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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLET and 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.

OUR SECOND YEAR.

With this issue we complete the second year of our existence, and we may, perhaps, be pardoned if we pause to review the past, which has been for us a period of very considerable satisfaction, and for our readers, we hope, a time during which they have found their interests efficiently served. Throughout these two years we have done our best to meet the desires of the Exercise in recording its successes and in circulating its news. Only the limitations of space have prevented us doing even more in this direction than has been accomplished, for there has never been any lack of material. Needless to say that, to our many correspondents up and down the country, we are duly thankful for the way they keep us informed of the happenings in ringing circles, although, as we recently took the opportunity of pointing out, there are times when we wish that so many of them would not leave their communications until we are on the point of going to press.

The question of space is one which has seriously perturbed us, for we are fully aware that those who are kind enough to send in reports do not like to see their handiwork "cut down," to use a journalistic expression. We always make the fullest endeavour to use what is so willingly contributed, but if there are those who sometimes think that the editorial pencil has been rather severely used, we would only say to them that we have within the limits of our space to provide for all, and that sometimes curtailed reports are necessary in order to cover the whole of the ground. But this is really by the way, and was not what we started out to say.

We believe "The Ringing World" has served and is serving a useful purpose, and, above all, has a useful future before it. It has stimulated interest in the Art, and, indirectly, we are egotistical enough to think, has been one of the causes that has led to the recent great impetus in peal ringing. We have always encouraged the practice of the Art from its highest standpoint—that of service to the Church—and in this direction we shall continue to do our best to advance its interests. That we have justified our existence is manifested by the continued and increasing support which is given to our efforts. A speaker at the recent Birmingham dinner, said, with truth: "It is better to have high ideals and fall short of them, than to have no ideals at all." We have ideals before us, which in the coming year we shall strive to reach. If we fail it shall not be for want of effort. To those who have supported us in the past we return our gratitude, and we trust that in the future we shall do nothing to forfeit their esteem.

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**OPINION OF OUR
MODERN WORK.**

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford.

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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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble	CORNELIUS CHARGE... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 8
ERNEST PYE... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 9
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
BERTRAM PREVETT 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5136 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM MOTTS Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE... 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	JOHN C. G. HAGGAR ... 8
*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 9
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 4	EDWARD EVANS... .. 10
EDGAR PEMBERTON 5	ERNEST F. POPPY 11
*HARRY BARTON... .. 6	JAMES MOTTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. By kind permission of Canon W. Melville Pigot, Vicar of the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, this peal was arranged and rung to commemorate the 85th birthday of Mrs. Harriett Motts, mother of the treble and tenor ringers; also to oblige W. H. Fussell of Slough, Robert H. Hayward of, Marlesford, Harry Barton of Southwold, and Ernest F. Poppy, of Eye, Suffolk.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt., in D.

WILLIAM H. DORAN Treble	RUEBEN SANDERS 6
AUGUSTUS SCAMBLER 2	FRANK C. NEWMAN... .. 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	JOHN MOULE 8
JAMES SCHOLES 4	GEORGE HAYDEN 9
WILLIAM TRUSS 5	HENRY TORBLE... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. DORAN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs.

*SIDNEY GOSKIN... .. Treble	ALFRED NEWSON 5
FREDERICK A. POULSON 2	WILLIAM MEARS 6
FREDERICK SALTER 3	FREDERICK C. BURROWS... 7
*OLIVER BULLMAN 4	CHARLES CARTER Tenor

Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5	
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	2	HARRY BARTON	6
GEORGE WHITING	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7
PETER LAFLIN	4	GEORGE PERRY	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

LONDON. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.	
*HENRY C. KILN	Treble	THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... 5	
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE ... 2		GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 6	
THOMAS G. DEAL	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7	
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 4		FREDERICK H. GOOCH ... Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, March 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lbs., in D.	
HENRY HUTTON	Treble	THOMAS MACK	5
*ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... 2		FREDERICK BENNETT ... 6	
SEPTIMUS RADFORD	3	FRANK BLONDELL	7
CHARLES EDWARDS	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor	

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman. This was the conductor's 50th peal of Stedman on tower bells. R. Whittington hails from Ewburst, C. Edwards from Farnham, T. Mack from Haslemere, F. Bennett from Clandon, S. Radford and F. Blondell belong to S. Nicolas', and H. Hutton and A. H. Pulling to the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford.

LONDON. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 20 cwt.	
WILLIAM HEWETT	Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	J. ARMIGER TROLOPE ... 6	
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
HAROLD BURTON	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal of Duffield Major by all the band, first peal by the Association and the first on the bells; also the second peal in the method ever rung in London.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
GEORGE WELLBURN	Treble	WILLIAM KNAGGS	5
FRANK S. HODGSON	2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 6	
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	3	ALBERT COATES	7
WILLIAM HARLAND	4	JOHN W. LOWTHER	Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

Rung on the occasion of a Confirmation Service held by the Lord Bishop of Beverley, at the Church of St. Hilda, Whitby. The bells of St. Stephen's, Fylingdales, were also rung on the following Friday evening for a similar service conducted by the Lord Bishop of Beverley, several of the above ringers assisting.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.	
WILLIAM STEELE	Treble	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 5	
*WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... 2		GEORGE H. CROSS	6
ALFRED FUNNELL	3	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 7	
GEORGE HOWCHIN	4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor	

Composed by J. A. GOFTON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 29 cwt., in D.	
FRANCIS J. LEWIS	Treble	CHARLES E. BARTLETT ... 5	
J. CHARLES EDEN	2	H. TOM GARDNER	6
CHARLES BEECH	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	7
H. CHARLES BOND	4	WILFRED G. COOK	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. D. G. Bingham, who, by his many generous gifts to the town, is best described as Cirencester's munificent benefactor. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

LONDON. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART No. 1.		Tenor 22½ cwt.	
*JOSEPH LAW	Treble	*WILLIAM W. FOX	5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE ... 2		*WILLIAM MARTIN	6
*GERALD KING	3	HARRY WARNETT, Senr. ... 7	
CHARLES H. WALKER	4	†HERBERT G. GOODWIN ... Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, Senr.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. This peal was rung on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Queen Alexandra's landing in England.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.	
GEORGE WILLIAMS	Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 5	
WILLIAM T. TUCKER	2	CHARLES J. FRAY	6
HENRY W. WILKES	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7	
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	4	OWEN H. GILES	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. George, A. R. MacDonald and Mrs. C. J. Fray.

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

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 17 cwt.	
ALFRED PYE	Treble	GEORGE H. JAYE	5
*ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 2		HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 6	
*ERNEST J. BUTLER	3	WESLEY WATSON	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST PYE	Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells by a local company.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.	
GEORGE TOMSETT Treble	FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 2	ALFRED TOMSETT 6
RICHARD HOLDER 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
HERBERT TOMSETT 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HUGHENDON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.	
JOHN EVANS Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 5
JESSE ELDRIDGE 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
*CECIL C. MAYNE 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
*HARRY BUNGAY... .. 4	GEORGE ALLDER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... Treble	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6
THOMAS G. DEAL 3	*HENRY E. DARE 7
WILLIAM SHIMMANS 4	GEORGE J. HARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal away from the tenor.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

EDWIN BREEZE Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5
*JOHN WILKINSON 2	GEORGE WOODHALL... .. 6
HENRY FYLES 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS JENNION 4	†FRED CROSBY Tenor

Conducted by E. CAUNCE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. This peal was arranged by G. R. Newton, who, owing to a slight accident, was unable to stand in. The tenor man was proposed a member of the Association before starting.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL, E.C.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs., in E flat.

*THOMAS WALKER Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 7
*RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Henry Springall.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE GRAY Treble	*HARRY HOLLICK 5
*JOSEPH CHATLEY 2	HENRY REEVES 6
†THOMAS HULL 3	*FREDERICK JEFFS 7
LEWIS GOODENOUGH... .. 4	EDWARD WHITBREAD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

* First peal in the method. † First on an inside bell. This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells, and is the first since they were overhauled by Messrs. Gray, of Hertford.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

THE HALIFAX DISTRICT AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

SID. GOODALL Treble	W. THOMAS 5
J. F. CLAYTON 2	W. BREARLEY 6
W. H. SENIOR 3	F. ROBINSON 7
ALBERT NORTH 4	*F. THORPE... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. ROBINSON.

* First peal. After the peal the ringers were entertained to a sumptuous repast by Mr. Thorpe at the local ringers' headquarters.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

HERBERT GREEN Treble	ARTHUR R. JONES 5
*JOHN EDMONDSON 2	ROBERT W. JENNISON ... 6
SAM BATEMAN 3	JOHN MCKELL 7
THOMAS BANCROFT 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by J. MCKELL.

* First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a welcome to the Bishop of Ripon, who came to hold a Confirmation Service.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... Treble	FRANK HOLDER... .. 5
JAMES D. DREWETT ... 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT... 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
*JAMES W. TRAPPITT ... 4	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples and first attempt.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

THOMAS STEEL Treble	WILLIAM KNAGGS 5
WILLIAM BRECKON 2	JOHN I. WATERS 6
FRANK S. HODGSON 3	ALBERT COATES 7
WILLIAM HARLAND 4	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COATES.

Rung in honour of the peaceful settlement of the threatened Railway Strike, which has thereby averted a national disaster.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE ROWE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
WILLIAM GROOM 2	WILLIAM RUMSEY 6
HARRY BARTON 3	WILLIAM GRIMES 7
JAMES MOTTS 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD Treble	WILLIAM DENYER 5
PERCY H. DOICK 2	ALFRED GREENFIELD ... 6
ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... 3	WILLIAM STAMFORD ... 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	HARRY J. DOICK Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRANK SMITH Treble	THOMAS BOTTRILL 5
HARRY WILSON 2	*WALTER WOLSTONCROFT 6
*HARRY WASHBROOK 3	*SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 7
JOHN POTTER 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK BROWN ... Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
JAMES NYE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM SPICE 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 5, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Called in four different ways.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. WARNES Treble	A. WEBB 4
R. HAINES 2	J. LONG 5
H. HAYES 3	S. NUNN Tenor

Conducted by S. NUNN.

J. Long was elected a member of the Association previous to starting the peal, which was rung at the second attempt.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN BAILEY Treble	WALTER MARSHALL ... 4
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	HARRY PRICE 5
GEORGE FULLER 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in seven methods by the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Relfe, brother of the conductor. It was also rung on the 50th anniversary of Queen Alexandra's landing in England.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE ... Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... 4
ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... 2	HENRY WALLACE ... 5
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

BARLEY.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 30 Six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM PEACHEY ... Treble	ROBERT HOWARD ... 3
HARRY HOWARD 2	WALTER MANSFIELD ... 4
ROBERT G. KING ... Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

This peal was rung as a wedding compliment, and also as a farewell peal, to Harry Slater, one of the band, who is leaving the village for Barton, the band wishing him every happiness. First peal of Doubles by R. G. King, who hails from Royston, Herts.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

VICTOR CORNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM DENT 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2	HARRY CRICK 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3	WM. R. JOHN POULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

V. Cornell hails from Waldingfield, and this was his first peal. First peal of Minor by W. Dent.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*WILLIAM A. NORMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM JACQUES ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods. This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. L. Harlow.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Monday, March 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	FREDERICK WHITE 4
FRED CHALK 2	CHARLES J. MANN 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 3	*ARTHUR APPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles J. Mann.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 4, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT 72, BRIDGE END ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

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

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Umpires: Miss R. S. PROCTOR and W. H. PROCTOR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. H. Thorpe and Miss R. S. Proctor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S, JOSEPH ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	*BERNARD CLARK 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. PULLING, Mrs. HAZELDEN,
Miss YVONNE ELOIE-LELOUE.

* First peal on handbells and rung at the first attempt.

BELCHAMP WALTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Two Hours,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. HAWKINS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

HARRY CATTERWELL ... 1—2	OLAVE BROYD... .. 3—4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5—6	

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

Witnesses: FREDERICK HAWKINS and HARRY WRIGHT.

First handbell peal by H. Catterwell with two working bells and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS... .. 1—2	THOMAS H. BERNARD ... 5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON... .. 3—4	TOWER TAYLOR 7—8

Composed by G. PATRICK, and
Conducted by A. J. MORRIS.

Umpire: THOMAS PHILO.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANCES;

WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
GEORGE N. PRICE 3—4	*WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 7—8

FRANK T. MARTIN 9—10

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: FRANCIS A. SMITH.

* First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells other than on 9—10.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOLS, STAR STREET, PADDINGTON,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON... 1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER 3—4	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7—8

*WILLIAM J. HAZELL ... 9—10

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

* First peal in the method. E. M. Atkin's 50th peal on handbells. Miss Parker is the first lady to ring an inside pair to Royal.

The number of changes in the peal at Chilham published last week should have been given as 5024.

THE DISPUTED PEAL AT WALLESEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been told by a few whose opinions I respect that I have already written and caused to be written enough irrelevant matter in connection with the disputed peal that was truly rung at Wallasey on December 26th last, but with your kind permission, I should like to say another word or two in reply to Mr. Wilcox and his two distinguished pupils. With regard to Mr. Wilcox, I say none of my statements are untrue or unfounded, and I still maintain what I said in my first letter. With regard to the distance from his place to Wallasey Church, I happen to have walked it a few times, so I know what I am talking about. I also have been told by quite as competent persons, who were listening outside, that it was impossible for Mr. Wilcox to hear the bells on that day, as the wind was blowing strongly in the direction of New Brighton (which is quite in the opposite direction), and from what has transpired since he first wrote to me I am strongly inclined to think that he never heard them at all.

With regard to Mr. Rogers, those who read his letter will see that his theoretical knowledge is equivalent to the practical side of it, very limited, and as he does not know the demerits of Grandsire Minor, I will tell him that one of its merits is that it is admirably adapted for the "wheelbarrow style" of ringing.

Now comes the most serious business of all. One of the ringers that took part in the peal actually says that to his idea it was not a true peal. So much for his idea. Your readers will see what a courageous nature Mr. Walter is possessed of. Could he not have said at the time the peal was rung that he was not satisfied with it? He had every opportunity for so doing. No, it was not until I had denounced his bosom friend and he found he had company, that his bravery asserted itself. Mr. Walter's reference to my term "wheelbarrow fashion" is certainly amusing to him, but to onlookers it looks deliberately evasive.

As regards the quality of peals usually rung by me, I should prefer someone else to speak; that is, someone unbiassed. Mr. Walter and his colleagues would very soon know of what calibre they were if they happened to be included in a peal, and I was calling it and they were not ringing carefully. And let me tell Mr. Walter that the only methods that "lumps" fall off are Grandsire Minor, and other such like methods, and judging by the amount of them that he rings, it would take some pretty large furniture vans to hold them.

In conclusion, sir, let me say this, that our peal was well and truly rung, and I shall not withdraw it, and when I ring and conduct a peal in future, and publish it as a true performance, it will require more than those that have brought the present peal into question to make me withdraw it. Thanking you for your kindness in allowing me so much space, yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

GRAVESEND.—At St. George's Church, on Feb. 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Avis 1, J. Burles 2, A. Constant 3, R. Tall 4, J. Constant 5, A. Martin 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, A. Latt 8

HERE AND THERE.

The members of St. Nicholas' Society, Deptford, have elected Mr. G. H. Daynes, 66, Ashburnham Grove, S.E., as captain and tower-keeper; and Mr. T. H. Hawkins, 20, Scyssel Street, Cubitt Town, E., as hon. secretary.

In our report of the opening of the new peal of eight at Oatlands Church, Surrey, last week, we omitted to state that the bells are hung in Messrs. Warner and Son's special design steel frame, which is built up entirely upon rolled steel girders of heavy section.

By a slip of the blue pencil, the fact that a course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung and one of Oxford Treble Bob Major was lost at the Kent Association meeting at Mersham was accidentally cut out of the report of the proceedings.

Can Leicestershire boast of a younger ringer to score a peal of Stedman Triples than Ernest Bartram, of Melton Mowbray? He was 16 years and five months old when he ran the peal, and as a memento of the occasion, has just received from the other members of the band a silver bell pendant.

Miss E. K. Parker has added another to her many achievements by being the first lady to ring an inside pair of handbells to a peal of Royal, as she was also the first to ring them to a peal of Major. She rang the tenor behind to a touch at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday week. This bell is 33 cwt., and the performance, incidentally, shows how well it was rehung by Messrs. Barwell.

At Royston, Herts, on March 5th, an attempt for a peal of Minor failed in the last 720, after ringing 2 hrs. 35 mins., through the organist coming into the Church and practising with the choir boys. The methods completed were: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Oxford Bob: H. G. Wilkerson 1, R. Wilkerson 2, A. Gilbert 3, R. King 4, W. L. Darlow (conductor) 5, S. E. Roberts 6. The peal was attempted in honour of the 70th birthday of the Vicar of Royston (the Rev. J. Harrison), and of his 36 years as Vicar of the parish, and it was a great disappointment to the ringers that the peal was lost, the conflicting sounds of bells, organ and voices making it impossible to continue ringing.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

THE MASTER ON ITS ACTIVITIES AND ITS IMPERFECTIONS.

A copy of the new report of the Oxford Diocesan Guild has reached us, and from its pages it is obvious that the year 1912 was in many ways an extremely successful one. The membership is higher now than ever it was, being 1,852, made up of 195 non. and life members, 1,430 change ringing members, and 227 probationers. This compares with 1,845 in the preceding year. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), in his report, speaks of the year's activities. "The Guild," he says, "is alive; that is the great thing. We are at the same time conscious of the imperfections of its life; that is another great thing." He speaks of the signs of life first, which include the great gathering at Oxford for the annual festival, the movement towards increasing the number of local branches, and the peal list, which is a long one and a record for the Guild. During the year 122 peals were rung, including 15 Surprise peals. The Master adds that there were also signs of a better realisation of what it was to be a Church bell ringer.

Then with his frank outspokenness, he turns to "Some of our imperfections." He enumerates them under four headings:—

"(1) Some of us turn up very late for practices and peals, and some even for service ringing. It is time we learnt, for instance, that 6 o'clock does not mean 6.15, and still less 6.25.

"(2) We do not make enough of our Branch meetings. It is good for us to meet together, even if there is not time for much ringing; Church work being corporate work cannot get on vigorously without it.

"(3) What about the bells on Ascension Day? One of the four great festivals of the Church. And yet in many towers the bells bear no part in the festival of 'Our Lord's Triumph.'

"(4) There is in some quarters still too much justification for the reproach that we neglect the duty of worship."

The Master also comments upon the completion of the two memorials to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the successful Oxford Guild ringing tour in October, the presentation to the hon. treasurer and late hon. secretary (the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis), and the able and painstaking work of the new secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves.

The Hon. Treasurer's statement is, perhaps, the least satisfactory feature of the report, as it shows a steady drop in the balance in hand: 1910, £40 14s. 2d.; 1911, £33 3s.; 1912, £28 15s. 8d.

CHELMSFORD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I do not think the Association ought to take the money from the reserve fund for a new bell to make a peal of twelve, for, I think, ten bells are quite enough. If there is any money to spare there are plenty of other rings in the county which need adding to. There are numerous five-bell towers, where good rings of six could be made. I certainly endorse every word "Veritas" says, and there are fourteen members of the Association here who think likewise. UNKNOWN.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch was held at Minthorpe, on Saturday, and proved very successful. About 30 ringers were present from Ambleside, Brathay, Burton, Broughton-in-Furness, Crosthwaite, Dalton-in-Furness, Kendal, Kirkby-in-Furness, Milnthorpe and Silverdale.

The new peal of six (tenor 10 cwt.) were raised about 2.30, and were kept going in various Minor methods till about 4 p.m., when the ringers adjourned for tea, after which the business meeting was held in the Schoolroom.

The Rev. T. Heelis, Vicar of Crosthwaite, presided, and the annual meeting was fixed for Dalton-in-Furness in September, when it is expected there will be a new peal of eight available.—It was also decided to hold two ringing meetings during the summer, the first at Broughton-in-Furness, on June 7th, and the second at Crosthwaite, on June 21st.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. Pickering (Vicar of Milnthorpe) for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. T. Heelis for presiding, was carried unanimously.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Todmorden Parish Church, on Saturday, members being present from Todmorden Parish and Unitarian, Walsden, Middleton, Glodwick, Oldham, Heywood, Newhey, Milnrow, Ashton, Pendleton, Colne, Liverpool, Walkden, Bolton, Blackburn, Eccles, and Helmsford. The meeting was presided over by Mr. William Crabtree, five members being elected, and Leesfield selected for the next meeting. The bells were kept going during afternoon and evening in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble and Double Norwich.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Blakesley on Saturday, about 30 ringers being present from Cold Higham, Bradden, Lois Weddon, Easton Neston, Greens Norton, Weston Favell, Northampton, and the local tower. Tea was partaken of at the Red Lion Inn, and a short business meeting was afterwards held, with Mr. J. S. Constable in the chair, supported by Mr. F. Wilford (secretary of the Central Northants Association).—A letter of apology for non-attendance was read from Mr. J. Slarke.—A vote of thanks to the Rev. F. H. Mentha, who was unable to attend, was carried unanimously.

Mr. F. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and in the course of his remarks, said he was very pleased to see that several belfries in the district were taking up the art of change ringing, and making good progress with it.—The vote was seconded by Mr. F. Hopper, and carried unanimously.—The Chairman, in reply, said he was much interested in bell ringing, and pleased to do what he could to assist ringers. He knew it was a rather difficult matter to keep a good band together in their belfry, but if only they would stick to their work he saw no reason why they should not have another bell put in to make the six. He could assure them that he would soon make a move in the matter if he saw there was a likelihood of a good band of ringers.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, and Stedman Doubles.

A PLYMOUTH SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Charles' Parochial Society, Plymouth, was held in Charles' belfry, the Rev. J. P. Baker presiding, supported by the Rev. E. S. Powell (Holbeton) and Captain C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I. The annual report showed a very successful year's work, under the able management of the leader, Mr. W. H. Marsh. The same officers were elected for the ensuing year as were in office during 1912.

During the meeting a double peal board recording the peals rung on Empire Day and Coronation Day, 1912, was unveiled.

A handsome peal book was also presented to the tower in which is recorded all the peals rung on the bells of Charles' Church and all those rung by the society, the records having been tastefully illuminated by Capt. Jerram and his wife, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the great interest they have shown in the society.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. E. S. Powell for his work among the ringers, and for the assistance rendered by him, through his instruction, in obtaining the first Minor peal in seven methods ever rung in Devon.

PUTNEY.—At the Parish Church, on March 6th, for Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Kingston, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Whanslaw 1, A. Hubbard 2, W. Honeyball 3, J. Kent 4, A. Jones 5, T. Bolton 6, B. Morris (first quarter-peal as conductor, and first attempt) 7, C. Collis, senr., 8. After the Confirmation, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins., by the same band. J. Kent's first quarter as conductor.

ISLINGTON.—London County Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 43 mins.: J. A. Hotten 1, A. D. Barker (conductor) 2, R. N. Runham 3, A. H. Palmer 4, L. B. Porter 5, R. W. Green 6, J. Bullock 7, A. E. Boggis 8.

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Stedman Cinqus by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinqus by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinqus by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinqus by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. J. E. GROVES, OF BIRMINGHAM.

For over one hundred years Birmingham has been one of the most prominent centres of ringing in the country, and many great names well known in the Exercise have been linked up with it through association with St. Martin's Church. Johnson, Thurstans, Lates, Day, Bastable, Carter—these are but a few which come at once to mind when speaking of Birmingham and ringing, and St. Martin's has to-day a band of ringers who are worthily upholding the traditions of the past. The sphere of activity has widened in recent years, and has extended beyond the limits of the famous Bull Ring to the borders of the diocese and the Guild of St. Martin now embraces the whole area of the new See. Occupying the position of ringing master at the Parish Church as well as in the Guild, is Mr. James E.



MR. JAMES E. GROVES.

Groves, who is a successor in a long line of able men, and the ringing at St. Martin's is not likely to decline while he remains the leader. As popular among Midland ringers as he is capable in the tower, Mr. Groves as a ringer and conductor is to be classed among the best men of to-day.

He was born at Wroseter, near Shrewsbury, on March 13th, 1868, so that yesterday he completed his 45th year. He took up ringing when he was 18 years old, receiving his first lessons at the Old Abbey Church, Shrewsbury. His first peal, however, was not rung until four years later, this being Grandsire Triples at Upton St. Leonards, Gloucestershire, conducted by Mr. John Austin, on November 8th, 1890. In September of the following year he moved to Wolverhampton, and joined the St. Peter's company, who were then struggling with plain courses of Grandsire Triples. He was elected captain, a position which he held for some years, and a few months later was elected ringing master of the now defunct St. Peter's Guild. Mr. Groves has done a great deal in teaching young bands, and

for six years from 1895 he was instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild. In 1904 he was elected the first ringing master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and held office for five years, while in 1910 he was appointed to a similar position in the St. Martin's Guild.

He has taken part in some notable performances, including several long lengths. He conducted a 7019 and 11,500 of Grandsire Caters, and rang in 8009 of the same method. He was also one of the band that put up the present record of 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, and conducted the only peal of Erin Cinques yet rung. He rang in and conducted the first handbell peal in Wales, while another of the handbell peals which he rang was the first peal of any description in the City of Hereford. On April 20th and 21st, 1891, he rang his first peal of Double Norwich Major inside at the Parish Church, Bisley, Gloucester, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James. The bells came round at 2 a.m.! Mr. Groves was the first to ring a pair of tower bells to a peal in Great Britain, this being a peal of Grandsire Triples which he called at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton. Incidentally it is worth mentioning that the only man who had previously accomplished a similar performance was Mr. J. W. Washbrook, at Arklow, Ireland. Another interesting point is that Mr. Groves and Mr. John Carter are the only two living men who have rung peals of Grandsire on all numbers from Triples to Maximus. It would not be fitting to close this brief outline of Mr. Groves' career without mentioning that he is the author of that very popular transposition of Mr. J. J. Parker's celebrated twelve part peal of Grandsire, known as "Groves' Variation."

Mr. Groves is a member of a number of societies and guilds, including the following: Ancient Society of College Youths, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, Societies for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, Archdeaconry of Stoke, Archdeaconry of Salop, the Worcester and Districts, Essex, Gloucester and Bristol, Bath and Wells, Midland Counties and Central Northants Associations, the Salisbury, Winchester, Oxford, Warwick, Hereford and Cheltenham and Districts Guilds.

His 384 peals have been rung in 103 towers in 22 counties, his list being as follows:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Doubles	5	1
Minor (one to seven methods)	11	
Grandsire Triples	81	59
Plain Bob Triples	2	1
Darlaston Bob Triples	8	4
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
Stedman Triples	71	25
Grandsire Major	6	6
Plain Bob Major	21	14
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	
Forward Major	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	3	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	16	6
Superlative Surprise Major	11	4
Cambridge Surprise Major	10	4
Grandsire Caters	51*	26
Plain Bob Caters	1	
Stedman Caters	17	9
Grandsire Royal	1	
Plain Bob Royal	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	5	2
Forward Royal	2	

Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	2
Grandsire Cinques	3	
Erin Cinques	1	1
Stedman Cinques	45†	20
Grandsire Maximus	1	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	
Forward Maximus	1	
Total	384	186

*Including 7019 (conducted), 8009 and 11,500 (conducted). †Including record 11,111. Four of the peals of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells, and all four were conducted by Mr. Groves.

ODD CHANGES.

In mediæval and, indeed, in much later times singular criminals have fallen under the ban of the law. Not only animals but even inanimate objects such as bells have been brought to trial and sentenced to most grotesque punishments.

Bells, for having been tolled at inopportune times, have on more than one occasion suffered, and Rouvel, the famous Rouen bell, was sentenced to many years' silence by Charles VI. The bell of Uglitch, which, at the time of the assassination of Demetrius, in 1591, knelled the alarm, was, with all the other actors in that gruesome episode, brought to trial, when it was sentenced to be mutilated, knouted, and sent into perpetual exile. Over 250 years later, in 1847, it was pardoned. Reconsecrated at Irkutsk, in Siberia, by the Bishop, it was, amid general rejoicing, bedecked with flowers.

Very few men indeed have ever rung a peal with two tower bells at the same time. Mr. J. E. Groves, who is the subject of our illustration this week, is one of them. Mr. J. W. Washbrook, senr., was the first ever to accomplish the performance of ringing a peal with a rope in each hand, and, if we remember aright, this was at Arklow, Ireland. The only other is Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden. He rang two bells to a peal of Minor. One of J. W. W.'s sons is also master of two bells, and recently Mr. J. Thomas attempted a peal. How long will it be before four men ring a tower bell peal? Not long, we think.

We quote the following from a Devon paper, and it refers to ringing at Chulmleigh:—

The No. 2 band of ringers, under the tuition of the present instructor, has accomplished some excellent round and call change ringing. Some years since it was a hard matter to keep one set together. Now there are two sets, and, it is said, another band is to be formed by the No. 1 set, so that there will be three teams of campanologists to perform on the splendid peal of bells that Chulmleigh possesses. Such is the progress being made in some places in Devon. Chulmleigh is a scattered village, and has a population of about 1,200. It possesses a peal of six bells.

Last Wednesday was the 155th anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob Maximus ever rung. This was in the Oxford Variation, and was accomplished by the College Youths at St. Saviour's, Southwark (tenor 52 cwt.). It is recorded in the following terms on a tablet in the belfry:—"The Society of College Youths rung in this steeple, on

March 12th, 1758, a compleat peal of 5040 Treble Bob, 12 in, in 4 hrs. 12 mins., being the greatest peal ever done before on 12 bells. John Underwood, treble; James Coxon, 2; Robert Butterworth, 3; George Meakins, 4; James Darquitt, 5; Thomas Bennett, 6; William Lovell, 7; Stephen Pickhaver, 8; William Moss, 9; Robert Bly, 10; Robert Mortimer, 11; Joseph Monk, tenor. The peal was call'd by Mr. G. Meakins."

Twenty years later, to be exact, on March 16th, 1778, 6240 Treble Bob Maximus was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, by Norwich members of the Cumberland Youths, with two men on the tenor (41 cwt.). This occupied 5 hrs. 22 mins., and is recorded as "being the greatest performance ever done by any society."

On March 10th, 1784, the College Youths, with Samuel Muggeridge on the tenor, rang 7008 of Treble Bob Maximus in 5 hrs. 4 mins. at Southwark, but this was surpassed by the Cumberlands on the same bells on March 22nd, 1802, when James Marlton rang the tenor single handed to 7104 in 5 hrs. 30 mins. The record is worth reproducing, for it contains some famous names: "Cumberlands Society. On Monday, March 22nd, 1802, rang on these bells a compleat peal of Treble Bob Maximus, consisting of 7104 changes, it being the full extent of nine courses, the greatest performance ever done on twelve bells, which was completed by twelve men only, in 5 hrs. and 30 mins. Performers were: G. Gross, senr., treble; G. Gross, junr., 2; P. Jones, 3; James Nash, 4; Wm. Shipway, 5; Thos. Reeves, 6; J. Barnard, 7; A. Cavellier, 8; J. Hints, 9; M. Channon, 10; Wm. Stephens, 11; J. Marlton, tenor. Called by G. Gross, junr." The peal was a composition by J. Reeves.

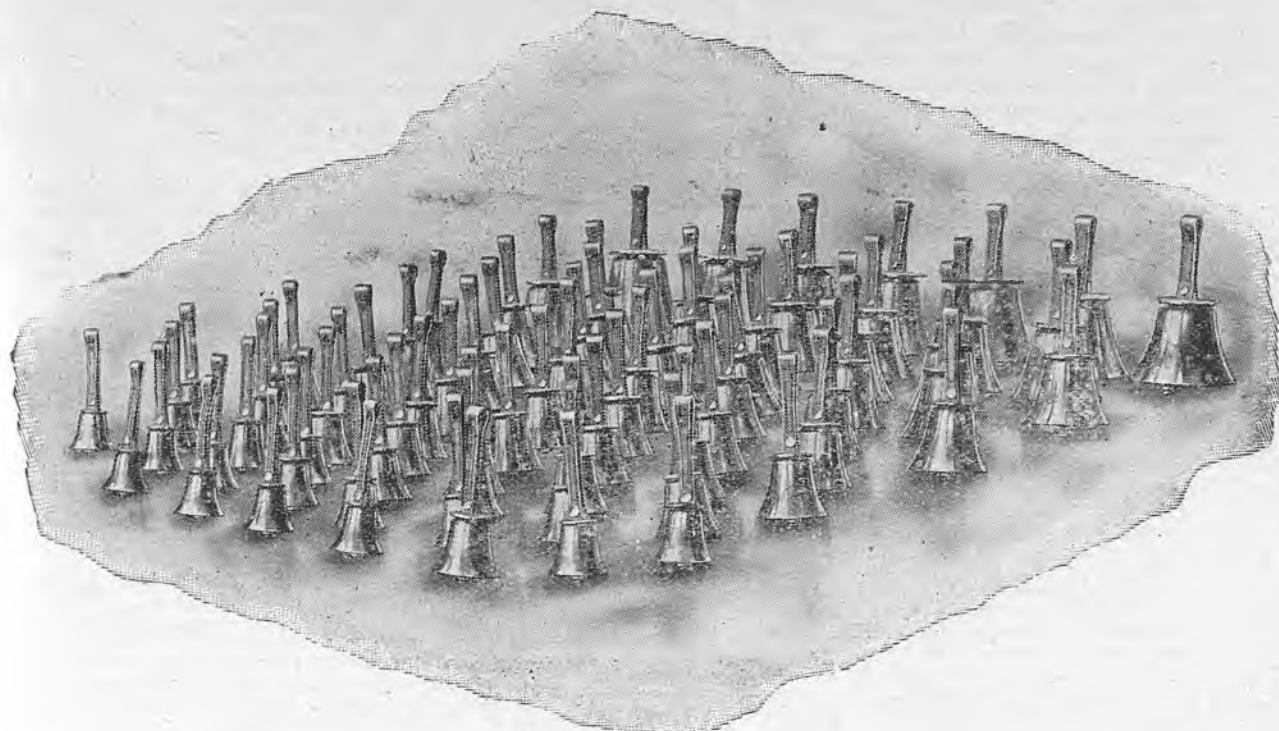
On March 6th, 1832, a peal of 7392 was rung at St. Mary's, Oldham, Lancs. This was supplanted by the 10,224 at Painswick in the following year, the latter remaining as the record length until the peal at Ashton-under-Lyne rung on Easter Monday, 1911. March was, in the old days, a memorable month for Treble Twelve.

Incidentally it may be mentioned, that to-day is the 186th anniversary of the first peal on the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, London. It was 6006 of Grandsire Cinques, rung by the London Scholars, on March 14, 1727. On the following day the College Youths rang 6314 in the same method. Benjamin Annable "called the bobs" in this latter peal.

Subscriptions towards recasting the 2nd bell at St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, have come in so well up to the present that it has been decided to raise the full amount among members and friends of the Guild, and present the bell to the church free of cost. If any of the numerous visitors to the church who have rung their first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells would like to show their appreciation, now is the opportunity. Contributions should be sent to Mr. A. P. Smith (Hon. Sec.), 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

We are requested to state that Peal No. 2,175 in the Yorks Association report 1911-12, published over the name of F. Robinson, belongs to A. Knights, and was rung for the first time as long ago as 1887.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Correspondents are reminded that, as Good Friday falls in next week, "The Ringing World" will be published on Thursday. Consequently, matter intended for publication should reach us not later than Monday next.

Reports of peals and meetings on Bank Holiday should be despatched to us the same night to ensure insertion in the following issue.

MUFFLED RINGING. INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—While visiting a neighbouring tower not long ago, a discussion arose as to the correct way to toll the bell at a death or a funeral. Various views were put forward, and it was decided to ask, through the medium of "The Ringing World," what is the general practice in this matter. We should also like to know if there are any church rules dealing with the subject of tolling, muffled peals, ringing the old year out, etc. It seems to be left to custom and tradition in each parish.

As an instance of the difference of opinion that exists, may I quote an incident that occurred in this parish some time ago: One of our ringers having died, we wished to ring a muffled peal in his memory, and consulted our Vicar as to the best time to do so. He did not seem very clear on the matter, but gave it as his opinion that the day of the funeral would be the best time for a muffled peal; that in a time of national mourning it might be rung on a Sunday after service; but that the bells should never be muffled to call the congregation to church, as had been done on a previous occasion here. After this interview, I happened to see a paragraph in "The Ringing World" stating that in a distant parish, on the death of a ringer, his colleagues had rung the bells muffled for service throughout the Sunday.

We should be grateful for any information on the subject. Also I would suggest that if there are none already in existence, the associations might draw up some general rules for the guidance of the inexperienced.—Yours truly,
Blandford.

W. H. PERKINS.

PRESENTATION TO A YOUNG RINGER.

MEMENTO OF FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN.

Ernest Bartram, of Melton Mowbray, has been the recipient of a silver bell pendant, in recognition of the way in which he rang in his first peal of Stedman Triples at the Church of All Saints', Oakham, Rutland. The present was subscribed for by the other members of the Midland Counties Association who took part in the peal, and was accompanied with the following letter from Mr. W. E. White (hon. secretary) of the Association: "As a mark of appreciation of the way in which you rang the treble in your first peal of Stedman Triples, we (that is the others who rang in the peal) beg you to accept the small bell pendant, which I send herewith with our best wishes for your continued progress in the art of ringing."

The bell was splendidly engraved with the inscription: "Ernest Bartram, August 31st, 1912," on one side, and "Stedman Triples at Oakham" on the other. The recipient was very surprised and pleased with the gift, and wishes to thank sincerely, through "The Ringing World," each subscriber for the beautiful present which will always be prized very much.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

At Southover Church, Lewes, Sussex, recently, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it failed after ringing had been in progress for a little over an hour. A quarter-peal of the same method was afterwards brought round in 46 mins., by: G. Richardson 1, E. E. Bish 2, E. J. Pannett 3, F. S. Sturt 4, G. H. Sturt 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, C. Errey 8. This was rung to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, C. Errey, and the son of Mr. R. J. Dawe, and also the 45th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Dawe, senr. The ringers were subsequently entertained by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pannett. A most enjoyable evening was spent. After supper, there were songs and handbell ringing, and thanks were accorded Mr. and Mrs. Pannett for their hospitality.

RYE RINGERS.

At the annual meeting of the Rye ringers, it was reported that there were 89 subscribers to the annual appeal, and hearty thanks were accorded them for their support. A very satisfactory report on the work in the belfry was also presented, attention having been mainly directed to bring on the junior members to fill vacancies in the ranks. The following officers were elected: Vice-president, Rev. H. E. Laughlin; captain, Mr. G. J. Youngs; conductor, Mr. G. Billenness; hon. secretary, Mr. H. F. Cobon.—After the meeting the ringers were entertained by the Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Howes) and Mrs. Howes, who were thanked for their kind hospitality.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PLYMOUTH.—The Devonshire Guild.—On March 5th, at Emmanuel Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: R. Shapcotte 1, W. Ford 2, W. Hobbs 3, W. Rundle 4, W. Hamblyn 5, W. Richards 6, G. H. Myers (conductor) 7, G. Kerswell 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 9th, for evening service, at St. Matthew's Church, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major: T. King 1, W. Hewitt 2, C. T. Coles 3, J. A. Trollope 4, B. Saunders 5, T. Groombridge, junr., 6, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 7, W. Pye 8.

READING.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, March 9th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 448 of Cambridge Surprise Major: W. A. Webb 1, J. E. Hern 2, A. T. Reeves 3, A. E. Reeves 4, C. Giles (conductor) 5, J. Swain 6, L. Watmore 7, F. W. Hopgood 8.—At 18, Seamer Place, on handbells, 504 of Grandsire Triples: A. T. Reeves 1—2, C. Giles (conductor) 3—4, F. W. Hopgood 5—6, F. Watmore 7—8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's on Sunday, March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 47 mins.: S. Williams 1, J. Harris 2, H. Day 3, W. Heath 4, C. O. Hobbs 5, W. G. Miller 6, T. Cox 7, S. Dawe 8, A. Rowley (conductor) 9, S. Barker 10. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Evan Coles, who was married to Miss Hister E. Rosser, at the Parish of Llaneshen, on the 1st inst., the ringers wishing them every happiness.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, on March 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (tenor covering): F. W. Carter 1, S. Andrews (first 720 as conductor) 2, R. Narborough 3, T. Haines 4, G. Piggins 5, H. Banham 6, H. Cheeswright 7. First time this particular 720 has ever been rung by any of the band. For Confirmation service, on Wednesday, 5th March, several touches of Minor and Bob Doubles, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Benham, Andrews, Haines and Piggins, A. W. Wenlock ringing his first 120.

SUTTON GOLDFIELD.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On March 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: C. Waithman 1, J. Jennings 2, B. Claydon 3, G. Roberts 4, W. Allson 5, T. Bloore (conductor) 6, B. Leedham 7, J. Reynolds 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. E. J. Brooks for 10 years churchwarden of this church.

WRITTFLE, ESSEX.—On March 2nd, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th: J. Poole 1, F. Edwards 2, F. Radley 3, A. Whight 4, R. Wood 5, W. Lincoln (conductor) 6, A. Head 7, R. A. Rolfe 8.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, on March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: H. Springate 1, H. Hogarth 2, Corpl. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I., 3, P. Burgess (Waldron) 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, S. Shellock 6, C. H. Sone (Linton) 7, E. Sills 8.

LONDON.—On March 2nd for morning service, at St. John's, South Hackney, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 45 mins.: J. Barry 1, F. Nunn 2, E. Wigg 3, E. E. Grimes (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, A. H. Palmer 5, R. Green 6, F. Hull 7, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 8.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for men's service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Whatmore 1, J. W. Whatmore 2, —, Jeavons 3, A. Greenfield (conductor) 4, W. Cotter 5, R. Allen 6, J. Lloyd 7, C. Harley 8. Also 336 Bob Major: J. Williams 1, J. Whatmore 2, —, Jeavons 3, J. Lloyd 4, R. Allen 5, W. Cotter 6, C. E. Corkins 7, A. Greenfield (conductor) 8.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.—On March 2nd, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins.: A. Edgerton 1, L. Corrigan 2, W. H. Jones 3, F. Downing 4, M. J. Morris 5, C. H. Potter (Barnsley), first quarter-peal of Caters, 6, W. Davies 7, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 8, W. Saunders 9, C. Allen 10.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On March 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob: E. Hodson 1, J. Hendry 2, J. Pettit 3, G. Lines 4, A. Henman 5, P. Inskip (conductor) 6. This was rung for the christening of Mr. J. Hendry's son. For evening service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: G. Lines (conductor) 1, J. Hendry 2, J. Pettit 3, H. Saddington (first 720 of Treble Bob away from the treble) 4, P. Inskip 5, A. Henman 6.

LEYTONSTONE.—On March 3rd, at St. John's Church, 720 each of London, Beverley and York Surprise, the following taking part: A. Prior (first 720 Beverley), A. Fiddes (first 720 London), W. Theobald, G. Dowson, W. Miller (conductor), J. Moule, W. Doran, H. Torble.

BRIDGEND.—On March 4th, at St. Iltid's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: R. Gregory 1, D. R. James 2, J. Davis 3, J. Evans 4, W. Smith 5, J. Cox 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, J. Fisher 8. First 504, by all except the ringers of 6 and 7.

DERBY.—The Midland Counties Association.—On March 4th, at St. Alkmund's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1913 changes), in 1 hr. 13 mins.: C. Draper 1, J. Vickers, junr., 2, G. Robinson 3, G. Freebrey (composer and conductor) 4, J. Vickers, senr., 5, W. Wallace 6, B. Mitchell 7, A. Francis 8.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—At St. Paul's Church, on March 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., by: *T. Newman 1, *W. Mumford 2, Jesse Puppelt 3, S. Knight (conductor) 4, A. Cains 5, W. Onvil 6, W. Irons 7, C. Rainbird 8. *Longest length.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on March 9th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Harris 1, A. S. Beer 2, S. Thomas 3, C. Groves 4, J. Symonds 5, A. Creasy 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, J. Matthews 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire: J. Symonds 1, C. Groves 2, J. Harris (conductor) 3, J. Wheeler 4, E. J. Harding 5, J. Smith 6, A. Creasy 7, J. Matthews 8.

DEAL.—Kent Association. — On Sunday, March 9th, 720 College Single: *E. Kemp 1, *L. Ladd 2, *G. W. T. Smith 3, F. A. Holder (conductor) 4, *A. Long 5, H. C. Castle 6. *First 720 in the method.

NORWICH.—At St. John de Sepulchre's Church, on Monday, March 3rd, 1264 Bob Major: C. Brundell 1, C. Jenkinson 2, F. Phillips 3, W. Mayers 4, J. Freeman 5, W. W. Goodbourn 6, T. Wright 7, G. Mayers (conductor) 8. Ring with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. T. Miller, who, although a prominent member of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, was a true friend of the poor in this parish, and a supporter of all good work, irrespective of creed.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—Hertfordshire Association. — On March 4th, 720 Duke of York: S. Game 1, B. Patmore 2, A. Carter 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6. Also 720 College Single: A. Smith 1, B. Patman 2, S. Game 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, A. Phillips 5, A. Woolston (conductor) 6. — On Sunday, March 9th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Carter 1, A. Phillips 2, S. Game 3, G. H. Barker 4, A. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

STANSTED.—Essex Association. — On Feb. 9th, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich: H. Little 1, T. Jordan 2, G. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, T. J. Watts 6, H. J. Tucker 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8. — On March 9th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Ansell 1, H. Little 2, G. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, W. T. Prior 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, T. J. Watts 8.

CHILDWALL, LANCS.—The Chester Diocesan Guild. — At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 28th, 720 each of St. Clement's and Childwall, College Single and Wavertree, Double and Plain Bob, containing 71 changes of method in the three 720's: Rev. C. A. Clements 1, W. Bibby 2, Rev. A. T. Beeston 3, G. R. Newton 4, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 5, H. W. Wilde 6. The splicing of St. Clement's and Childwall, and of College Single and Wavertree, were shown in our last issue.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Feb. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 720 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, and 180 Canterbury, in 40 mins.: R. Summers 1, J. Bevan 2, J. Gwynne 3, A. Gwynne 4, E. Summers 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6. — On Feb. 25th, a quarter-peal of Minor, in seven methods, being 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 180 each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 120 each of College Single and Grandsire: J. Bevan 1, A. Gwynne 2, J. Blake 3, J. Gwynne 4, E. Summers 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—Salisbury Guild. — On Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *S. Vining 1, P. H. Beams (first quarter with a bob bell) 2, *J. Lathey 3, J. Zealley 4, *H. Haines 5, E. Powell 6, T. Hervey Beams (conductor) 7, T. Lathey 8. *First quarter-peal of Triples. Ring with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Nelson, President of the Sarum Diocesan Guild since its formation in 1884.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Jan. 16th, for evening service, to mark the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. C. A. W. Aylen, to SS. Peter and Paul, Shiplake, the ringers rang a date touch of 1913 Grandsire Triples, composed by Mr. C. Jackson Hull: A. Sheppard 1, C. P. Oliver 2, W. O. Porter 3, A. Hiestad 4, W. Wicks 5, G. Cleave (conductor) 6, J. Hiscock 7, F. Harris 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 12th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. H. Odey 1, O. W. Layng 2, R. W. Hyner 3, S. Palmer 4, E. Bishop 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, S. Hillier (Devises) 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. — On Jan. 14th, 1344 Superlative Surprise Major: J. H. Odey 1, R. W. Hyner 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, E. Bishop 5, G. W. Townsend 6, G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method on the bells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 13th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. J. Gilbert 1, R. W. Hyner 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster 5, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 6. — On February 3rd, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Beverley Surprise: A. J. Gilbert 1, R. W. Hyner 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Jan. 26th, for morning service, 336 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Green. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Price 1, L. Johnson 2, H. Johnson 3, W. Bird 4, G. Bird 5, O. Pearson 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, A. Houghton 8.

LONDON.—On Jan. 25th, for evening service, at St. Giles', Camberwell, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, C. H. Hughes 2, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 3, W. H. Taffender 4, R. W. Green 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, A. D. Barker 7, F. J. Hardy 8.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Jan. 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Cornford 1, H. Ranzetta 2, H. Brooks 3, J. Barry 4, G. Charge 5, J. Cornford 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, A. Hart 8. — On Feb. 2nd, for

evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 47 mins.: J. Barry 1, B. Green 2, H. Dains 3, *H. Brooks 4, A. Hart 5, *L. Porter 6, G. Charge 7, A. Turner (first in the method as conductor) 8. *First quarter of Treble Bob Major.

BLITCHLEY, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild. — On Feb. 1st, 168 and 350 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. Sear, and 336, conducted by E. Marks. — On Feb. 8th, 336 Stedman, conducted by H. Sear. Also 518 Grandsire Triples: S. H. King (first 500) 1, W. Sear 2, J. Mead 3, L. Meager 4, T. Best (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear 7, F. Goodman 8.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: H. Sear 1, J. Lovell 2, G. West 3, E. Marks 4, F. Mynard (conductor) 5, T. Best 6. 120 Stedman Doubles, with V. Sear 6.

EWELL.—On the occasion of the marriage of Capt. John A. Don, R.H.A., and Miss Violet Bridges, second daughter of Mr. J. H. Bridges, of Ewell Court, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Sherman 1, H. G. Beams 2, Jesse Beams 3, J. Beams 4, E. T. Grove 5, S. Wilson 6, C. E. Read (conductor) 7, F. Laver 8. Also 630, 546 and 168 in the same method, H. Pederick taking part.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 9th, 720 Bob Minor, conducted by F. W. Naunton, and 216 conducted by J. Spencer: G. Bertram 1, A. J. Naunton 2, L. Naunton 3, W. Mellin 4, J. Spencer 5, F. W. Naunton 6.

WITNEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild. — At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, Feb. 9th, 350 Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, C. R. Walker 2, E. Brown 3, A. Brooks 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins., by the above band, conducted by J. Monk. C. R. Walker's first quarter-peal with an inside bell.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I had thought this subject was dropped, but Mr. Lindoff's vain and boasting letter in your issue of February 28th provokes me to reply. Evidently he thinks Mr. Dains, Mr. Hattersley and myself are nothing better than fools in composition, and can be treated as such accordingly, or he would not have sent with his letter the two 5040's of New Cambridge Surprise Royal, which, like his other efforts, are merely extracts from peals published in the 1895 appendix. The first 5040 is abstracted from a 5056, third peal on page 108, and the second may be abstracted by a school-boy from the second peal given on page 117. As this is such a bare-faced bit of priggish and an attempt at fooling, I enclose the peals side by side as published.

With this attempt to hoodwink us, he has the impertinence to tell us that he is not like Mr. Dains, given to idle boasting. Can idle boasting go further? He also states that these extracts are his peals, and his they will remain. I have no doubt they will in his imagination, but the discerning part of the Exercise will not be so deceived, but will estimate his efforts at their worth.

N. J. PITSTOW.

[Mr. Pitstow enclosed the two sets of course-ends, which are exactly the same as that in Mr. F. Pitstow's letter last week, and need not, therefore, be repeated.—Ed.]

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

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NOTICES.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Runcorn Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Runcorn on March 15th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow after tea. Ringers' service at 7. All ringers welcome.—B. Trivett, Branch Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, March 15th. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

NOTICES (continued).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, established 1824) Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on March 15th, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow. Tower open for ringing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 15th, at 6 o'clock; business meeting, 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Tunstall, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 15th. Tower open at 3.30. Short service at 5 p.m. Meeting following immediately after light refreshments.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, March 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Walsall on Easter Monday. Bells available: St. Matthew's (10) and Rushall (6) from 11 a.m. Rushall tower penny tram from The Bridge. Short service at St. Matthew's at 4. Tea at 4.30 in Masonic Hall, High Street, 1s. each. General meeting to follow. Kindly send word not later than Tuesday, the 18th inst., to H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stourbridge on Easter Monday, March 24th. Service, with address by the Rev. Stanhope Newland, Vicar, in St. Thomas' Church at 1.45 prompt. General meeting in the Foresters' Hall, High Street, at 2.30. Bells available: St. Thomas (8), Oldswinford (8) and Wollaston (6). Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, March 19th. Subscriptions should be paid to the branch secretaries and reports obtained in the Choir Vestry between 12 and 1. The peal book will also be on view there.—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, March 24th. Service, with address by Rev. H. B. Woolley, of Long Stanton, will be held in St. James' Church, 12.30 p.m. Bells available: St. James' (10), St. Mary's (8), Horringer (8), Rougham (6), Great Barton (6), Fornham St. Martin (6). Dinner, followed by business meeting, will be held at the Suffolk Hotel at 1.15 p.m., 1s. members, 2s. non-members. Will those who intend coming to dinner please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 19th?—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The thirty-first annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, March 24th. The bells at St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mark's and St. John's will be available for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at 3 o'clock in the High Cross Coffee House, followed by tea (1s. each) and general meeting at 4 o'clock. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. T. H. Hardy, 3, Wright Street, St. Peter's Lane, by March 20th at the latest. The towers will be closed during the tea and meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fareham on Easter Monday, March 24th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea at Foster's Temperance Hotel at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 19th inst.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, March 24th, 1913. Towers open at 2 p.m.: St. Peter's (10), Cathedral (8), St. Stephen's (6), St. Michael's (6). Ringing can be had upon the peals of six earlier in the day by communicating direct to respective conductors. Service in the Cathedral (choral) 5 p.m., with short address by the Rev. Canon Lord William Gascoigne Cecil, Rector of Hatfield. Tea and business meeting in the Abbev Institute adjoining, immediately after service, for election of officers and other business. Secretaries are asked to communicate the probable number of their band attending by first post on Easter Monday to enable satisfactory tea arrangements to be made. Meat tea 6d. each to members; other ringers, who will be heartily welcomed, 1s. 3d. each.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Easter Meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday (March 24th, 1913). Bells of the Parish Church (10, tenor 18½ cwt.) available all day. Dinner at Botham's Cafe, 12.30 p.m. prompt, members 1/-, non-members 2/-. Ringers attending must notify the Secretary by Wednesday, March 19th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Colchester on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter (8), which have recently been re-cast, and All Saints (5), will be available from 11 o'clock till 7. Tea 1/- each, followed by meeting, will be held in Parish Room adjoining St. Peter's, at 4.30. I wish to remind those intending being present the necessity of giving notice not later than the 20th, as tea will only be ordered for number sending notice.—A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Easter Monday. Business meeting at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Bells available all day. All ringers welcome.—H. Moore, junr., Honorary Secretary, Pentrefelin, Wrexham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in Bedford on Easter Monday. Committee meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 11 a.m. Dinner at All Hallows' Mission Room at 1. General Meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's (10) will be available except from 11 to 12, and from 5 to 6, and at St. Peter's (6) except from 3.30 to 5.30.—A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 21st, at Epsom. Both towers (St. Martin's and Christ Church) will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Martin's at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after. —Cyril S. Johnston, Hon. Sec., Bell Foundry, Croydon.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday. Bells, St. Mary's (8). All Saints (6), available afternoon and evening. Tea at Plumb's, Confectioner, 9d. each. Meeting, St. Mary's Room. Short service, 5 o'clock, at St. Mary's. All ringers welcome.—Will those intending being present please notify F. T. Cooke, Hon. Sec., 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

S. MARY'S, TWYFORD, BERKS.—The new ring of eight bells will be dedicated on Easter Tuesday, March 25th. Service at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Those intending to be present kindly notify same to F. Dentry, Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, March 29th. The new peal of bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Tea in the Star Hall at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the 26th.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, March 29th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, by kind permission of the Rev. C. M. Harvey, on Saturday, March 29th, 1913. A service will be held at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Canon Harvey, of Dewsbury, Yorks. Tea at 6 o'clock, 7d. each, and meeting to follow. The business will include the election of a new president, and any alteration of the rules consequent thereon, to make it effective. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John the Baptist's (10) from 2 p.m. and St. Andrew's (8) from 3 p.m. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. "Motions" for the agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.—Albert E. Reeves, Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—In consequence of the Honorary Secretary being in hospital suffering from severe burns, the annual meeting is postponed. Further notice will be given when the date is fixed.—S. Spittle, Ringing Master, 6, Great Hill, Dudley.

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