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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.

VALUE OF A BENEVOLENT FUND.

One of the principal arguments that have been used against the formation of a Benevolent Fund by ringing associations has been that the introduction of the National Insurance Act has done away with the necessity for any such method of assistance. Our contention has always been that, despite the benefits which those in sickness may derive from the operation of this measure, there is still room, and, indeed, a need for such voluntary effort as a Benevolent Fund may afford. At one meeting, recently, where the subject was discussed, it was urged that, with the present calls upon the purse of the working man he could ill-afford to make any further contribution to such an object. In view, however, of the schemes which Kent and Sussex have put into operation, it is obvious that a benevolent fund can be run without any direct drain upon the members, and the difficulties anticipated are really unfounded.

As to the practical uses of the fund there can be no question, and the Sussex Association, to whose members a report will be presented at the annual meeting on Saturday, has provided concrete instances of the value of a benevolent fund. In October, for example, a ringer was out of work for 14 weeks, and, with the prospect of still another month's incapacity, and with a wife and five children under ten years of age (one of them a cripple) was practically at the end of his resources, his only income having been the National Health Insurance of 10s. a week. In this case the general secretary received the application on a Friday, the consent of the committee was obtained and a cheque for two guineas posted to the applicant on the Monday following. What a boon such assistance must have been to a family in these circumstances, and all the more helpful because it was given so quickly. In March last from the same fund two other ringers, also in considerable need, were similarly assisted, and thus the great value of the fund was convincingly proved. No man knows when misfortune may overtake him, and, even if he is an insured person, ten shillings a week will not go far when a large family is deprived of the bread winner. Any other help is therefore of real assistance, and when ringers can give practical demonstration of the fraternal feeling that exists between them by allocating part of their funds to such a good purpose, they go one more step in the proof of the brotherhood which exists in the Exercise. What Sussex and Kent are doing others can do, and we hope to see a great extension of the benevolent fund movement. There are several of the big societies at any rate who could take action, by utilising a small portion of the "nest-egg" which they have, or by some other adjustment of their financial arrangements.

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**OPINION OF OUR
MODERN WORK.**

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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,
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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.

A PEAL OF STEBMAN CATER, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES... Treble	WILLIAM TRUSS ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE R. FARDON ... 7
WALTER S. WISE ... 3	EMANUEL HALL ... 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 9
JAMES SCHOLES ... 5	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scholes.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES FAULKS ... Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR. ... 6
GEORGE POPNELL ... 2	GILBERT GUEST ... 7
THOMAS GRIFFITHS ... 3	REUBEN HALL ... 8
SAMUEL SPITTLE ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 9
WILLIAM MILLS ... 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUNR.

This peal was arranged for Mr. G. Popnell, and rung on the Festival of St. Mark.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

GEORGE FIGOTT ... Treble	*ALBERT LITTLE ... 6
*THOMAS H. BURKITT ... 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 7
*MOSES B. SMITH ... 3	GEORGE HUGHES ... 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	*WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 9
*FRANK W. PERRINS ... 5	THOMAS HUGHES ... Tenor

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Moses B. Smith.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. BROWN ... Treble	†JAMES ROSE ... 5
G. W. MEE ... 2	*WILLIAM KINSEY ... 6
H. J. MEE ... 3	EDGAR RIVERS ... 7
*FRED KINSEY ... 4	FRANK ROLFE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by E. RIVERS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5049 CHANCES;

C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 7½ cwt.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... Treble	*JAMES BUTLER ... 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 2	†J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 6
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 3	†REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE 7
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 4	*F. PHILIP CHEETHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	ALFRED T. REEVES 5
LEONARD T. OSBORNE 2	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 6
WALTER A. WEBB 3	ALFRED WATMORE 7
CHARLES GILES 4	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. Smith-Masters, whose wedding took place at Stewkley on Tuesday, April 21st.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. COLLETT Treble	F. BIRD 5
H. GILLET 2	W. STRATFORD 6
F. DAVIS 3	W. LARGE 7
E. PARDON 4	T. BANNING Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal on the bells, which have been augmented to eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Bathwick,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT E. SEERS Treble	CHARLES GOODENOUGH 5
*ALBERT E. ALEXANDER 2	CHARLES DENSLEY 6
FREDERICK C. RICH 3	RICHARD J. COUSINS 7
CHARLES W. BELL 4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH Tenor

Conducted by A. E. ALEXANDER.

* First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Bell.

MIDDLETON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 28, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	THOMAS K. DRIVER 5
THOMAS OLDHAM 2	TOM A. OGDEN 6
FRANK BERRY 3	JAMES ARROWSMITH, Senr. 7
WILLIAM BERRY 4	DAN RENSHAW Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

† This composition (No. 162) is now rung for the first time, and contains the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 without the 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place. It is also the longest length on the bells.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

*STANLEY RIDGERS Treble	ALFRED R. ELKINS 5
WILLIAM ELKINS 2	EDWARD CLAPSHAW 6
HUBERT CHAFFEY 3	CHARLES EDWARDS 7
CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. 4	HARRY KIMBER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in E.

CHARLES E. READ Treble	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 3	RICHARD KENDALL 7
ALFRED R. BROWN 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

This is believed to be the first peal of Bob Major on these bells since 1783.

WOLVERHAMPTON
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke, Blakenhall.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*DANIEL JONES Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	*FRANK W. PERRENS 6
GEORGE HUGHES 3	*ALBERT LITTLE 7
HORACE HOWELL 4	JOSEPH FIGOTT Tenor

Composed by H. H. WILDE, and
Conducted by J. FIGOTT.

* First peal in the method. Composition No. 16 in C.C. Report.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lbs.

FRANK R. COPEMAN Treble	CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN 5
GEORGE S. SOAME 2	JOHN MOY 6
CHARLES NEWLAND 3	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7
WILLIAM STEELE 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed by W. EVERSFIELD, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew, Upper Clapton,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs., in F.

ROBERT E. PELLATT Treble	HENRY J. KING 5
*CHARLES A. GRAY 2	WILLIAM J. KEMP 6
FRED C. MAYNARD 3	STANLEY H. R. COOPER 7
WILLIAM T. POWELL 4	HENRY J. CANTOR Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES A. GRAY.

* First peal as conductor. This is believed to be the quickest peal on the bells. Mr. W. T. Powell was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

SUNDERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ignatius the Martyr.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM OXLEY Treble	MICHAEL F. HARRISON 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	THOMAS H. NAISBY 6
JAMES AYERS 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
WILLIAM A. CARR 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

First peal of Surprise Major by all except the conductor, and first on the bells. All the band are service ringers at the church, and it is the first peal of Surprise Major for this Association by the band of one church.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE POVEY Treble	PERCY E. BEX 5
REGINALD BROUGH 2	EDWARD AUDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
EDWIN WHITING 2	JOHN SNELLING 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	GEORGE SNELLING 7
FREDERICK SEAGER 4	*JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

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

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by ARTHUR F. JAMES.

* First peal in the method as conductor.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM MARGETTS 5
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
JOHN BULLEN 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
ROBERT THOMPSON 4	*ERNEST ROWE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(MELTON MOWBRAY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN R. BARTRAM Treble	*HARRY BURBECK 5
†GEORGE TOWELL 2	JOAN OLDHAM 6
SYDNEY HUDDLESTON 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
†ERNEST BARTRAM 4	*JOHN TOWNSEND Tenor

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal of Grand-sire Triples inside. J. Oldham hails from Loughborough, G. Towell and Burbeck from Oakham, and the rest from Melton Mowbray. First attempt for a peal by J. R. Bartram, aged 16, who rang owing to the company being one short.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY Treble	PERCY PAGE 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	GILBERT J. YOUNGS 6
*HAROLD SMITH 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
CHARLES TRIBE 4	GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal of Triples with an inside bell.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ERNEST PYE 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
WILLIAM J. KRMP 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES WILSON Treble	*WM. H. HUMBERSTONE ... 5
*THOMAS HUMBERSTONE ... 2	†FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
*HARRY BROUGHTON 3	*WALTER BREWIN 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Humberstone.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*GEORGE C. ROGERS ... Treble	HENRY J. CANTOR 5
EDWARD C. RICHARDS ... 2	STANLEY H. R. COOPER ... 6
GEORGE SAUNDERS 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 4	HENRY BOXALL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal. Mr. Saunders hails from Dover and, the band meeting one short, he kindly took the vacant rope, being elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to William H. Daynes (eldest son of the conductor), who attained his majority on the preceding day.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM AUDSLEY ... Treble	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 5
*DAVID BARNES 2	REGINALD BROUGH 6
GEORGE POVEY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	†OSCAR ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal. J. Wheadon's 50th peal, and rung after meeting short for Major.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S No. 33. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JESSE SCREEN Treble	ALBERT MILLS 5
THOMAS HILL 2	WALTER PRESTIDGE 6
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
CHARLES TYLER 4	ALFRED ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

Rung as a quarterly peal for the Guild; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Carter, the composer.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALBERT NORTH Treble	GEORGE F. PICKLES 5
THOMAS R. HENSHER 2	JOHN T. EASON 6
JAMES MOORHOUSE 3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 7
HERBERT ROWLEY 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

* First peal in the method.

BEESTON, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*JOSEPH WOOLLEY Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
FREDERICK S. PRICE 2	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Junr. 6
ALBERT COPPOCK 3	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT 7
*JAMES L. WRIGHT 4	*PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT BUCKLEY Treble	EDMUND SCHOFIELD 5
GEORGE STAFF 2	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 6
JOHN FITTON 3	JOSEPH GREENWOOD 7
*WILLIAM BRIERLEY 4	HARRY BOCKLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GREENWOOD.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. P. Wright (Vicar of Milnrow) on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

OSWALDTWISTLE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
At the Church of IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	THOMAS HAWORTH 5
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 2	WILLIAM RILEY 6
JAMES SHAW 3	WILLIAM WHEWELL 7
JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE 4	JAMES HOULDSWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JAMES HOULDSWORTH.

First peal in the method by all, and rung by the local company with the exception of A. Tomlinson, of Blackburn. It was in celebration of the first anniversary of the installation of two new trebles.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BRAILSFORD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, April 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being ten Six-Scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's.

*JOSEPH HAYWOOD Treble	JOSEPH LORD 3
*GEORGE FREEBREY 2	*JOHN FLOWER 4
*JAMES PAGETT Tenor	

*Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled by request of the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Fairfax).

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Norwich and Netherseale Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 4
CHARLES CHENERY 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
ARTHUR BAILEY 3	LEONARD LAST Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George Bailey.

WOODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*A. JEFFS Treble	A. KNIGHT 4
W. HAYO 2	J. HUDSON 5
L. WYMAN 3	T. JERVIS Tenor

Conducted by T. JERVIS.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor. Arranged for and rung on the 30th birthday of L. Wyman.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	*ERNEST W. HALL 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 5
*WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung for the Festival of St. Mark.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 30 Six-Scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.

CHARLES COOPER Treble	EDGAR C. REID 3
HARRY PEET 2	HORACE W. SHARMAN 4

ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor.

Conducted on ROBERT G. BLACK.

Quickest peal on the bells.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Lightfoot, Weymouth, Berwick, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle and Canterbury. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
THOMAS A. HOWES SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

The above was rung in the attempt for the record Surprise Minor peal of 10,800 changes, but, owing to the fourth ringer being indisposed, the bells were brought round.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, April 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called in ten different ways. Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD POWELL Treble	CHARLES H. SPARKS ... 4
ALBERT E. HURCUMB ... 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR ... 5
HENRY SYMONDS 3	RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells and rung as a compliment to the new Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Randle) who kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE B. BOLLAND ... Treble	REV. R. P. FARROW ... 4
REV. C. B. D. FARROW ... 2	EDWARD ODDY ... 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	*RUFUS THORNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD ODDY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. John Cordingley, who was a member of the Tong company for some time, and who died at the age of 87 years.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

WILLIAM LLEWELLYN ... Treble	CAMPBELL KINGS ... 4
ALLEN GWYNNE 2	HENRY KEMP ... 5
JOHN CLARK 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. Poston.

WICKHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor about 9 cwt.

THOMAS SCAMELL ... Treble	HENRY J. SMITH ... 4
HARRY BECKETT 2	GEORGE E. CHAPPELL ... 5
HARRY WILLERRITT ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six 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 one each of St. Clement's, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN PEEL Treble	*J. FRANK PROCTOR ... 4
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 5
HARRY THORPE 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

First peal in five methods.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Willesden, Old Oxford Modernised and College Bob IV.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT ... Treble	HARRY KILBY ... 4
THOMAS LANGDON 2	GEORGE M. KILBY ... 5
LAWRENCE B. PORTER ... 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. J. HARDY.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NORTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs.

*JOHN COOPER Treble	A. S. BOAR 4
W. J. ROBERTS 2	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 5
*ALBERT MARTIN ... 3	J. T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Cooper.

ECTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN T. HENSMAN ... Treble	JOSEPH C. DEAN ... 4
HERBERT RAINBOW ... 2	FRED HOPPER ... 5
THOMAS LAW 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
At Trinity College,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 3-4	JAMES BUTLER ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This peal has the 120 course-ends.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Size 18, in G.

MAURICE SMITHER ... 1-2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

*First peal of Major on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

EDGAR VALLANCE ... 1-2	EDUARD NORMAN ... 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	WILLIAM WILSON ... 7-8
T. HENRY HARDY ... 9-10	

Composed by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: MR. THOMAS VALLANCE.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Residence of EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

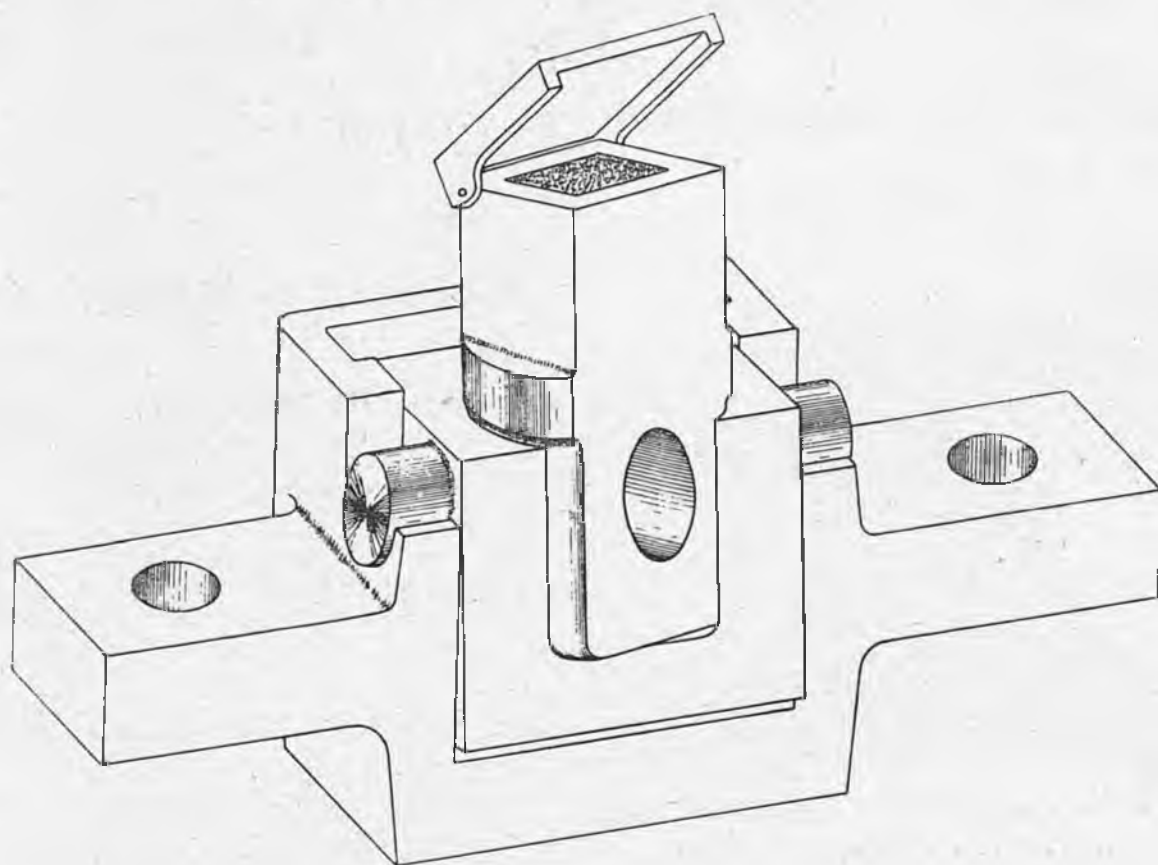
*EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 1-2	J. T. DYKE ... 3-4
*W. J. ROBERTS ... 5-6	

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Umpires: ALBERT MARTIN and J. E. ROBERTS.

*First peal on handbells. First peal on handbells in Newent.

Owing to the great pressure on our space a few peal reports are unavoidably held over, as are also some other items of news.



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RINGERS IN THE NEWS.



Mr. Chas. Willshire, of Guildford, whose departure to Canada has made a gap in the Winchester Guild ranks.

Mr. I. G. Shade, who, after ringing four peals in one day, fell down stairs the next and fractured his ribs.

Mr. G. Staddon, "father" of the Bristol Ringers, who has just retired from the office of sexton of St. John's Church, after 58 years' service, photographed on the steps of the Church.

HERE AND THERE.

KING'S NORTON BELLS.

We hope that the suggestion made at the meeting of the St. Martin's, Birmingham, Guild, at King's Norton may bear fruit. The present ring, famous for being the peal upon which the record length of London was rung, are, we have always understood, a remarkably good eight, and two good trebles would make a fine light ring of ten. The fact that Alderman Pritchett, who resides and rings at King's Norton, was present when the suggestion was made, may perhaps ensure something being done.

LONDON RINGERS TO MEET AT CRICKET.

The friendly rivalry which exists between those two ancient London Societies, the College Youths and the Cumberlands, is to be extended from the belfry to the cricket field. The former have challenged the Cumberlands to a match, and, naturally, the challenge has been accepted. This game will, we are sure, excite much interest, and, as it is to be followed by a social, there will doubtless be a big gathering of London ringers in the evening. By-the-way, members of the Cumberland Youths should note that important business is to be transacted at a special meeting to be held after the practice at Shoreditch next Thursday.

THE FIRST PEAL AT PERSHORE.

Some 20 years ago, Mr. J. W. Washbrook called what was believed to be the first peal on the bells at Pershore Abbey, and up to now, we think, the claim held out for that peal of Stedman has not been disputed. But now a century old copy of the "Worcester Herald" reveals a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Pershore exactly 100 years ago. The issue, dated April 30th, 1814, contains the following interesting paragraph: "On Monday a peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5640 changes, was rung in 3 hours and 13 mins. on those harmonious bells of the Holy Cross, Pershore, allowed by the amateurs of bell music to be the finest peal of eight in the kingdom. Various attempts had been made by different societies for a succession of 85 years, which the Youths of All Saints', Worcester, accomplished in the above time, being, of course, considered a maiden peal. Tenor, one ton thirteen cwt."

PEALS OF NOTE.

In our columns this week there are two peals of note upon which the respective bands are to be congratulated. At Oswaldtwistle, Lancs., "the first peal of London by all the band" was rung on Sunday, all the ringers but one belonging to the local company. At St. Ignatius, Sunderland, Superlative has been accomplished, the first Surprise peal by an entirely local band for the Durham and Newcastle Association. Although the bells were augmented to eight only in February of last year, the company, who are all service ringers, have, under the capable conductorship of Mr. J. W. Parker, successively accomplished Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative.

A "DOUBLE-HANDED" PERFORMANCE.

At a practice, at Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, on Saturday last, Mr. John Thomas rang the two trebles in, and conducted a well-struck 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 24½ mins. The other ringers were: F. Case (Poole); 3, E. Ridout (Okeford Fitzpaine); 4, F. W. Townsend (Poole); 5, W. W. Hughes D'Aeth (Buckhorn Weston); 6. The rest of the afternoon was spent in Kent and Cambridge practice.

PEAL TABLETS.

Two handsome peal tablets have been unveiled in the belfry at High Wycombe Parish Church. One commemorates the peal of Erin Caters rung on January 3rd, 1912, and the other the peal of Stedman Cinques rung on December 10th, 1913. The former was given by Mr. G. Welch, and the latter, which is of slate, enamelled and engraved and gilded, was presented by Mr. T. Dickens. The tablets were dedicated by the Vicar and unveiled by Miss Welch. In connection with the event, a meeting of the Oxford Guild was held, and ringers in large numbers attended from towers in the district. Touches in various methods up to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Surprise were rung.

AN ANONYMOUS GIFT.

Two trebles to make a peal of eight have been presented by an anonymous donor to the Parish Church of Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos., and have been dedicated by the Archdeacon of Cirencester. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were the founders, and in addition they have quarter turned and rehung the old bells. The way in which the work has been carried out has given the greatest satisfaction to the many ringers who have tried them.

SOUTHAMPTON NEW BELLS.

On May Day, the new bells for St. Mary's, Southampton, were welcomed to the parish with great festivity. They were bedecked with flowers and drawn on lorries through the streets, and at the boundary of the parish were met by the clergy and choir who escorted them to the church.

"NEWHALL DELIGHT."

The name of Newhall has been given to No. 10 of the 4th's place Delight in the Central Council Collection by the Newhall ringers, who scored a 720 on Saturday last, the following taking part: J. Baseley 1, J. Hough, junr., 2, H. Hurdman (conductor) 3, J. Hough 4, C. Allsop 5, J. H. Swinfield 6.

NEW BELLS FOR ERITH.

The tower of the new church of Christ Church, which is being built at Erith, Kent, will be provided with a ring of eight bells, based upon a 17½ cwt. tenor, in the key of E. Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, E., have been entrusted with the work.

THE CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.

REASONS FOR DR. PAULI'S CECESION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Two months ago I resigned my positions of vice-president and hon. member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. A committee meeting has since been held, and I suppose my letter considered. I have not heard another word! Will you kindly give publicity of the reasons of my resignation, a copy of which I sent to each of the four officials and which, with the exception of the secretary, they acknowledged?

The reasons were these:—

"I object to the counting of peals to the Association which are not true peals, and which violate the rules of the Central Council."

"I object to the system which is followed of learners being 'put through' so-called peals who have not been taught the principle of ringing, namely, correct striking and how to lead with a light bell in relation to a heavier one."

"That the Association has, by mischievous interference, caused disension in the tower to which I belong."

I am compelled to take this step, I believe in the interest of true ringing, as I am unable in any other way to emphasise my objection to what, in my opinion, ought not to be possible to an Association of change ringers.—Yours faithfully,

Middleham, May 2nd, 1914.

HENRY PAULI.



NORTON CUCKNEY RINGERS AND THEIR BELLS.

DUKE OF PORTLAND'S GENEROUS GIFT.**DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT NORTON CUCKNEY.**

It was a happy thought on the part of his Grace the Duke of Portland to present to St. Mary's Church, Norton Cuckney, two new bells to make a ring of six in commemoration of the silver wedding of himself and her Grace the Duchess, and the coming-of-age of their elder son, the Marquis of Titchfield. The work has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and, as briefly reported in our last issue, the bells were dedicated on Sunday week by the Ven. Archdeacon Hacking. The ceremony attracted a very large attendance, the sacred edifice being packed to overflowing. The service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Smith) was most impressive and enjoyable, a feature being the hearty singing, the hymns including "We love the place, O God," "Angel voices ever singing," and "The Church's one foundation." Psalm 122 was chanted, and the lessons were read by the Archdeacon. After the third collect the clergy, the choir and churchwardens, Colonel Willoughby and Mr. R. Evers, together with the Duke and Duchess, proceeded to the ringing chamber. The ropes were presented to the Archdeacon, who was asked by his Grace to dedicate the bells to the glory and praise of God. This the Archdeacon did, and then handed the ropes to the Vicar, and committed the bells to his care, 60 changes of Grandsize Doubles being rung by the Worksof Priory church ringers, while the procession returned to the chancel. The Archdeacon took as his text: "Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord." He referred to the important part which the Church played in the life of man, and said that that day new bells had been added to the church, for which they were exceedingly grateful. The bells would call many to worship, and would mark various events of joy and sorrow in the life of man. For many generations they would bear witness to their donors—a mark of gratitude to God for family happiness and the fulfilment of hopes and desires.

THE DUKE RINGS THE TENOR.

After service, on the people leaving church, the bells rang out a merry peal. The ringers included the head of the Loughborough firm (Mr. J. W. Taylor). The Duke of Portland also expressed his willingness to ring the largest bell, and, as he appeared to be the biggest

and strongest man present, he had a few pulls on the tenor to the great delight of a large number of interested lookers-on. Mr. Jesse Kirk, late churchwarden, also had a few pulls on the new tenor and shaped well.

During the afternoon mixed bands of ringers rang touches of Grand-siro, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, the Bolsover ringers being very unfortunate in not scoring the first 720 on the bells owing to a shift course. The first 720 was subsequently rung by the Worksof company, viz., Bob Minor, by: F. Hind 1, H. Haigh (conductor) 2, C. Hudson 3, C. Peck 4, T. Wilson 5, T. Bartholomew 6. For evening service two more 720's of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure by mixed bands, conducted by H. Haigh, were rung.

The ringers during the day were catered for at the Greendale Oak by Host and Hostess Bottom (an old friend of the writer) in admirable style, and the best thanks of the ringers are due to the Vicar and churchwardens of Cuckney, and also to Mr. William Smith, the captain of the local ringers, for the splendid arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of all.

The bells, which were originally a ring of four, are now a beautiful ring of six, the tenor having been recast and two more hundred-weights of metal added, in addition to the inclusion of the two new bells and the repairing and renovating the old ones and the substituting of a steel frame for the old oak beams. The two trebles bear the following inscription: "Given by the sixth Duke of Portland, 1914, to commemorate his silver wedding and coming-of-age of his elder son, the Marquis of Titchfield."

The four old bells are dated 1626, 1639, 1641 and 1810. The third bears the inscription: "God save the Church," and the fifth, "Hulton, Wath, founder." The new tenor bears the following: "All men that hear my solemn sound, repent before ye lie in ground. Recast by J. Taylor and Sons, Loughborough, 1914."

The whole ring has been rehung and the bells tuned on Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and their purity and sweetness of tone and the splendid "go" of the peal leaves nothing to be desired. By most ringers present they were considered to be equal if not superior to any in the county. The work has been carried out under the supervision of Mr. A. Bentley, who has been in the employ of Messrs. Taylor and Co. for nearly 40 years.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the London County Association was held on Monday of last week at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. As was expected a large number of ringers turned up, and the bells were kept going from 8 till 9.15, to the tune of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve. At the meeting held subsequently in the Parish Room, the Master occupied the chair. The business was largely of a routine character, the chief points settled being the date of the next quarterly meeting, viz., Monday, 13th July, at a tower to be announced later. The secretary gave notice of a special meeting to be held on the same date, when a resolution will be moved affecting the rules of the society. A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells concluded the business, and the rest of the evening was spent with the handbells.

RINGING CONTEST AT COCKERMOUTH.

The Cumberland Association held their annual competition on Easter Monday at All Saints' Church, Cocker-mouth, for the handsome shield presented by Canon Rawnsley, of Keswick. Four teams entered. Carlisle rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor for 18 minutes, with 245 faults; Aspatria rang Kent Treble Bob Minor for 26 minutes, with 348 faults; Keswick rang Stedman Triples for 21 minutes, with 169 faults, and Cocker-mouth rang Kent Treble Bob Minor for 27 minutes, with 133 faults. Cocker-mouth were the only team to complete the course. At a short business meeting which followed, the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Parker) presented the shield to the conductor of the winning team (Mr. T. Casson). Further ringing and tea concluded the day's proceedings. Mr. J. H. Banks, of Manchester, acted as judge.

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SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Last year, at the Central Council meeting at Newcastle, I brought forward a motion that Superlative Surprise Royal, as given by Shipway, is the same method as the Major, and I put the proof of the matter before the Council. It was, however, thought better to let the subject rest for a year in order that the members might have a better insight into the matter before voting upon it. It seems to me that it will at the same time enlighten the members of the Council, and also save valuable time at the meeting if I set forth proof in the columns of the ringing papers beforehand.

Consider Superlative Surprise Major. It is a double method so constructed that 7th's place is made when the treble is behind, and 2nd's when she leads, and if these two places are omitted the bells will run up backwards when the treble is behind, and also run round when she returns to lead. If the Royal exists it must satisfy these conditions, and also we must be able to give a satisfactory reason drawn from the Major for every place we make in Royal.

The Major begins by changing all the bells, and, therefore, the Royal must do the same, and we get:—

12345678	1234567890
21436587	2143658709

The treble then dodges back to lead, and 3rd's and 6th's are made in Major; what ought these places to be in Royal?

First of all what are they in Major?

- The 3rd's is (a) 3rd's from the front.
 (b) 6th's from behind.
 (c) 2nd's below the centre.
 (d) three places below 6th's which is also made.

The 6th's is (a) 6th's from the front.
 (b) 3rd's from behind.
 (c) 2nd's above centre.
 (d) three places above 3rd's which is also made.

We can look at them each in these four ways, and in no other ways. To reproduce them in Royal we must retain one or more of these relationships, but we cannot produce them all.

i	ii	iii
21436577	2143658709	2143658709
12463578	1246357890	124635790

In example i we have 3rd's and 6th's relation (a) for both places.

ii „ 3rd's and 8th's relation (a) and relation (b).

iii „ 5th's and 8th's relation (b) for both places.

There are several others which I might set down, but the space occupied in printing them all would be too great. There are two more, making five possible ways in which these two places can be reproduced on ten bells.

The bells are now all changed again and we get:—

i	ii	iii
21645387	2164538709	2164837509
		2143867509

The treble now passes from 1—2 into 3—4 at the first cross section, and 4th's place is made in Major.

This is (a) 4th's from the lead.
 (b) 5th's from the back.

It must be one of these two in Royal, and it cannot be both. We must, therefore, make 4th's or 6th's in Royal, 4th's being (a) and 6th's (b), and we must write these out under each of the five possible Royal variations we have got, which gives us ten variations, in each of which we can justify the places from the Major.

The bells are now all changed again, and the treble dodges in 3—4 when 5th's place is made.

This is (a) 5th's from lead.
 (b) 4th's from behind.

In Royal it must, therefore, be 5th's (a), or 7th's (b), and we now have twenty variations in which all the places are justifiable.

The bells are all changed again, and the treble crosses section from 3—4 into 5—6. Now, in Major this is the centre, and so the places 3rd's and 6th's are double of each other; in Royal this cross section is not the centre, and so the Major does not tell us whether we are to have two places at the cross section or only one.

We can make 3rd's and 5th's, 3rd's and 7th's, 3rd's alone, 5th's alone, and 7th's alone; five possible variations all justifiable from the Major, and we now have a hundred variations of Royal with all their places justifiable from the Major.

Now, change all the bells. In Major 5—6 is simply double of 3—4, but in Royal it is the centre and equal to 3—4 in Major, in relation to the back, and 5—6 in Major in relation to the front; therefore, we must reproduce the Major places of her dodge in 3—4 above the treble and of her dodge in 5—6 below the treble. This gives us 5th's and 8th's.

The method is double, and the rest is simply the reverse of this, and so the treble gets up behind when we must make 9th's place.

Now write out the hundred variations until the treble gets up to the back, drop the 9th's place in them all, and you will find that in one only of the hundred variations will the bells run up backward, and this one is Shipway's Royal.

H. LAW JAMES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LARGE GATHERING AT ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Guild was held at Lincoln on Saturday week. Members began to assemble at St. Peter-at-Arches early in the afternoon, the bells being open for ringing from 2.30 to 3.30. To show to what extent the public in general appreciate the thoughtfulness of the Rector and his own ringers by curtailing the ringing at this church for a single hour during the day, it may be remarked that a particularly rude written message from one of the tradesmen in the vicinity was received by the Rector, of which, of course, no notice was taken.

Apart from the afternoon service at the Cathedral, the chief event of the day was the re-opening of the Ringers' Chapel by the Dean immediately after the service, at which the Dean gave a short address, and which was well attended by the members. It may be here remarked that the restoration of the chapel is one of the many works which the Dean and Chapter have determined to carry out at the Cathedral. The Morning Chapel, the Chanters' Chapel and now the Ringers' Chapel, are already accomplished facts, and in due time there is to be the Soldiers' Chapel, and others too numerous to mention.

Subsequently some 228 members and visiting ringers sat down to a sumptuous tea in the Co-operative Hall. Immediately after tea the Guild meeting was held under the presidency of the Dean, supported by the Master (the Rev. H. Law James), the hon. secretary (the Rev. R. Bond), the four branch secretaries and members of the committee. In the body of the hall were noticed the Rev. A. Hunt (Vicar of Wilton), the Rev. S. Wild (of Dunholme), and other church workers. The chief item for discussion was the ways and means of helping the funds for the restoration of the Ringers' Chapel, which the Dean informed the meeting would cost at least £350. He was only sorry Mr. Linley, of Gainsborough, who had taken a deep interest in the matter for many years, was unable to be present to give them his ideas. — The Guild Master, however, pointed out that roughly £50 had been contributed, chiefly by the northern branch. — After several suggestions had been put forward, it was finally arranged that the secretaries to the other three branches should bring the matter before their branch members at their particular meetings.

The annual report and balance sheet were taken as read, and the whole of the officers were re-elected. A sum of £2 2s. was voted from the Restoration Fund at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, and a like sum to Billingborough. — The Master, in a general review, emphasised the necessity of good striking above everything else, and pointed out that in order to make real progress individual companies should not be content with ringing many peals in the same method. — A hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding concluded the Guild meeting.

NORTHERN BRANCH BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business meeting of the Northern branch was then held, the Rev. R. Bond presiding in the unavoidable absence of the president of the branch (Mr. Linley). All the officers were re-elected, and a sum of £3 3s. was voted to the St. Botolph's, Lincoln, bell restoration fund. There was considerable interesting discussion upon a further grant to the Ringers' Chapel Fund, and finally it was decided to give a further contribution of £5. — Grimsby was selected as the place for the next half-yearly meeting, and an appeal from the Burton-on-Humber tower for a contribution to the bell restoration fund was left over until that meeting.

Mr. Tucker, of Gainsborough, brought forward the matter of inter-affiliation, but no definite decision was arrived at on the question. — A vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Peter-at-Arches for presiding, and the various incumbents for the use of the bells, concluded the meeting.

The various towers were then again visited, and ringing in different methods took place until late in the evening. It seemed the general opinion of the members that another successful and useful meeting had been held, both for pleasure and business.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A party of Peterborough ringers had an enjoyable outing on Easter Monday, when they made a tour to Titchmarsh, Thrapston (where Miss Kingsford, the late Rector's daughter, took part with them in the ringing), Lowick and Aldwinckle. At each place touches in various methods were rung, and at Aldwinckle the visitors were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector (Canon Hodgson), who gave them a hearty welcome.

The Salehurst (Sussex) band, accompanied by Messrs. W. Franks and W. Thomas, of Battle, had a delightful tour for their annual outing, when, by means of a pair-horse brake, they visited Staplehurst, Cranbrook and Hawkhurst. At the first-named place, where lunch was partaken of, it was understood that a ladies' band had been formed, but none of them put in an appearance. At Cranbrook the visitors were sorry to learn there was no local band. At each tower some capital touches were rung, and the evening was spent with a convivial gathering among the ringers at Hawkhurst. The visitors wish to thank the incumbents of the various churches for their permission to ring.

WESTWARD HO!**WINCHESTER GUILD LOSES ACTIVE MEMBER.**

The call of the West has depleted the ranks of many a ringing society, and Holy Trinity, Guildford, has lost one of its ablest ringers by the departure for Canada of Mr. Charles Willshire, who for many years has been one of the mainstays of ringing in the Surrey county town. He was a most capable exponent of the art both upon tower and handbells, although he had not kept up his practice in the latter branch during the last two or three years. He, however, was one of the band that laid the foundations of the subsequent phenomenal success of handbell ringing in Guildford, taking part in the first peals rung there. Fourteen years ago he became instructor to the Holy Trinity band, raised them from the "stony" rut and called their first peals and helped to place them in the ranks of Surprise ringers. His activities, moreover, extended beyond his own tower, for he was for some years the chairman of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, serving on the committee of the Guild, and also representing the Guild on the Central Council. His departure is a great loss to the ranks of the Exercise in Guildford, but he takes with him to his new home across the Atlantic not only the best wishes of the members of the tower, but of a large circle of ringing friends outside, of whom the writer is one. It is unfortunate that an unforeseen circumstance should have prevented a farewell peal on Holy Trinity bells, but one was rung on handbells by past and present members of the society. Mr. Willshire was presented by the Holy Trinity band with an English lever watch by the Rector and the members of the band, the utmost regret being expressed at his departure. The St. Nicolas' Society, with which Mr. Willshire was also actively connected, presented him with a suitably engraved silver matchbox, while the employees of Messrs. Swayne, builders, of Guildford, for whom Mr. Willshire worked for several years, presented him with a silver-mounted pipe. The St. Nicolas' Society rang a farewell peal which Mr. Willshire called, but the Holy Trinity Society were prevented by unforeseen circumstances from attempting a parting peal of Superlative. On practice night, however, the members of both societies gathered at Holy Trinity for farewell touches, the two concluding ones being Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Willshire, one with the St. Nicolas' Society, and the last with the Holy Trinity Society. By a coincidence the handbell peal was rung on the day of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Willshire.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**A SUGGESTION FOR KING'S NORTON.**

The members of St. Martin's Guild were on familiar ground when they held their quarterly meeting at King's Norton on Saturday week, for many peals have been rung there by the present generation and their predecessors, including the record length of London Surprise.

The well-proportioned tower is surmounted by a lofty crocketed spire, which is a conspicuous landmark for miles around, and contains a very fine ring of eight, with a 14½ cwt. tenor in E, which sounds more like a 17 cwt. bell. Many ringers have expressed the opinion that the addition of two trebles would make a very musical ring of ten, and as there is room for the whole ten to be hung on one level, and ringers to ring them, it should not be a very difficult matter, in a comparatively wealthy place, to raise funds for such an object. We will leave the suggestion in the hope that the Guild's presiding ringing master—Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.—who resides at King's Norton, may take the matter in hand, when the success of the scheme would be assured.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in the following methods: Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Grandsire, London, Bob Major, Superlative, Treble Bob and Forward.

Tea was partaken of in the Bull's Head Hotel, the catering being all that could be desired. Among the good things provided, eggs were very prominent, there being something like three times as many as there were people to eat them. When the "debris" was removed eventually, however, not a single egg was left, so that the country air must have sharpened the appetites somewhat!

Tea was followed by the meeting, Alderman Pritchett taking the chair. Four new members were elected, and routine business disposed of, members then returning to the tower for further ringing.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Price) for the use of his bells, and the tower keeper, Mr. Wm. Pabner, for having everything in readiness.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The spring quarterly meeting was held at Southgate on Saturday week, when some fine touches of Stedman, Bristol and London Surprise, were "tapped" off. At the business meeting which followed, it was proposed to hold a dinner later in the year, and the suggestion was heartily carried. A letter was also read from the College Youths challenging the Cumberlands to a cricket match in the summer, to be followed by a social. This was unanimously accepted. The following new members were elected: Rev. F. E. Birch (Vicar of Shoreditch), Mr. P. Gould Brown (St. Sepulchre's), Mr. Jesse Tyler, Mr. B. Ellingham (Hatfield).—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers for the use of the bells, brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earl's Colne, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service with address at 5 p.m.—Tea at the Lion Hotel at 5.45 p.m.—B. Redgwell, Honorary District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the North and East District will be held at Hadley (by kind permission of the Rev. R. H. O. Stubbs) on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Berkeley, on Saturday, May 9th, 1914. Service at the Parish Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Hart Hotel, 5.15. Business meeting after. Business: Election of Officers, Ladies' Guild and Central Council representation, Inter-affiliation, etc. Will branch secretaries please inform me of the probable number of their members attending?—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above named branch will be held at Bruton, on Saturday, May 9th, 1914. Service in the Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton, on Saturday, May 9th. Luncheon at the Unicorn Hotel, North Street, at 1.30 p.m. Members' tickets 1s. 3d. each. Meeting at 2.15 to be presided over by the Lord Bishop of Lewes, who will also preach the sermon at the service to be held in St. Peter's Church, at 4 o'clock. Bells of St. Nicholas and St. Peter's open for ringing from 12 to 1, 5 to 6 and 7 to 9. Half fares (with a maximum of 2s.) allowed to members attending the meeting.—G. Watson, Honorary General Secretary, Vale Road, St. Leonard's.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Saltwood (near Hythe) on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 p.m. An allowance of one penny per mile, single journey (maximum two shillings) will be paid to all members attending.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

NOTICES—continued.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Stockbridge, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5.15.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

HERTS ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—An informal meeting will be held at Braughing on May 9th, being the Braughing Youths' Anniversary. The bells will be open all day. Any band desiring to attempt a peal during the morning can do so. Tea will be provided for visitors at a small charge. The Vicar welcomes all who may like to come.—W. H. Lawrence, Secretary, Eastern District.

BARNESLEY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Barnsley to-morrow (Saturday, May 9th). Tower at St. Mary's open 3 to 9 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Boys' School at 5 p.m. at 6d. per head. This being a summer meeting the ladies are specially invited. A full gathering of members is earnestly hoped for, in order to discuss the future of the Association and arrange for management accordingly.—C. D. Potter, Honorary Secretary, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held in Trowbridge, on Tuesday, May 12th, 1914. Service at the Parish Church, 12.30. Preacher—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild. Luncheon at the George Hotel, 1.30. Ringers' tickets 1/-. Towers open: Trowbridge (8), Bradford-on-Avon (8), Hilperton (6), Holt (6).—F. L. Edwards, Honorary Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on May 19th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 21st; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 12th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 19th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus, 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A special meeting will take place at Shoreditch after the practice on Thursday, the 14th inst. Very important business.—H. J. Bradley, Honorary Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, May 16th. The bells of Walmer (8), Upper Deal (6) and Mongeham (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5 p.m. in Walmer Parish Church. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m. at the Hare and Hounds, Upper Walmer. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, May 12th. Business meeting after tea. All subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting and social to follow. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The May general meeting and the first meeting of the Southern District, will be held jointly at Rotherham and Eastwood, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available for ringing—Parish Church (10) from 2 to 5; St. Stephen's (8) from 2 to 9, except during the tea and meeting. Subscriptions, etc., will be attended to, tea tickets issued and the order of ringing arranged, in St. Stephen's vestry. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. George's Hall, Effingham Street, will be provided at 10d. per head for those who notify Mr. A. Hague, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham, not later than Tuesday, May 12th. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers, vice-president, ringing master, secretary and committee. As regards the general meeting, will members please accept this notice instead of a circular.—Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells of St. Mary Magdalen's Church available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the class room 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson) at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 16th, 1914. Bells available from 4.30. Service at 6. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 6.30. By invitation of the Vicar a mid-week meeting will be held at Acton, on Wednesday evening, May 27th. Tea provided at 5 o'clock; service at 6; ringing to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Eckington on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield, Honorary Secretary.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Barnac, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (5) available after dinner. Tea can be arranged by notifying the Secretary early. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Secretary, St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guildford district will be held at Haslemere, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 till 9. Service at 5 p.m. Address by the Chaplain. Tea at 6 p.m. at the Schools. There will be a combined practice at Dorking, on Monday, May 25th. Bells available 7.30 till 9.30.—J. J. Jones, Hon. Secretary.

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914, at Shawbury and Moreton Corbet. Ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Vestry of Shawbury Church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914. East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsan (6 bells) towers will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 to 9 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed. Tea at Howard's Restaurant, Grove Street, at 5 p.m. Free to members, 1s. to non-residents, and 1s. 3d. to others.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available at 4.30; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Ottershaw on Saturday, May 23rd, meet at 4 p.m. Combined practices:—Oatlands Park, May 30th, Hersham, June 13th, both at 6.30 p.m.; Weybridge, June 27th, 7 p.m. Supporters are asked to make a note of above information.—George B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Feb. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: T. Rawdin 1, D. Gilden 2, W. Turner 3, S. Baker 4, M. Bond 5, R. Bond 6, A. W. Ward (conductor) 7, H. Thorlby 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.—On March 14th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins., with the tenor covering: T. Rawdin 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton (conductor) 2, W. Turner 3, M. Bond 4, A. W. Ward 5, S. Baker 6, H. Thorlby 8.

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