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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.

CRITICISM OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

In recent issues letters have appeared criticising the Central Council's general policy with regard to ringing matters, attributing to it lack of enterprise in dealing with "practical subjects," suggesting that it is merely a debating ground for a few of the gifted experts, and asserting that, in the result, its deliberations are merely a waste of time and money. Frankly, it must be admitted that some of the criticisms are not without a backing of truth, and, even among the members themselves, there are those who realise that their time might often be more profitably spent than in attending the meetings.

Equally, however, even the sharpest critics must admit that some such body as the Central Council is essential to the welfare of the Exercise. Without it there would be no cohesion in the general conduct of the various associations, no authority to whom appeal could be made for guidance on many matters in which united action is needed and no central body to watch the wider interests of ringers and defend them, as the mouthpiece of all the Associations collectively, in the event of any external interference with their rights and just aims. It is in this last-named office that the Council fulfils a particularly important function, and one which, as most ringers realise, they may be called upon in the not distant future to exercise.

Then, too, it must not be overlooked, when criticism is levelled at the choice of subjects which the Council has usually to debate, that there are many sides to our Art. There are some points of practical bell handling and hanging, some of composition and some of administration, and all of them must find a place in the discussions. In some recent years those in the second category seem to have predominated, and it is for that reason that those, to whom the subject is of little interest, feel that the Council is not devoting its time to matters which make a stronger appeal to the masses of the ringers. But questions on all the points still turn up, although, naturally, after 25 years, a good many matters have been dealt with, and, for the most part, sufficiently satisfactorily to set them at rest. But while the Council is blamed—and we do not say altogether without reason—we think the remedy is very much with the Associations themselves. "Practical subjects" for discussion might well emanate from the Associations. As a matter of organisation, except in the one act of electing delegates, the societies do not come into touch with the Council, and evidence is not altogether wanting that some representatives themselves do very little to interest the members in the doings of the central authority. We shall return to this matter again, but we think we have said enough in this one article to show that whatever the failings of the Central Council may be, there are two sides to the question.

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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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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT LITTLE Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
FREDERICK BRACE 4	*EDWARD J. BOWYER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. Rung specially for the dedication of a new Lady Chapel by the Right Rev. J. A. Kempthorne, Bishop of Lichfield.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 20, 1915, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

JOHN BASS 1-2	WILLIAM SHORT 3-4
ROBERT MATTHEWS 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Umpire: GEORGE POPELLE.

Witness: THOMAS HEATHCOCK.

First peal of Minor on handbells by all and the first for the Association in seven methods. Rung at the second attempt.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving in H.M. Forces:—

Corpl. H. W. Clark, of Christ Church, Cubitt Town, 144th Fortress Co., Royal Engineers, now at Buxton.

Pte F. Hairs, of Clapham, 2nd Air Mechanic, Kite Balloon Section, Royal Naval Air Service, Southampton.

Richard F. Deal, of Australia, and formerly of London, Royal Engineers, now at Tottenham.

From St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne:—

Lieut.-Corpl. G. Garnett, A.S.C.

Pte T. Allott, 3rd/9th Manchester Regiment.

Pte D. Wolstencroft, R.A.M.C.

Pte J. Shuffelbottom, 181st (A.N.L.), R.F.A.

In addition to the above, St. Peter's band has Pte Hall serving with the 1st/9th Manchesters, while Corpl. E. Barton, called up as a Reservist with the K.S.L.I., was killed in action, as previously recorded.

Pte J. Hotten, a member of the London County Association, has, we regret to say, died of wounds received in action.

RINGING ASSOCIATIONS AND WAR LOAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the notes under this heading in "The Ringing World" for July 23rd, I thought myself that it would be unpatriotic to withdraw money from the Post Office Savings Bank to invest in the War Loan; but, not being very sure about it, I went to the General Post Office and was told very emphatically that it is the wish of the Government that this should be done for the reason that money in the Post Office Savings Bank cannot be used for war purposes. I think this should be generally known.—Yours truly,

GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

RETURNING TO AMERICA.

On Saturday evening a mixed band of ringers met at Merstham, Surrey, for the purpose of having a ring with Mr. W. Bashford, who has just had a short trip home from Boston, U.S.A., and a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung, by: W. Clayton 1, A. Wood 2, W. Bashford 3, E. Snelling 4, F. W. Rice 5, F. Hawkins (conductor) 6.

Other touches, arranged for Mr. Bashford, have been the following at the Parish Church, Nutfield: On Sunday, July 18th, for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor: L. Killick 1, J. Tassell 2, A. Wood 3, F. W. Rice 4, E. Snelling 5, W. Bashford (conductor) 6.—On Tuesday, July 20th, 720 of Violet Treble Bob: W. Bashford 1, W. Cheesman 2, W. Killick 3, A. Harman 4, E. Snelling 5, F. Hawkins (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, July 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: L. Killick 1, J. Tassell 2, A. Wood 3, T. Leeson 4, E. Snelling 5, W. Bashford (conductor) 6.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND. THE ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Below we give a reproduction of the receipt, which we have received from the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund, acknowledging the last instalment sent and the completion of the first one hundred guineas.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

19th July 1915

Sirs

I am desired by The Prince of Wales to thank you for the donation of £ 35 : -- s. -- d. which you have so generously given to the National Relief Fund, and to express to you His Royal Highness's warm appreciation of your kindness.

Your obedient Servant,

Walter Seaworth

Treasurer to His Royal Highness.

Contribution by Church Bell Ringers of England, per "The Ringing World", making a total of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS.

Towards the second hundred guineas we have to acknowledge the following further contributions:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	109	18	11
Ringers of St. Mary the Virgin's, Baldock (per Mr. J. J. Cawdell)	0	2	0
Ringers of St. Bartholomew's, Kirby Muxloe (per Mr. F. J. Bowleif)	0	5	0
Mr. H. E. Norman (Leicester)	0	5	0
Ringers of St. Peter's, Frocester, Glos. (per Mr. D. Earl)	0	6	0
Collected at the Central Northants Association's meeting at Earls Barton (per Mr. W. Perkins)	0	7	4
Total	£111	4	3

ROTHERFIELD.—On June 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: F. Cornford 1. A. Piper (Eastbourne) 2. Pte H. Hammond 3. E. Bishop 4. H. Butcher 5. E. Bishop, senr., 6. C. Brasier (conductor) 7. F. Hammond 8. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Piper, through "The Ringing World," for the help he gave on practice nights, etc., while staying at Rotherfield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Castle Bromwich on Saturday last, and, notwithstanding the unsettled weather, was fairly well attended.

Castle Bromwich is a hamlet 5½ miles north from Birmingham, and although there is now no castle to be seen, Castle Bromwich Hall, the seat of the Earl of Bradford, is well worth seeing. The hall is quite close to the church, the latter being a red-brick structure in the Italian style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, and a square tower containing a ring of six bells. Of the latter, the less said the better. While there are one or two very fair bells among them, the tenor is hopelessly flat, and makes ringing here a very miserable affair.

After tea, and a very good tea, too, at the "Castle," the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Vice-President Godden.—Four new members were elected, amongst them being Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale, who has on several occasions turned up in his car at Guild meetings.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods, while those who were not ringing were entertained by the evolutions of two large biplanes which were being tried out at the aerodrome near by. One of these gave the lookers-on some thrilling moments when executing a rather daring "volplane."

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the Rev. E. M. Bickersteth, for his ready permission to ring.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingboro' District of the Central Northants Association was held at Earl's Barton, on Saturday last. Ringers put in an early appearance, and touches of London, Cambridge, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor, and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, about 35 members being present from Irthlingboro', Wellingborough, Pinedon, Higham Ferrers, Burton Latimer, Weston Favell, Northampton, Castle Ashby, Isham, and the local tower. After tea the business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. F. Wilford, who apologised for the absence of the Vicar, but the latter came in at the finish of the meeting. Amongst those present were the Misses Steele, of Bedford.

The following officers were elected for the district: Rev. A. J. Greaves, of Pinedon, vice-president; Mr. W. Perkins, district secretary; Messrs. J. Garratt, A. Smeathers, A. Martin, G. Ettu and F. Jones, committee.

The Rev. C. F. Snowden was elected an hon. member.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wellingborough.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers and their wives for their welcome. To this vote the Vicar replied.

A sum of 7s. 4d. was collected for the Prince of Wales' Fund.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Ann's, Highgate, on Saturday last, despite the bad weather, which undoubtedly kept many away. But it was quite a pleasure and surprise to meet such an old member in the person of Mr. R. F. Deal, who has lately returned from Australia, and is now a sapper in the Royal Engineers at Tottenham, and it is a matter of pride that a member should journey all those miles to "do his bit" for King and country.

The bells were kept going until 8.30, and various touches were brought round in the standard methods.

At the business meeting, which was held in the tower, the question was raised as to whether the meetings should still be held in view of national events, but the members present unanimously decided that they should be, and the tower for the next meeting is to be selected by the committee.

Before the close of the meeting, the Secretary (Mr. L. B. Porter) informed the members with deep regret of the death of Mr. J. Hotten, a promising young member, who had died of wounds received in action, and a vote of condolence and sympathy with the family was passed in silence. May he rest in peace.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Goring on Saturday week, about 50 members being present from St. Peter's, Brighton, Shipley, Crawley, Arundel, Heane, Tarring, Angmering, Lymminster, Shoreham, and the local band. Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Cranleigh, were also present. Touches of Cambridge and London Surprise, London Scholars Pleasure, Plain Bob Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening, and tea was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Leefe).

At the business meeting the following members were elected: Messrs. F. Holder and W. Verrall, of Arundel, and George Carpenter, of Lymminster. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, and also for providing such an excellent tea.—The Vicar acknowledged the vote, and invited the visitors to have a look round the gardens.

Through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Fallows) several members paid a visit to Heane and rang Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and a course of Double Norwich Major there.

AMERICA'S LIBERTY BELL.

HISTORIC RELICS' LONG JOURNEY.

The most historic and highly prized bell in the United States, the Liberty Bell at Philadelphia, has just made a triumphal journey across the western continent, and is now temporarily housed in the Pennsylvania Building in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Its progress stirred great interest throughout America as the following, quoted from an American paper, will show:—

The Liberty Bell, precious relic of the American Revolution, will start Monday (July 5th) on its eighth and longest journey from Philadelphia since it was first hung in the old State House of the Province of Pennsylvania in 1752. It goes to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and before it is returned to its big glass case in Independence Hall next November or December, it will have travelled more than 10,000 miles, and will have been seen by millions of people.

On its journey to San Francisco the Liberty Bell special train will traverse Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for the journey, and everything that will aid in safeguarding the bell from injury has been done. Four policemen from the Philadelphia traffic squad will guard the relic until it is again returned to its home.

ESCORTED BY NATIONAL GUARD.

At sunrise on Monday workmen will remove the bell from its case and put it on the special hanger that will support it across the country. It will be wheeled on a truck into Independence Square where patriotic exercises will be held. At noon the First Brigade, Pennsylvania National Guard, will escort the bell to the West Philadelphia station of the Pennsylvania railroad where it will be hoisted on a special car. The First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry, which organisation escorted George Washington on State functions in Philadelphia, will be the special escort of the bell as on previous occasions. At 3 p.m. the bell train, with a party of 26 city councilmen, will start on the journey.

The train will consist of a baggage car, diner, three sleepers, a special car for the reception of guests en route, and a car for the bell which will be at the rear. This is a specially constructed flat car, with an iron railing at the sides and ends. American flags will wave from staffs at each corner, and there will be other decorations in American colours.

Even cities traversed in the night will get a glimpse of the relic, a system of illumination having been devised that will throw a blaze of light on the bell as it passes through in the darkness.

Shock absorbers have been installed on the flat car to keep the bell from being jolted. The train crews will be specially picked for their carefulness in starting and stopping trains. The speed limits across the continent will not be less than 18 miles an hour nor more than 35 miles. The schedule will be rigidly observed so that crowds may not be kept waiting beyond the time appointed for the train to go through their communities.

Another absolute rule the committee has made is that the bell will not under any circumstances be taken from the car for the purpose of parading it through the streets. Many municipalities have been advised to build movable platforms the height of the flat car with an incline at each end so that children may go up one incline, pass the bell, touch it if they care to, and then pass down the incline at the other end of the platform. Where these platforms are provided the railing on one side of the car will be removed.

During stops, booklets containing the history of the bell, cards with a picture of the relic and buttons also containing a picture of the bell and the American flag, will be distributed to children. It will take hundreds of thousands of these souvenirs to supply the demand. To the governors and mayors, the history of the bell in small bound volume will be presented. Governors have been invited to journey with the bell through their respective States.

TOUR THROUGH SOUTHERN STATES.

The train will arrive in San Francisco Friday night, July 16th, and Saturday, July 17th, will be Liberty Bell Day at the exposition. Early in the morning the relic will be conveyed to its place in the Pennsylvania building on the exposition grounds where exercises will be held.

The bell will leave San Francisco in November, and will return by the southern route, through Los Angeles, San Diego, Arizona and Texas. The details of the return trip have not yet been completed, but it is virtually certain that the special train will go through St. Louis, Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

After each return of the bell there has been a movement started to prevent the precious metal from leaving the city again. The crack in it has been slowly extending, and there has been fear that in its journey the bell might split in two. Opposition to its leaving the city on this trip was bitter, but City Councils voted that it belonged to the American people, and that opportunities to view it should be given, whenever possible.

Sending the bell to the Western coast will cost the city of Philadelphia 75,000 dollars. The escorting committee of 26 councilmen will pay their own expenses.

The four policemen who will constantly guard the bell were specially picked for their fitness. Each is more than 6 feet in height. The head of the Police Department in designating the four men called them to the front and impressed upon them the following don'ts:

- "Don't taste any intoxicating liquor while away from Philadelphia.
- "Don't lose your temper at any time.
- "Don't fail to uphold the reputation of Philadelphia policemen for courtesy.
- "Don't fail to answer every question, however foolish.
- "Don't fail to at once read the history of the bell so that you can answer questions accurately."

The first time the bell left Philadelphia was under different circumstances from those which caused the later pilgrimages from the "Cradle of Liberty." That was when the British army occupied the city of Philadelphia in 1777-1778, and George Washington with his Continental army spent the winter at Valley Forge. As the British approached the city in September, it was hurriedly taken to Allentown, Pa., and was kept in the Zion Lutheran Church of that place until June, 1778, when it was returned to Philadelphia.

RULES AND LAWS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am afraid that Mr. Trollope and I must continue to differ, as he apparently will not give up the expression "change ringing," and take to "method construction" instead; and I doubt whether there is much use in saying more. I may, perhaps, remark that his illustration of the badly built house is not a very good one, as local authorities have building by-laws, which are enforced by penalties.

With regard to Union Triples, there are in the "Collection," on which Mr. Trollope's name appears, twelve Triple methods which are classed as "Legitimate." There are only two of these which may be said to be in use. Three of the others are rung about as often as Union Triples. Are these "as dead as mutton," and if so, why? The truth appears to be that the ordinary ringer is quite satisfied with Grandsire and Stedman for Triples, and one or two Major methods, and has little desire for "fresh fields and pastures new"; and that is the real reason why Union and Oxford Bob, etc., are not often heard of.—Yours faithfully,

Boothby Rectory, Grantham.

E. W. CARPENTER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Drake, in his letter in your issue of July 23rd, says: "These rules were turned into laws by the Central Council, acting as a legislative body." One thing which the Council has always refused to do, is to make laws, or act as a legislative body.—Yours truly,

Boothby Rectory, Grantham.

E. W. CARPENTER.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I hasten to thank you for your very sensible and helpful criticisms. Every lawfully begotten son is entitled to his father's name, but inasmuch as a father may have many sons, and it would be highly inconvenient for all of them to be called by exactly the same name, an unwritten law of human society requires that they be distinguished from one another by additional names. Similarly, Stedman can subsist under more forms than I can ever hope to enumerate, all of which are equally entitled to be called by the name of Stedman, and as I believe that you have correctly stated the views of the Exercise and I am wishful to meet all reasonable requirements, I have pleasure in naming the two forms of the method to which I believe it is my privilege to be sponsor, Walthamstow Stedman Major, etc., and Leytonstone Stedman Caters, etc. It is not, however, clear that the Major, etc., form required a distinctive name. I may be wrong, but it seems to me to belong to the same series as Doubles and Triples. In advancing from Triples to Major it goes without saying that a bell must be added either to the hunting or to the dodging set. Adding it to the latter is clearly wrong, but adding it to the hunting set is quite unobjectionable as has been pointed out in principle by abler men than myself. The only alteration required by adding a bell to the hunting set is that the hunting set must be inside, as anyone can see for himself by a little experimental pricking.—Yours truly,

GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

THE POETICAL PARISH CLERK.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The parish clerk's metrical paraphrase of Ps. 68, 16, quoted by Mr. West in your last issue, is an old tale that has probably been ascribed to various old-fashioned rural parishes. As I used to hear it (rather longer ago, I fear, than Mr. West), the clerk began in what was then the orthodox way of giving out hymns "Let us sing to the praise and glory of God—an 'ymn of me own composin." I sometimes feel sorry that this old formula has so totally disappeared from our church services. "Let us sing to the praise and glory of God" might be a useful reminder to many why they are singing the hymn, whatever it be.

St. Albans, July 24th.

T. L. PAPILLON.

STANSTED.—Essex Association.—On July 15th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 720 Bob Minor: W. W. Watts (first 720) 1, T. J. Watts 2, R. Law (first 720) 3, G. Gray 4, H. W. Watts (first 720) 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6, F. Polder (first 720) 7. This 720 was rung at the first attempt, and after only two practices.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL?

NEW FIGURES IN MUCH DEBATED PROBLEM.

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Some years ago, during the great controversy on London Surprise Royal, some figures of mine appeared, which were forwarded by my friend, Mr. F. G. May, of Bristol. I quite recollect giving them to him, and telling him that they were the nearest thing to London Royal that I had been able to get. I may say the same of the above figures. They are the nearest to London that I have yet been able to produce.

In the great battle, for I cannot call it anything else, of 1908, many rules were laid down for the construction of Royal from Major; some very ingenious; some obviously wrong. Take, for instance, the rule that said that two internal places must not be made at a cross section. If that is to be a rule for the extension of methods, it must apply to all methods. But Double Norwich Royal and Maximus never have two inside places made simultaneously, and the Major method has. I only mention this to show how difficult it is in these deep and abstruse questions to distinguish between those qualities that are essential, and those which are only accidental.

HOW THE NEW METHOD WAS PRODUCED.

Let me indicate the rule on which I worked to produce the method which I here give; not that I would venture to assert that it is an essential, but that all may see how the method was built.

In London Surprise Minor and Major, after the second has made second's place, with the treble in 3-4, all the bells below the treble hunt backwards until second's place is made again by the fourth towards the end of the lead, consequently every bell's work is fixed after it has passed the treble on the way down, and all essential shunts must be made above the treble.

We start, then, with one bell whose work is absolutely fixed; the second. It is necessary, therefore, that the fourth should pass the treble in 8-9 coming down. Thus, I was guided to drive the fourth straight out behind. Again the 8th must pass the treble in 4-5 down, and these two conditions forced me to adopt the two seventh's places made by the 10th and 8th, which brought the figures which I here give. If you rule a line through the figures where the treble comes into 3-4, and again where she goes into 5-6, you will find that all the regular work of London Major is in the method when the treble is in 1-2, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10. When she falls into 3-4 we make 6th's instead of the 4th's that is made in Major, and the making of the two 7th's places by the 10th and 8th, one of which turns back behind, while the other, after doing the 8-7-8, goes down and passes the treble, is very near akin to the work done by 3 and 5 in 3rd's place, or the reverse of that done by 9 and 4 in fourth's place.

The one point in the method that seems at first sight to be foreign to London work is the curious snap made by 7 and 3 in 4th's and 5th's places. But yet it cannot be said to be entirely foreign to London work, as we have the snap on the lead both in Minor and Major.

Now, be the method what it may, and I shall make no claim to call it London Surprise, as I would not quarrel about a name, but would rather leave the Exercise to draw its own conclusions, I will at least say this about it. It is a good method, and is at least as near in its construction to London Surprise Major, as the Major is to the Minor; and, what is to my mind its greatest quality, it is so like to London Major that any ringer who can ring the latter will be able to learn the work of this method in a very short time. Anyone who takes the trouble to make a diagram of the second's work through a plain course cannot fail to be struck by the resemblance.

E. BANKES JAMES.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**LEICESTER RINGERS' TRIP.**

The members and friends of the St. Martin's Society, Leicester, held their annual outing on Saturday week. Leaving Leicester by train to Syston they were met at the latter station by a brake, which conveyed the party to the pretty village of Ashby Folville, where, by the kind permission of the Vicar, this fine peal of eight by Taylors (tenor 12 cwt.) were available for ringing. This commenced by a well-struck course of London Surprise, the first ever rung on these bells, followed by Superlative and Stedman Triples. The party partook of an excellent tea at the Carrington Arms, after which ringing was again indulged in, Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich being rung. The party then proceeded by brake to Mellon Mowbray, undoubtedly the finest church in the county, where arrangements had been made by Mr. R. H. Bartram, the local captain, for an hour's ringing on this grand ring of ten. The first touch rung comprised three courses of a new method, Leicester Royal, being the first of Royal ever rung in this method, the ringers being: G. Cleal 1, S. Cotton 2, L. E. Allen 3, H. Broughton 4, T. L. Allen 5, E. Morris (conductor) 6, J. Morris 7, R. H. Bartram 8, A. Martin 9, F. H. Dexter 10. This was followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, conducted by F. H. Dexter. Adjourn- ing to the Fox Hotel, a pleasant hour was spent, during which the handbells were rung to Grandsire Major, Caters and Royal and several tunes, until, all too soon, "time" was called, thus bringing to a close one of the most successful and delightful afternoon outings imaginable. The thanks of the ringers are due largely to Mr. R. H. Bartram for the arrangements he made, and also for getting use of the bells of both churches.

MILNROW RINGERS' MOTOR TRIP.

On Saturday week the ringers of St. James's Church, Milnrow, Lancs, with their wives and a few friends had their annual outing, the place selected being Rudyard Lake and Leek, Staffordshire. Leaving Milnrow by motor char-a-banc about 1 p.m. in fine weather, the party went through Oldham, Stockport, and Macclesfield. The journey through lovely scenery was much enjoyed, and Leek was reached at 4.30. At the church tower, Mr. Ridgway with his band of local ringers were waiting to receive the visitors, who quickly got to work, and tapped off a well-struck touch of Bob Major. The local band, assisted by one of the visitors, then rang a touch of Stedman, after which the bells, a very fine-toned peal, that "go" very well, were lowered in peal. Remounting the motor char-a-banc the party then drove back to the Lake, where a good tea was awaiting them, to which they did full justice. An hour and a half was then spent in looking round, the scenery in the neighbourhood of the Lake being very fine. A trip on the water in a motor launch was much enjoyed, and then the return journey was commenced, a halt being made at Macclesfield, in order to allow the party to have a look round the town, it being market day. Then, after a good run, home was reached about midnight, all being well satisfied that it had been the best outing they had ever had. The ringers take this opportunity, through the "Ringing World," of thanking the Vicar of Leek for granting the use of the bells, and the ringers for having everything in readiness, the only regret being that they could not stay longer.

STONY STRATFORD RINGERS' ENTERTAINED.

The ringers of St. Giles', Stony Stratford, Bucks, paid a visit to Stewkley on Saturday week, at the invitation of the Rev. A. Moxon, (who recently has left Wolverton St. Mary's, Stony Stratford, to take charge of the famous and interesting Church at Stewkley), to enlighten the Stewkley band in the art of change ringing, and to persuade the band to join the Oxford Guild. It was a lovely drive, and Stewkley was reached at 3.30, the Vicar meeting and welcoming the party, and accompanying them round his beautiful gardens. The church commanded a great deal of attention. It is a piece of fine old Norman architecture, and ranks very high amongst the churches in England of this type. After the survey of the edifice came the introduction to the bells. The tower contains a peal of six, the tenor weighing 17 cwt. Touches of London and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, and some six scores of Grandsire, in which the local band participated. The top of the tower was then sought in order to get a glimpse of the surrounding country. Next the band availed themselves right heartily of the splendid tea the Rev. and Mrs. Moxon had provided for them. In a brief speech after tea, the Vicar said how pleased he was to see his late neighbours, and extended an invitation to them for future visits to Stewkley. Every member of the band was pleased with the outing and the splendid manner in which they were received, and they sincerely hope the Vicar of Stewkley may enjoy better health than was his lot at Wolverton St. Mary's, Stony Stratford. The party arrived home at 10.40.

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SOHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

By J. R. JERRAM.

St. Andrew's, Soham, with its lofty embattled tower, is another of those places famous for peal ringing in days gone by, from which the glory seems to have departed. I have not been able to find out anything about the ancient bells in this tower previous to 1788. There appears to have been a peal of six at that time, which in that year were replaced by a peal of eight, with a tenor of 21 cwt., all cast by Thomas Osborn, of the Downham foundry.

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The following are copies of the tablets in the belfry. The first one records the following three peals, thus :—

Peals rung in this tower by the Society of Soham Youths.
25th October, 1790.—5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, in 3 hours 33 minutes.

Thomas Tebbit	<i>First</i>	Edward Tebbit	<i>Fifth</i>
Luke Goldsbrow	<i>Second</i>	Robert Silver	<i>Sixth</i>
Robert Tebbit	<i>Third</i>	Thomas Talbot	<i>Seventh</i>
Jh. Finch	<i>Fourth</i>	Thomas Brown	<i>Eighth</i>



SOHAM PARISH CHURCH.

In 1808 the treble and second were recast by John Briant, of the Hertford foundry, who added two trebles above them at the same time; thus making a peal of ten, which are inscribed as follows :—

Treble.

NEW BY SUBSCRIPTION 1808. REVND. H. FISHER VICAR, J. DOBEDE AND R. TEBBET, C.W. J. BRIANT, HARTFORD, FECIT.

Second.

NEW BY SUBSCRIPTION 1808. REVND. H. FISHER, VICAR, J. DOBEDE, R. TEBBET, C.W. J. BRIANT, HARTFORD, FECIT.

Third and Fourth.

RECAST BY SUBSCRIPTION 1808. H. FISHER, VICAR, J. DOBEDE, AND R. TEBBET, C.W. J. BRIANT, HARTFORD, FECIT.

Fifth.

CUM VOCO VENITE. T. OSBORN FECIT. 1788.

Sixth.

LAUDATE NOMEN. T. OSBORN FECIT. 1788.

Seventh

WM. PECHEY, WM. SIZER, CHURCHWARDENS. T. OSBORN, DOWNHAM, NORFOLK, FECIT. 1788.

Eighth.

WM. PECHEY, WM. SIZER, CHURCHWARDENS. T. OSBORN FECIT. 1788.

Ninth.

IN WEDLOCK'S BANDS ALL YE WHO JOIN WITH HANDS
YOUR HEARTS UNITE: SO SHALL OUR TUNEFULL TONGUES
COMBINE TO LAUD THE NUPTIAL RITE. THOS. OSBORN
FECIT. 1788.

1st Jan., 1795.—5040 NORWICH COURT, in 3 hours and 30 minutes.

Edward Tebbit	<i>First</i>	Robert Tebbit	<i>Fifth</i>
Thomas Tebbit	<i>Second</i>	Luke Goldsbrow	<i>Sixth</i>
Robert Chevis	<i>Third</i>	Robert Silver	<i>Seventh</i>
Thomas Tebbit, jun.	<i>Fourth</i>	Thomas Brown	<i>Eighth</i>

17th Feb. 1800.—5152 Changes of IMPERIAL the THIRD, in 3 hours and 34 minutes.

Thomas Tebbit	<i>First</i>	Robert Tebbit	<i>Fifth</i>
Luke Goldsbrow	<i>Second</i>	Robert Chevis	<i>Sixth</i>
Joseph Finch	<i>Third</i>	Thomas Talbot	<i>Seventh</i>
Thomas Tebbit, jun.	<i>Fourth</i>	Robert Silver	<i>Eighth</i>

I shall have something further to say about this last peal later on, at the end of this article.

The next tablet records a peal in which the ringers were all members of the Tebbit family. The Tebbits were noted ringers in Soham at that time; but I understand that no representatives of the family are living in Soham now. The record is as follows :—

A complete peal was rung in this tower by three brothers and their sons, of the Society of Soham Youths, 20th of November, 1809.—5280 of OXFORD TREBLE BOB in 3 hours 35 minutes.

Thomas Tebbit	<i>First</i>	Robert Tebbit	<i>Fifth</i>
Robert Tebbit, son of		Edward Tebbit	<i>Sixth</i>
Robert	<i>Second</i>	Thomas Tebbit, son of	
Benjamin Tebbit, 15 years		Thomas	<i>Seventh</i>
of age	<i>Third</i>	William Tebbit, son of	
John Tebbit, son of		Thomas	<i>Eighth</i>
Thomas	<i>Fourth</i>		

The next tablet records a peal rung in the reign of George IVth, when party feeling ran high over the King's treatment of Queen Caroline. It was rung to celebrate her acquittal of the charges brought against her.

In honour of the Queen's acquittal a complete peal was rung in this tower by the Society of Soham Youths, November 16th, 1820, 5040 Changes of OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in 3 hours 43 minutes.

Thomas Tebbit	..... First	Robert Talbot	..... Sixth
William Tebbit	..... Second	James Seaber	..... Seventh
Robert Tebbit	..... Third	Benjamin Tebbit	..... Eighth
Robert Staples	..... Fourth	Thomas Talbot	..... Ninth
Thomas Tebbit, jun.	..... Fifth	John West	..... Tenth

The next tablet bears the following record:—

NEW TREBLE BOB ROYAL.—5040 Changes was rung in this tower, 23rd November, 1821, in 3 hours and 42 minutes by the Society of Soham Youths.

William Tebbit	..... First	John Tebbit	..... Sixth
Robert Tebbit	..... Second	James Seaber	..... Seventh
Robert Talbot	..... Third	Robert Chevis	..... Eighth
Robert Staples	..... Fourth	Benjamin Tebbit	..... Ninth
Thomas Tebbit, jun.	..... Fifth	John West	..... Tenth

The last tablet runs as follows:—

Ten of the Society of Soham Youths rang in this tower, 22nd Feb., 1830, in 3 hours 35 minutes, a complete peal, performed at the first attempt, containing 5003 changes, GRANDSIRE TITMUM CATERS, conducted by William Tebbit.

William Tebbit	..... First	C. Elsdon	..... Sixth
John Tebbit	..... Second	J. Seaber	..... Seventh
Robert Tebbit	..... Third	R. Chevis	..... Eighth
Robert Staples	..... Fourth	C. Spring	..... Ninth
Thomas Tebbit, jun.	..... Fifth	J. West	..... Tenth

The late Mr. J. W. Snowdon, writing some forty years ago, remarks: "The Soham ringers and Isleham ringers were at one time noted for their proficiency in these different branches of church music. That the Soham men well merited the approbation of this adage no one who has ever seen the array of tablets which grace the walls of that tower can doubt. Were any proof required of the long and arduous practice which it took to arrive at such a point of excellence, the visitor will not fail to observe it in the deep holes worn in the raised platform from which the tenor was rung, as the hard wood is cut nearly through in the place where the ringer was wont to stand. Alas! that now there should be no ringers at Soham worthy to occupy the places of these proficient, and that—from what I learnt when I visited the tower in 1874, and took copies of the tablets—it is many years since a peal has been rung on this fine ring of ten bells; and while these once able ringers, 'each in his narrow cell for ever laid,' now rest in their long, last sleep, under the green turf of the surrounding churchyard, seldom are the echoes around them awakened by the sounds of those bells whose accents they loved so well, and whose tones awakened in their hearts a noble ambition, to the skilful and harmonious result of which the tablets on the walls now form but a silent record."

Before concluding, I must say a word or two about the peal of Imperial the Third, rung at Soham in 1800. The late Mr. J. W. Snowdon, in an article on the history of change ringing, written at the same time as the above remarks on Soham bells, says that he can only find records of three peals of Imperial the Third having ever been rung.

The first was rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on November 17th, 1760. In this peal John Chamberlain rang the treble and conducted; John Webster rang the sixth, and John Dye the tenor. The other ringers were Christopher Lindsay, John Barton, James Watling, John Havers and James Vines; but it is not certain how they stood. As they were falling the bells after the peal John Webster suddenly fell down dead; and a tablet in the wall of the belfry, near where the sixth rope falls, has the following inscription recording the sad event:—

"Near to this place John Webster fell,
Beloved by all who knew him well;
The most ingenious noted Ringer,
St. Giles's Sixth Bell round did bring her.
He closed the Peal, struck well his Bell,
Ceasing the same down dead he fell.
November the 17th, 1760."

The other peal, beside the one at Soham, was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, on Monday, January 13th, 1772. It consisted of 6048 changes, and occupied 3 hours and 58 minutes. The ringers were: John Chamberlain (conductor), treble; Wm. Warner, 2; John Havers, 3; John Dixon, 4; James Watling, 5; James Vines, 6; John Dye, 7; Simon Watling, tenor.

This peal was evidently thought a great feat at the time; but the only record of it is in "The Norwich Mercury," where the following poetic effusion is given as well as the record of the peal:—

"All ye performers of this art
Join hand in hand and bear a part,
Praise of Imperial loudly sing,
And these here men who did it ring;
For Norwich sons, most justly famed,
All other ringers here hath shamed."

I fear that in these days of endless Surprise variations of Treble Bob there is not much chance of Imperial being rung any more. The "Clavis" of 1788 remarks that there are two other variations, viz.:

Imperial the First, and Imperial the Second; but that the merits of all three are combined in Imperial the Third." For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with the method, I may say that the rule is that, whenever the treble dodges below fifth's, fifth's and sixth's places are made, and whenever she dodges above fourth's, third's and fourth's places are made; also that when she leads her whole pull second's place is made, and seventh's place when she lies her whole pull behind. I rather fancy that modern change ringers would say that there is too much place-making here to please them, while in the light of modern rulings the method is an "illegitimate" one, for it does not contain the Bob Major lead ends.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last a very successful meeting of the Southern branch was held at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Colsterworth, members attending from Grantham, Stamford, Barkston, Hough-on-the-Hill, Edenham, Ingoldsby, Orston and Waltham, together with the local band. Owing to illness near the church, ringing was considerably curtailed, but a few short touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double and Single Court, Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble, and a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, were rung on the handy peal of six (tenor 11 cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

A short service was held in the church, at which an excellent address was given by the Vicar of Colsterworth (the Rev. C. G. Mahon). Tea was provided at the "Sun Inn," 25 members sitting down to an excellent repast provided by Hostess Blankley.

The usual business meeting followed, at which, owing to the absence of the Branch President, the Rev. G. Mahon was voted in the chair. He was supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, and Mr. W. G. Thorpe (the assistant secretary).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Edenham, in October.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. G. Mahon for the use of the bells, also for the service and for presiding at the meeting.

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES IN NINE PARTS.

Mr. A. Pitman, of Port Talbot, sends the following variation of Mr. A. E. Seers' nine-part peal (published on May 28th), as being easier to understand, and possibly more useful for conducting.

234567		324567		432567	
752634	1	\$ 573624	1	\$ 574632	1
347265	2	325746	3	675243	5
523647	1	673425	1	756243	4
475362	2	736425	4	257364	5
374256	5	437562	5	432657	1
275845	5	254637	1	574263	2
672534	5	372465	2	275346	5
456372	1	473526	5	\$ 732654	5
674523	3	\$ 754632	5	467532	1
746523	4	267354	1	* 254367	1
\$ 267435	3	432567	1	* Call as above for 5th,	
542367	1	Call as above for 4th.		7th and 9th parts.	
735642	1	6th and 8th parts.		with single at * at 9th	
\$ 627435	1			part end.	
735254	3				
237455	5				
542637	1				
375264	2				
273456	5				
\$ 742635	5				
567342	1				
235467	1				
\$ 472635	1				
354267	2				

Repeat twice.
Single at 3rd part end.

The composition has the 4th, 6th and 7th home at six of the part ends.

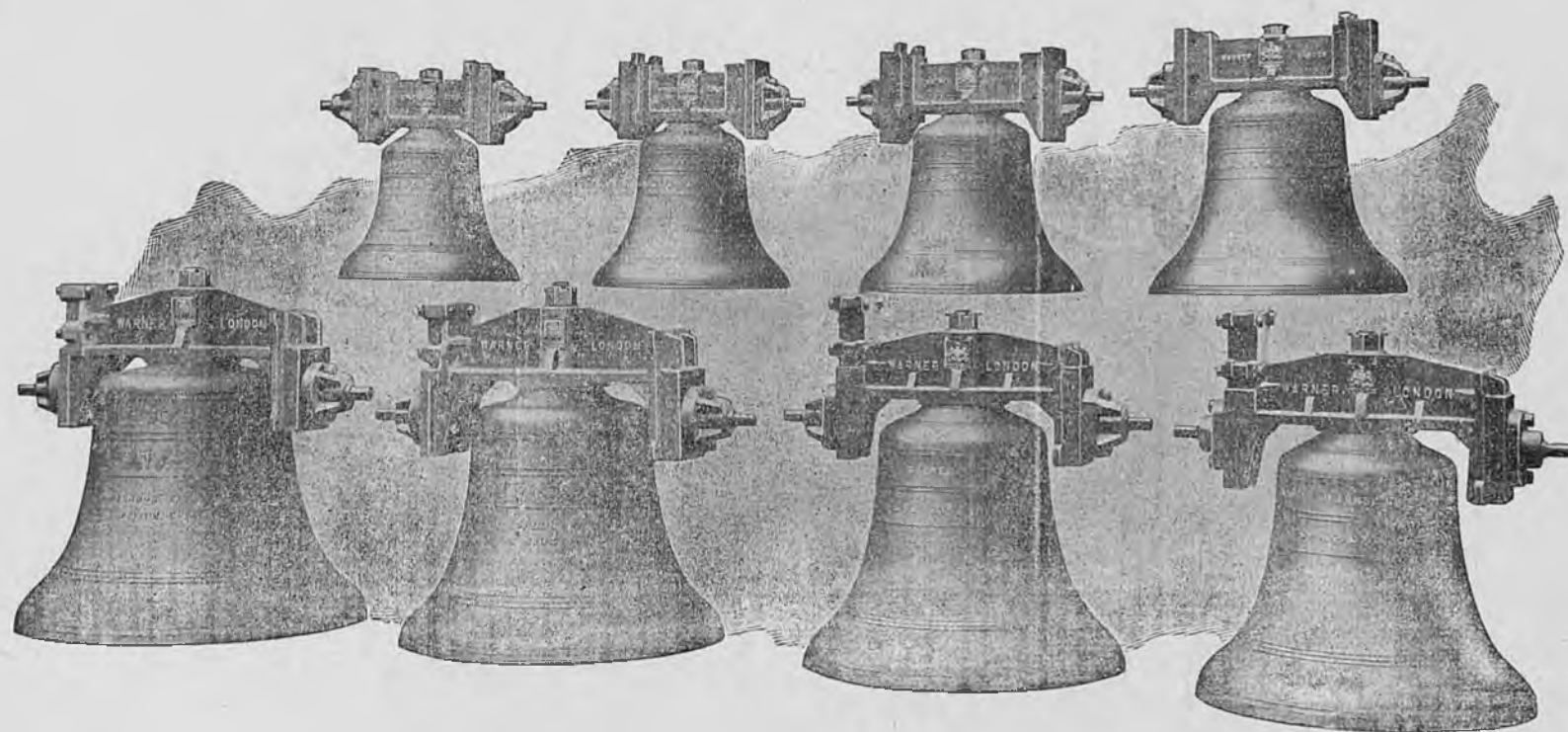
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a well-attended meeting of the Manchester branch was held at Flixton. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon. The business meeting was held in the churchyard, in the beautiful sunshine and lovely surroundings.—Mr. Ryder, of Birch, presided, and gave a hearty welcome, on behalf of the Flixton band, to the ringers present. Several interesting items of business were discussed. The next meeting was fixed for Barlow Moor, Didsbury, on the last Saturday in August.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, and to the local ringers for having things in readiness.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On July 17th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes by James George, Birmingham); W. H. Inwood 1, P. C. Tompkins 2, W. C. Brown (first-quarter-peal) 3, W. Sear (first quarter-peal of Grandsire as conductor) 4, E. Lathall 5, F. Hedges 6, H. Scar 7, W. F. Smith 8.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 20th, for the evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) 1, W. Short (Warnham) 2, R. Wood (Billingshurst), conductor, 3, R. Whittington (Cranleigh) 4, J. Burdfield (Billingshurst) 5, O. Sippetts (Crawley) 6.

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NUNEATON.—Warwickshire Guild.—On June 3rd, at the Parish Church, for the King's birthday, three courses Cambridge Surprise Major and 448 Superlative Surprise, by: H. Argyle, H. D. Argyle, W. Horton, R. Pollard, E. Stone, J. F. Clarke, E. Vallance, G. Stoneley, T. W. Chapman.

MARSHFIELD, GLOS.—On the King's birthday, 486 Grandsire Triples: S. Hope 1, J. H. Beazer 2, E. Beazer 3, E. Lewis 4, G. W. Tomkins 5, G. Robinson 6, W. Lewis (conductor) 7, H. Parker 8.

GUILDFORD.—On June 3rd, at Holy Trinity Church, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. (from Rev. E. Banks James' odd-bob peal): B. Chorley 1, C. Burdock 2, J. Hutton 3, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 4, H. Harris 5, J. T. Lee 6, M. Smith 7, A. Ward 8.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On June 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Uridge 1, Miss W. Carden (conductor) 2, J. B. Williamson 3, D. Bear 4, L. H. Page 5, Lieut. W. D. James 6.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.—At St. Lawrence's Church, for evening service, on June 6th, in 25 mins., 720 Norwich Surprise: W. Bowering 1, R. Whiston 2, J. Cheetham 3, J. Smith 4, H. Whitehurst 5, J. Cottrell 6. First 720 in the method by the first four named.

EASTON NESTON.—Central Northants Association.—On June 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Dean 1, J. W. Sharp 2, F. Hopper 3, T. Law 4, W. R. Parker 5, A. J. Mawby 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, W. H. Austin 8.

BRIERLEY HILL.—On June 6th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples for the men's afternoon service: J. Kendall 1, C. W. Cooper 2, W. Potter 3, A. Whatmore 4, J. Whatmore 5, A. W. Dodd 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, Job Cook 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On June 6th, for evening service, at St. Thomas's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: C. W. Cooper 1, W. Hand 2, G. H. Pagett 3, R. Matthews (conductor) 4, A. E. Whatmore 5, J. Bass 6, W. A. Pugh 7, A. W. Dodd 8.

BURBAGE, BUXTON.—For evening service, on June 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: J. W. Hampson 1, E. Stamper 2, W. Longden 3, J. R. Backhouse 4, H. Kirk (conductor) 5, Cpl. James E. Davis, R.E., 6. Rung on the visit of Cpl. James E. Davis, of "St. Margaret's," Westminster, who is stationed at Buxton with the 143rd Fortress Company, Royal Engineers.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On June 12th, 504 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Sapper W. Rowe, R.E., 1, H. W. Wilkes 2, G. Williams 3, A. Mears 4, W. H. George 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6. Also 768 Kent Major: E. Dumper 1, W. T. Tucker 2, W. Rowe, R.E., 3, H. W. Wilkes 4, C. J. Fray 5, A. Mears 6, W. H. George 7, G. Williams (conductor) 8.

WHITTLESEA.—Peterborough Association.—On June 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 272 Bob Major, 576 Kent Major, 336 Grandsire, and 168 Stedman Triples. At St. Andrew's, touches of Kent, Oxford and Bob Minor, conducted by Pte H. F. Cooper and F. T. Cooke. Those taking part were: Pte A. Catterwell, Pte H. W. Catterwell, G. H. Barker, H. Hoare, O. Richardson, T. Vaughan, J. J. Jutson, F. Dainty, J. W. Lakin, W. Waldron, G. Smith, H. B. Fitzjohn.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—Oxford Guild.—On June 15th, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Pickett 1, Miss M. E. Chillingworth 2, G. Davis 3, Miss S. Davis 4, Rev. E. M. Thorp 5, W. Mathews 6, A. E. Reeves (conductor) 7, A. Standidge 8.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, on June 16th, 720 Bob Minor: *F. Camp 1, *W. White 2, G. Camp 3, W. Green 4, G. Rogers 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. * First 720 in method. G. Rogers and A. White belong to Ingatstone, the rest to Fryerning.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On June 20th, for evening, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: C. Cottrell 1, H. Hastings (first quarter in the method) 2, W. J. Meers 3, H. Pratt 4, G. F. Swann (conductor) 5, J. Preston 6, J. Sanders 7, J. E. Pywell 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 2nd and 4th, who hail from Harborne.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (1272 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Spencer 1, N. R. Bailey 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, E. Chatten 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On June 20th, for evening service, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: F. Davis 1, C. H. Hughes 2, F. A. Smith 3, H. Franks 4, W. Ayres 5, J. W. Chapman 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, T. Walker 8.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, at St. John the Baptist Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. J. Ke-vill (conductor) 1, S. Froke 2, E. Chivers 3, F. Chivers 4, A. Speed 5, J. B. Holmyard 6, J. Hambleton 7, W. Crocker (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung for the Festival of the Dedication.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Floyd, junr., 1, Battery Sergt-Major G. Gray, R.F.A., 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of "THE RINGING WORLD," to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual business meeting will be held in the Palmer Hall, West Street, Reading, on Saturday, July 31st, at 3 p.m.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, July 31st. Short service at five o'clock. Free tea given by the Vicar afterwards. Bells available from three o'clock. — P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The North-Western Division.—A District Meeting will be held at Roydon, on August Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Hunsdon bells will also be available. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting, at the New Inn. — William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 2nd. Meeting at St. Mary's School at 6 p.m.; Service at St. John's, 7.30. Bells available during the day—St. John's (8), Woodston (6), and St. Mary's (6).—John J. Jutson, Hon. Secretary, St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—The tower of St. Mary's, Beddington, will be open for ringing on Bank Holiday, August 2nd, from three o'clock until nine o'clock.—A. Clayton, 5, Highland Cottages, Bute Road, Wallington.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on August 3rd, 17th and 31st for business, and on the 12th and 26th for handbell practice. At St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th for practice, and at 6 p.m. on the 15th for service. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (six bells) on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kiveton Park Station, G.C. Railway. — Sam Thomas, Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 7th, 1915. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Honorary Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.
—The next meeting will be held on August 7th, 1915, as follows: Cheverell Magna, ringing at 3 o'clock; Erlestoke, ringing at 3.30 p.m.; Edington, ringing at 4 o'clock; with tea at 5 sharp; Bratton, ringing at 6.30 p.m. All intending visitors please advise early.—Henry Brownlee West, Honorary Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.
—Owing to the unfortunate accident which resulted in the death of the Vicar of Milnrow, the next meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, August 7th.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A divisional meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, August 14th. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by Wednesday, the 11th. Will secretaries of bands kindly note that subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—George H. Howse, Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the York Restaurant at 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 113, Angel Road, Brixton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.
—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 21st, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, May 23rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. England 1, W. Gable (first 720 inside) 2, A. Rumble 3, L. H. Moore, junr., 4, J. Cable (conductor) 5, H. Porter 6.

BENFIELDSDIDE.—Durham and Newcastle Association.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on May 30th, for evening service, 720 Surfleet Surprise: J. W. Forster 1, Jno. Marshall 2, R. Dixon 3, T. H. Surtees 4, A. Charlton 5, F. Barron (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells and by the band. Rung at the first attempt, and as a farewell compliment to Jno. Marshall, the ringer of the 2nd, who has joined the R.A.M.C.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS.—Salisbury Guild.—On Sunday, May 30th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 38 mins., with 7-6-8 covering: Pte G. Mortimer 1, Thos. Merritt 2, G. W. England 3, Pte A. Merritt (conductor) 4, E. Merritt 5, A. Wiltshire 6, J. Cowdry 7, E. Stevens 8. Arranged and rung for the soldiers who expected to be shortly leaving for the front.

WEST EALING.—On May 30th (Trinity Sunday) for service, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): J. Hunnisett 1, Geo. Harbour 2, J. A. Trollope (composer and conductor) 3, Geo. Iles (Acton) 4, Geo. Spencer (Isleworth) 5, W. Welling (Windor) 6, A. Harding 7, W. Lawrence 8.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On handbells, on June 2nd, at 75, Joseph Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins.: J. R. Kemp 1—2, A. J. Trigg (first quarter on inside pair) 3—4, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 5—6, R. W. Smith (first quarter) 7—8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 3rd, for King George's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Holloway 1, W. Lawrence 2, G. Harbour 3, J. W. Fruin 4, Robt. Holloway 5, W. Holloway 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. E. Smith 8.

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