlemorton, where Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung for service. After tea, Hanley Castle Church was visited, and Bob Minor rung. Wherever possible the local men were given an opportunity to join in the ringing, and several of them took part in Grandsire Doubles. The various Vicars readily granted permission to ring, and it is hoped that the tour will result in the acquisition of new members to the Association. The cyclists included Messrs. W. Page (Master), J. R. Newman (hon. general secretary), J. H. Sheppard, W. Edgington, E. E. Barber, R. G. Knowles (branch secretary), and C. Young.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

RHYL, NORTH WALES.—On Sept. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Bell 1, G. Bell 2, *B. R. Collis 3, F. Wallis 4, *T. Evans 5, M. J. Morris 6, J. Ellis (conductor) 7, P. Homan 8. * First quarter.

ABBOTTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, an attempt for a peal of Minor was lost, after 1400, through a miscall: F. Derrick 1, G. Bennet 2, C. H. Gale 3, J. Cable 4, L. H. Moore 5, H. Knight (conductor) 6. 360 Kent Treble Bob as a birthday compliment to G. H. Gale.

NORTHAMPTON.—The Central Northants Association.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Sunday, August 13th, for morning service, a date touch of Bob Major (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 16 mins.: W. A. Gammage 1, T. Haynes 2, A. Deacon 3, B. O. Soden 4, J. Mackay 5, W. Rogers 6, J. W. Metherell 7, T. Tebbutt 8. Rung as a mark of congratulation to the Rev. W. E. Wright upon his recent wedding.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On Sept. 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Vintner 1, T. Green 2, T. Wells 3, G. W. Newton 4, W. J. Mayes 5, F. Wells (conductor) 6.—On Sept. 4th, 120 Single Oxford, 360 Reverse College Single, and 120 Bob Doubles. Arranged for Mr. F. Wells, who was on a visit to Warden, his native home.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 8th, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples: C. Clarke 1, J. W. Unwin (conductor) 2, G. Basford 3, G. Spice 4, G. Beesley 5, C. Faulkner 6, J. W. Sharp 7, T. Denney 8.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sept. 8th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples: J. Howell 1, F. Sumner 2, W. Dowling 3, J. Withers 4, F. Withers 5, A. Chambers (conductor) 6, W. Palmer 7, W. Dowling (longest length) 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: W. Palmer 1, F. Sumner 2, J. Withers 3, J. Dowling 4, F. Withers 5, J. S. Pritchett 6, A. Chambers (conductor) 7, W. Dowling 8.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: *W. Hill 1, H. Jarman 2, *W. Alver 3, R. Coburn 4, D. Dellar 5, C. Dellar (first on an inside bell) 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, *A. Day 8. *First quarter-peal.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: A. Whight 1, J. Tarbun 2, W. Newman 3, A. Speller (conductor) 4, W. Wellington 5, H. Richell 6, A. Tarbun, senr., 7, A. Tarbun, junr., 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, Sept. 15th, 1912, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, W. Newell (Reading), E. Bishop, G. W. Townsend, C. J. Gardiner (conductor), J. M. Brinkworth. Also 560 Double Norwich: G. W. Townsend, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, E. Bishop, T. Robinson, H. W. L. Wells, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner (conductor). For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Lawrence, G. W. Townsend, R. W. Hyner, W. Newell (Reading), T. Robinson, H. W. L. Wells, C. J. Gardiner (conductor), J. M. Brinkworth.

CROYDON.—At St. John the Baptist Church, on Sept. 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. States 1, W. Wise (conductor) 2, A. Jones 3, J. Talbot 4, Cyril Johnstone 5, A. Clark 6, W. Groves 7, E. Pope 8. For evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob, in 51 mins. Also 72 Stedman Triples: D. Wright (conductor) 1, W. States 2, E. Miles 3, A. Clark 4, Cyril Johnstone 5, W. Groves 6, A. Jones 7, W. Wise 8. These two quarter-peals were rung to commemorate the return home of the wife of W. Groves, from hospital, after a serious operation.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.—On Sept. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: B. Jones 1, J. N. Vizor 2, L. Lewis (conductor) 3, J. P. Hyett 4, E. Pugh 5, W. James (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 6.

NOTICES.

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GRAND CONCERT in aid of Shoreditch Bells Fund, Saturday, October 19th, in the Church Room, tickets 6d., 1s., 2s., from H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch. Doors open 7.30.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, October 19th. Tower open at four o'clock. Tea at the King of Denmark at 6 o'clock. —F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, October 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Honorary Secretary, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

BATHS AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Curry Rivel, Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Prayers 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. All change ringers welcome. —D. G. Taylor, Honorary Local Secretary, Ilminster.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, October 19th, 1912, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C. Business meeting at 6 p.m. in the tower. The tower will be open for ringing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited. —Arthur D. Barker, Honorary Secretary pro. tem., 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Church Lench on Saturday, October 26th. Service, with an address, at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. Those intending to take tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea, at usual charge, will be arranged for those who let me know by October 20th. Committee meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, October 26th, 1912. The bells will be available from 3 till 9 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be made at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Boughton, Faversham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The tenth annual grand Bohemian concert will be held Saturday, October 26th, at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C. Ladies specially invited. Doors open 7.15 p.m., commence 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the association, or from F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Parish Room. Will those who wish for tea please send me their names not later than Tuesday, the 22nd? Will those who have not paid their subscriptions please do so at this meeting? —T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Billingborough and Falkingham on Saturday, October 26th. Service at Billingborough at 4 p.m. Tea at Fortescue Arms at 5 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Members are requested to send notice of attendance by October 21st. All friends will be given a hearty welcome.—A. Markwell, District Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A South and West District meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. All are welcome. Members are reminded that outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Walpole, St. Andrew's (6 bells), on Saturday, October 26th. Divine service in the church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at Plough Inn at 1 o'clock, tickets 2/6 each.—G. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from noon. Short service at 4.15. Tea by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. E. H. Rycroft), at the Parish Hall, at 5 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 21st inst.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

DURHAM, NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — The annual festival will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, October 26th. Six peals available for ringing. Committee meets at Cathedral Vestry 12 noon. Service in Cathedral 1 p.m. Dinner at County Hotel 2 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify Charles Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the S.W. Division will be held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service in the church at 5.15 p.m., followed by tea in Church Hall, in Meeson Road, at 6 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by notifying me not later than Wednesday, October 23rd.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The inaugural meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W., on Saturday, October 26th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church House at 5 p.m. Will all ladies who intend being present kindly let me know before October 23rd.—Edith K. Parker, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on October 26th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be kindly provided by the Rector, Rev. W. Mills, at 5.30 in the Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Will those who can notify me by Friday previous, so as to give some idea of number for tea.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 5. Meeting at 7. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Huntspill on Saturday, October 26th. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting following. Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary, Huntspill, Bridgwater, Somerset.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their next quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 26th, at the Parish Church, Saddleworth. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7. All ringers invited.—Chas. Bower, Honorary Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Turvey, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Heresham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea and and business meeting in the Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—G. B. Edser, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells open at 3; short service with address by the Vicar at 5. Tea at Shaftesbury Hall, 5.45. Business meeting after.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Preb. Sanders) on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at the Rose and Crown at 5.30, at the small charge of 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid as early as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Norfolk House, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

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