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The Old Ring of Eight (Tenor 28½ cwt.) from Wimborne Minster in the Foundry Yard.

BELL CONTRACTS IN HAND—March, 1911,

FOR

Wimborne Minster,	Dorset.
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Sturminster Marshall,	Dorset.
Mountsorrel,	Leicestershire.
Belton,	Rutland.

A LOSS TO THE EXERCISE.

The hand of death has removed another master mind from the ringing world, and the Exercise is all the poorer to-day by the loss of Robert Spencer Story, who was gathered to his fathers on Thursday week. Cut off at an age when man can hardly be considered to have passed the prime of life—he was only in his 53rd year—Mr. Story has gone to his grave deeply lamented by a host of friends, whose hearts go out in sympathy with the bereaved ones.

To his boundless enthusiasm, to his business acumen, to his keen foresight, ringing in the north of England owes a debt which it is difficult to estimate. It is such men as Robert Spencer Story who have lifted bell ringing from the disrepute in which it once was held, into the high position in which it is now regarded, for he and others like minded have shaped the destinies of our associations—whose chief aim, in addition to the encouragement of change ringing, has been the cultivation among ringers of a due regard for the belfry as a part of the church—and have helped to bring the clergy into touch with bell ringing in a way which has had such vastly beneficial results in placing ringing on a higher plane, in adding dignity to the office of ringers as church workers, and, in a large measure, being responsible for the rapid extension of the Art by improving the condition of bells and belfries, and encouraging a better class of men to join the Exercise.

Succeeding Mr. William Reed, of North Shields, as President of the Durham and Newcastle Association, in the year 1884, Mr. Story was the guiding spirit of this successful society for upwards of 22 years, filling the office with tact and dignity, and earning the respect of all with whom he came in contact. Ardent in the extension of the Art, he gave unstinting labour in the instruction of others, and more than one skilled band in the Newcastle Diocese remains to-day the result of his friendly labours. At the Central Council Mr. Story's opinions always carried weight, for he spoke from an inside knowledge of the practical politics of church bell ringing. Although ill-health necessitated his retirement from active participation in his favourite hobby, some two years ago, Mr. Story did not lose touch with the Exercise which he had so long adored. He will be sadly missed, as he is deeply mourned among ringers in the north, but, in the words of a correspondent quoted elsewhere, "the personality of Robert Spencer Story will live in their memory for many years to come."

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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden. December 10, 1910.

Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

THE METROPOLIS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5326 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JARROLD HAYWARD ...	...*Treble*	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ...	6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ...	2	ERNEST G. STIBBONS ...	7
*CLARENCE J. DOBBIE ...	3	†RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	8
WILLIAM A. GARRARD ...	4	JAMES R. MACKMAN ...	9
EDWARD P. O'MEARA ...	5	SEDLEY J. COLLINS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JAMES R. MACKMAN.

This composition contains the 24, 468's, also the 24, 568's in the Tittum position. * First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

THE METROPOLIS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT ...	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
*HENRY RANZETTA	3	WILLIAM PYE	8
WILLIAM J. KEMP	4	JAMES GEORGE	9
ALBERT W. COLES	5	HARRY FLANDERS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on ten bells.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(WALTHAMSTOW BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*ALFRED CHAPMAN ...	...*Treble*	JAMES C. ADAMS	6
WILLIAM B. MANNING ...	2	†ALBERT A. HUGHES... ...	7
HENRY RUMENS	3	HENRY J. MAYNARD... ...	8
JOHN H. WILKINS	4	‡FRED C. MAYNARD	9
LEWIS GREEN	5	ROBERT MAYNARD, Sen ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. MILES, and
Conducted by F. C. MAYNARD.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal as Conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANCES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HART	6
ERNEST GOWER	2	WILLIAM PALMER	7
HERBERT RANN	3	KEITH HART	8
CHARLES PALMER	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	9
*GEORGE ADES	5	HENRY STALHAM ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THE METROPOLIS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	...*Treble*	JAMES SCHOLES	5
FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	2	HENRY SPRINGALL	6
WILLIAM TRUSS	3	HERBERT LANGDON	7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	4	EMMANUEL HALL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Scholes.

BLEWBURY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE BLEWBURY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.)

On Good Friday, April 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

*GAIUS WELCH	...*Treble*	*RICHARD JAMES	5
ERNEST ALDRIDGE	2	WILLIAM GRACE	6
FREDERICK JAMES	3	CHARLES GREENOUGH ...	7
*CHARLES GREGORY	4	*THOMAS BUSBY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK JAMES.

* First peal. First peal as Conductor. Rung with the bells half muffled.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14⅛ cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON	...*Treble*	ERNEST RIDGWELL	5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	2	WILLIAM ROOT...	6
HORACE H. COOPER	3	WILLIAM GRIMWADE ...	7
LEWIS WISEMAN...	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

ROBERT EDWARDS ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	5
CHARLES N. LEMAN ...	2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ...	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN ...	4	CHARLES TRIBE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

SALISBURY.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT P. KNIGHT	5
FREDERICK PRECEY	2	*REV. LL. EDWARDS... ...	6
JOHN S. RUMMING	3	WALTER INGHAM	7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	4	LEONARD HARRIS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR E. PAYNE	5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY...	2	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	6
MATTHIAS HOBBES	3	ALBERT V. INNES	7
CHARLES W. BIRD	4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26¾ cwt., in D.

GEORGE HARDY	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. SMITH ...	5
EDGAR H. BAILEY	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ...	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19¾ cwt., in E.

ALBERT STAFF	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN	2	WILLIAM LAST	6
ERNEST E. LANHAM	3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ...	4	PETER LAFLIN	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES GILES ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	5
*WILLIAM J. PAICE	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
WALTER A. WEBB	3	ALFRED WALMORE	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. The Conductor's 100th of Double Norwich.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*RICHARD B. LAMBERT	...*Treble*	FRED BUTCHERS	5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	2	PHILLIP HODGKEN	6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ...	3	EDWIN LAMBERT	7
ANDREW MARSHALL... ...	4	FRED J. LAMBERT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and
Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Major.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 48. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN WITHERS...	5
FRANK WITHERS	2	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	6
WILLIAM SHILVOCK	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
*WILLIAM SHORT	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

First peal in the method on the bells and the first peal on the bells since 1835.

* W. Short's 200th peal for the above Association.

SALISBURY.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt., in D flat.

SIDNEY MACEY	...*Treble*	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	5
ROBERT P. KNIGHT	2	CHARLES GOODENOUGH ...	6
FREDERICK PRECEY	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
LEONARD HARRIS	4	CHARLES GAISFORD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. The previous peal (one of Treble Bob) was rung here over twenty years ago, conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	...*Treble*	ISAAC G. SHADE	5
JOSEPH LAW	2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ...	6
THOMAS H. HAWKINS ...	3	GEORGE E. RAWLINGS ...	7
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	4	*ARTHUR PAPWORTH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Rawlings, age 16, and G. Rawlings, age 25, their brother ringers extending to them the usual compliments.

NOTTINGHAM.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

†WILLIAM BELLAMY ...	...*Treble*	JAMES H. CLARKE	5
THOMAS R. FLINT	2	ERNEST J. OLIVER	6
TOM A. BURNHAM	3	FREDK. J. TITE	7
WALTER ROBINSON	4	HARRY R. COBBIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by W. BELLAMY.

† First peal of Treble Bob as Conductor. This peal was arranged for Walter Robinson, of Bolsover.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. T. TAYLOR ... ...*Treble*	*J. BOLTON 5
*J. WATERFIELD... 2	J. MORRIS 6
†D. ILIFFE 3	F. STANIFORTH 7
E. MORRIS 4	T. SMITH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. STANIFORTH.

* First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells.
† First peal with a Bob bell. J. Morris' 80th peal.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN PERRY ... ...*Treble*	REV. E. V. COX 5
*W. D. JAMES 2	WILLIAM FISHER 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
JOHN C. ADAMS 4	JOSEPH PIGOTT ... ...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal in the method.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EMMANUEL WICKHAM... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. WALAND ... 5
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD... 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6
JOB A. ROSS... 3	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 7
JAMES COTTERELL 4	GEORGE A. NETTLETON ...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

First peal in the method by all the Company.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*J. HERBERT BENFIELD ...*Treble*	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
GEORGE PIGOTT... 2	JOHN WITHERS 6
†HORACE HOWELL 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT 7
†WALTER PIGOTT 4	†RICHARD LEE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss E. A. Lincoln and Mr. W. J. Moulder. * First peal. † First peal in the method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 20, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*THOMAS VALLANCE ... ...*Treble*	*HARRY STONELEY 5
HARRY ARGYLE... 2	*JAMES CLARKE 6
*HAROLD ARGYLE 3	JAMES CLARKE, Sen. ... 7
*THOMAS DICKENS 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E.

*REGINALD BLAKE ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 5
FRANK BLONDELL 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Sen. 3	JAMES HUNT 7
MAURICE SMITHER 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal of Superlative on the bells. * First peal with a Treble Bob bell.

THE METROPOLIS.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON... ... ...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWARD F. COLE 2	JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 6
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3	FRANK SMITH 7
FRANK HAIRS 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

CONDOVER, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

†E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE... 5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR... ... 2	FRED W. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE J. TAYLOR 3	ALFRED FULLICK 7
HERBERT JONES 4	*HERBERT JONES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Also first peal of Triples as Conductor.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM GILBERT ... ...*Treble*	EDMUND H. LINDUP... ... 5
HARRY EVANS 2	ARTHUR ARNELL 6
JOHN H. PAICE 3	ALFRED W. GROVES... ... 7
WILLIAM HILLMAN 4	FREDERICK LINDUP ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED W. GROVES.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

JOSEPH LANGSTRETH ... ...*Treble*	W. BILLOWS 5
WM. H. BIDWHISTLE 2	CHRIS. LANGSTRETH ... 6
JAS. G. B. GARLICK 3	JOHN MCKELL 7
FRED. METCALFE 4	W. D. HILLARY ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by the late W. L. MASON, and
Conducted by JOHN MCKELL.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY RICHELL ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM LINCOLN	5
*FREDERICK W. EDWARDS	2	ARTHUR EDWARDS	6
*HARRY SMALE	3	ARTHUR HEAD	7
*PERCY LETCH	4	†HENRY F. COOPER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. MULLINS, and Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as Conductor.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY PRICE	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM SHORT	5
JOSEPH PIGOTT	2	SAMUEL GROVE...	6
GEORGE PIGOTT	3	JAMES DOWLER...	7
JOHN BASS	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. Also first in the method in the county, and first Surprise peal on the bells.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN CHILTON	...*Treble*	THOMAS METCALFE	5
ROBERT STEPHENSON ...	2	WILLIAM H. PORTER ...	6
*ARTHUR TEMPLE	3	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT ...	7
JAMES BAXTER	4	JOHN GEORGE HALL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

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

EDMONTON.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

THOMAS MILES	...*Treble*	JOHN H. BENSTEAD ...	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
GEORGE A. CARD	3	JAMES PARKER	7
WILLIAM WARD	4	GEORGE PAICE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by the Late Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

†E. MAURICE ATKINS	...*Treble*	*PERCY TAYLOR	5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY...	2	*B. D. BUTTRESS	6
T. R. DENNIS	3	GEORGE TAYLOR	7
WILLIAM B. KEMPTON ...	4	*FRANK KEMPTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLL, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as Conductor.

BROMLEY, KENT.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR BYGRAVE ...	...*Treble*	ISAAC EMERY	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Sen.	2	GEORGE DURLING	6
†WILLIAM HEWETT	3	ALFRED JAMES	7
ALBERT HUMPHREY	4	GEORGE HUXLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

First peal on the bells. This new peal of bells, by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, were hung last October and rung for the first time on Saturday, April 15th, by the newly formed band. The Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Gosselin), Mr. J. W. Wheeler Bennett, the donor of the tower, clock and bells, and Mrs. Wheeler Bennett were present to see the start for the peal and wished the band successs.

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

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOHN M. BUTTON ...	...*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
NORMAN R. BAILEY	2	EDGAR H. BAILEY	6
CHARLES F. BAILEY	3	CHARLES SAMSON	7
FREDK. J. SMITH	4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung a compliment to J. M. Button, on his 73rd birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns. It was the Conductor's 100th peal.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BALDERSTONE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM TOMLINSON	...*Treble*	JAMES H. KERSHAW ...	5
FRED STANSFIELD	2	†JAMES H. LEES	6
*FRANK NUTTALL	3	†JOSEPH ORMEROD	7
*TOM CLEGG	4	JOHN GRIFFITHS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. STANSFIELD.

This peal was rung as a welcome to Rev. C. R. Thomas, who was inducted as Vicar of the above Church on Easter Monday. * First peal with a Bob bell. † First peal. First peal as Conductor.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in G.

*HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	2	ISAAC EMERY	6
WILLIAM HEWETT	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Jnr.	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Sr.	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First attempt in the method. Mr. Groombridge Senior's 300th peal.

HUNSDEN, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE A. BLACK ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
GEORGE RADLEY...	2	GEORGE CARTER	6
GEORGE F. MARGETSON ...	3	GEORGE FAULKNER	7
GEORGE DENT	4	GEORGE B. LUCAS, Sen....	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent, Canterbury, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ONSLOW J. FOREMAN...	...*Treble*	THOMAS JULL	4
WILLIAM SPICE, Sen. ...	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	5
ALBERT J. DAY	3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. T. J. Philo, a prominent member of the above Association, the band wishing him health and happiness.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ONSLOW J. FOREMAN	...*Treble*	THOMAS JULL	4
*GEORGE H. SPICE	2	WILLIAM SPICE, Senr. ...	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	3	ALBERT J. DAY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

* First peal of Minor with a Bob bell. The Conductor's 100th peal.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER HOBBIS...	...*Treble*	JAMES VAUGHAN	4
JOHN WITHERS	2	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	5
HARRY WILSON	3	FRANK WITHERS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WITHERS.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band, first peal as Conductor, also first peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Withers, parents of the conductor and ringer of the second.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, New London, Oxford, Kent, and Double Court. Tenor 16¾ cwt., in F.

*EDWARD TANSLEY	...*Treble*	ARTHUR FREEMAN	4
WILLIAM HALFORD	2	ROBERT COX	5
JOSEPH HALL	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH READ, Sen. ...	...*Treble*	WALTER W. BONHAM ...	4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ...	2	EDWIN YATES	5
ALBERT J. GREEN	3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Read, Sen., and A. J. Green, their brother ringers wishing them many happy returns.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17th, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs., in F.

PERCY TAYLOR	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SCOTCHER	4
PERCY WEBB	2	JOSEPH PAGE	5
JOHN STALLEY	3	*BASIL D. BUTTRESS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. D. BUTTRESS.

* First peal as Conductor. First peal in five methods by all. First peal of Minor on the bells. Also first 720's of Oxford, Double Court and Canterbury on the bells.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. R. Letts) for the use of the bells, also the the local captain for having everything in readiness.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THR CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9¼ cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	...*Treble*	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	4
MATTHIAS HOBBES	2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT...	5
GEORGE A. BLAXLEY... ...	3	CHARLES W. BIRD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

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DEATH OF MR. R. S. STORY,

Late President of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Robert Spencer Story, who for over twenty-two years guided the interests of bell ringers in the two Northern Counties as President of the Durham and Newcastle Division Association. He had been in very poor health for over two years, and quietly passed away at his residence in Whitley Bay, on Thursday week, at the age of 52 years.

The interment took place on Saturday last at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, the deceased gentleman being buried close

THE LATE MR. ROBERT SPENCER STORY.

to the tower he loved so well, and in which he had rung so many Surprise peals with his pupils, the Gofton family. The funeral arrangements were excellently carried out by Mr. Thomas Gafton. The other ringers acted as under-bearers. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Smith) met the cortege at the lychgate, and read the opening sentences of the burial service as the mournful procession passed up the centre aisle of the church. The Curate read the lesson, and the choir sang the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er." At the graveside the Vicar read the Committal and gave the Benediction, and the choir sang "On the resurrection morning." Then the following ringers rang a plain course of Stedman Triples (Mr. Story's favourite method) over the open grave: J. A. Gofton 1—2; T. T. Gofton 3—4; R. A. Gofton 5—6; J. E. Gofton 7—8. A large number of beautiful wreaths and crosses of flowers were sent (one from the Association and one from St. Paul's ringers amongst others), and around the grave stood ringers from all parts of the two dioceses. The Tynemouth Priory Lodge of Freemasons, of which Mr. Story was a Past Master, was also represented, as well as many other public bodies. Mr. Story had held office as sidesman and church-warden for many years at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, and the bells were rung both before and after the funeral by members of the Association.

Mr. Story came of an old and much respected Novo-castrian family, both he and his brother (Mr. Wm. Story) being Freemen of the Borough and County of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Born September 18th, 1858, he was educated for the mercantile profession, and succeeded to a prosperous business on the Quayside, but retired, owing to ill-health, some two years ago. His interest in ringing was very deep, and he was the moving spirit in the restoration of St. John's belfry, Newcastle, in 1879. He rung his first peal at All Saints, Newcastle, on May 12th, 1883, a peal of Grandsire Triples, which he recorded by erecting a peal board at his own expense. He married, in 1883, Miss Gertrude Ingledene Welford, and went to reside at Whitley Bay. He conducted his first peal on St. John's bells at the close of '84, a 5008 Bob Major, the first on the augmented peal and the first in the method by the Association. In October of the same year he was elected President of the Association, on the resignation of Mr. William Reed, of South Shields, and up to the time of his resignation in 1905 was the guiding spirit through its vicissitudes and its prosperity. He filled the post with tact and dignity and was universally beloved and respected. He was a thoroughly active president and taught young bands at Shotley Bridge, Bishopwearmouth, Whitley Bay, Gosforth, Cramlington, and Morpeth Watch-Tower, nearly all of which towers are still strongly adherent to the Association.

Mr. Story represented the Association in the Central Council for over 18 years. He was a member of the College Youths, Yorkshire, Norwich Diocesan, and Midland Counties' Association, and had rung peals with all these bodies. He had rung over two hundred peals in a great many towers and a great variety of methods, including London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Treble Twelve, Royal and Major, Stedman Cinques, Caters and Triples, Double Norwich and Double Oxford Major, Duffield, Woodbine, and many peals of Surprise Minor. He had conducted but few of these, about six or eight in all, but had made a close study of theory proof and composition. He was equally at home at either end of a peal from treble to tenor, and his excellence as a striker was well-known throughout the country. His influence and untiring energy did much to elevate the "locus standi" of ringers in the north and the personality of Robert Spencer Story will live in their memory and hearts for many years to come.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Hon. Secretaries of Associations affiliated to the Central Council, who have not yet sent in their affiliation fees, will, I trust, forgive me for reminding them that time is fast passing, and that the meeting of the Council will soon be upon us. The subscriptions have been due for close upon four months, and if payment is deferred till the last, the delay causes much wholly unnecessary trouble in making up the Council's accounts. There are thirteen associations, whose contributions still remain unpaid, and I sincerely

trust that I may have the pleasure of receiving them speedily.

The period for receiving notices of motion and reports of committees is also drawing to a close, May 6th being the date named in the preliminary notice of the Council meeting issued last January, and I earnestly hope to receive them in good time.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

Fretherne, Stonehouse.
Gloucestershire.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS—continued.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Ebor, Morning Exercise, Cambridge, Killamarsh, Duke of York and Kent.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Turton, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor about 10 cwt.

DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE	...*Treble*	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ...	4
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	2	E. HARRY STONELEY ...	5
EDGAR VALLANCE	3	HARRY ARGYLE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal in seven methods by all except the ringers of the second and tenor. Also the first in seven methods on the bells.

ROYSTON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ROYSTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*ALBERT GILBERT ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT WILKERSON ...	4
*WILLIAM L. DARLOW ...	2	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS ...	5
*ERNEST BONNETT	3	ROBERT G. KING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT G. KING.

This peal was rung to celebrate the recovery of the Vicar (Rev. J. Harriason) from a serious illness and also in honour of the wedding of R. Wilkerson, the ringer of the 4th, who was married the previous Saturday.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. This is the first time that London Surprise Minor has been rung in a peal by an Hertfordshire band. First peal of Treble Bob upon the bells.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES H. BIRD ...	...*Treble*	JOHN W. SEAMER	4
CHARLES JACKSON	2	ALFRED NAYLOR	5
ALONZA W. LONG	3	*WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

* First peal.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine, two of Oxford, and two of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*CHARLES ARBON ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH HALL	4
†ALBERT CHURCHILL	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY ...	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	3	†FREDERICK A. LANSLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 in each of the following methods: Chester, Carlisle, London, Wells, Durham, York, and Cambridge.

Tenor 16 cwt., in E flat.

WILLIAM SAVAGE ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD BLAKE	4
JOSEPH GOACHER	2	WILLIAM DAY	5
HENRY BLACKMAN	3	FREDERICK BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK BENNETT.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. E. CHAPMAN, 7, THE BROADWAY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

*ALBERT V. INNES	1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	7—8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire, W. MACE.

* First handbell peal. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenors

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, C. WILLSHIRE.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Owing to the great pressure on our space this week we are obliged to hold over several reports and miscellaneous touches, and also "The Beginner's Corner."

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The Hertford Association have inaugurated a very interesting record. A handsome album has been presented to the Association by Mr. H. Lewis and the members are invited to send in their photographs, which must be of cabinet size. It is proposed to put the name of each person in white letters under the portrait, and it is therefore requested that when photographs are sent in, the name of the ringer and the locality to which he belongs should be written only on the back.

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The group which we published last week of the band who rang the long peal of Maximus, was reproduced from an excellent picture taken by Mr. Connard, artist and photographer, of 121, Oldham Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, to whom we are indebted for the despatch with which he executed the work, thus enabling us to print the picture the same week that the peal was rung.

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Since the publication of the photograph we have seen another extremely interesting group. It is in the possession of Mr. F. E. Dawe, and is a photograph of the band who rang the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Michael's, Mottram-in-Longdendale, just 28 years ago. Chief interest in the picture lies in the fact that Messrs. Sam Wood, James Wood, and Joseph Mellor, who were in the record peal of Maximus, were also in the Treble Eight. Twenty-eight years makes a difference to a man's appearance, but the enthusiasm of these ringers has not diminished with the passage of time. For the information of the younger generation to whom the performance of the peal of Major may not be known, we would add that it consisted of 16,608 changes and was rung in 9 hrs. 48 mins., Mr. Sam Wood conducting it from the 4th.

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In addition to the long peals rung on Easter Monday and recorded in our last issue, there was an unsuccessful attempt for 13,440 Bob Major made at Guiseley, Yorks. Unfortunately, during the progress of the ringing, one of the band became indisposed, and "stand" was called at the end of 3 hrs. 35 mins., when 6,272 changes had been rung. The ringers were: W. B. Smith 1, S. Walker 2, J. Broadley 3, A. Jagger 4, C. E. Waite 5, S. Bateman 6, A. Gill 7, F. W. Dixon (conductor) 8. No doubt the peal will be rung before many months are past, as the bells go splendidly and the band are keen.

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Mr. George Edser, the popular hon. sec. of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild, has joined the ranks of the Benedicts and ringers will wish him and his bride long life and happiness. In honour of the event, which took place on Easter Day, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was made at Hersham, Surrey, on Saturday, but unfortunately came to grief just after the half-way single.

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Two hundred peals for one Association tells of good service. Last week in our sketch of the career of the Master of the Worcestershire Association we said that at the moment he was the only member who had rung 200 peals for that society. The statement had hardly been put into type--it had not been published—when Mr. William Short, at Droitwich, brought his total up to the double century, as the record in another column will testify. Mr. Short is one of the giants of the Exercise, and incidentally, it is worth recalling that he conducted the only peal ever rung upon the sea, the Stedman Caters in hand on the *SS. Cambria*, while crossing from Dublin to Holyhead in May, 1901.

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"Which," asks a daily paper, "is the largest weathercock in London? Surely an opportune question for fickle April. Apparently the honour is held by the vane which crowns the little leaden cupola over the city church of St. Peter-upon-Cornhill, and is now being repaired. It is a big key, the symbol of St. Peter, and measures more than nine feet, being a few inches longer than the dragon that surmounts Bow Church, Cheapside. St. Peter's, Cornhill, has a right to a conspicuous weathercock, for it claims to have been the first metropolitan church in England, and to have been originally founded by the British King, Lucius, about four centuries before the arrival of St. Augustine."

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Easter Monday at the Parish Church, Barnet, and in spite of various counter-attractions, such as football, cricket, peal ringing, etc., was very well attended. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and was at first confined to the easier methods, but as the day wore on, and the gathering increased, some capital touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, London, and Cambridge Surprise were brought round, the ringing of the Surprise methods being much appreciated. Tea was served at 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. A number of new members were elected, including the ringers at Northaw, some of whom, with their leader, the Rev. F. R. Bonsey, joined in the ringing during the afternoon. After the meeting there was some capital ringing, lasting until late in the evening. The bells at Hadley were available for the use of the members both before and after tea, and some excellent Doubles and Minor were rung there. Some 36 ringers attended the gathering and all were well satisfied, especially those who were able to ring their first touches in new methods. The thanks of the members are due to the Rev. W. Manning (Barnet), and the Rev. R. H. O. Stubbs (Hadley), for the use of the bells, also to the Churchwardens, to Mr. W. P. Ford, and to the local ringers, for the excellent arrangements made.

IN "THE FAITHFUL CITY."

A Successful Meeting at Worcester.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and by 11 o'clock a great many members had reached "the Faithful City" to take part in the day's proceedings. The bells at the churches of All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas' (6), St. Swithin (6), St. John's (6), and the Cathedral (12) were open for ringing at periods throughout the day, and touches of Superlative Surprise, Bristol Surprise, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, etc., were rung. At one o'clock a service took place at All Saints' Church. The Rev.

J. E. MacRae and the Rev. H. J. Mercer (Minor Canon) officiated, and the Rev. Canon Phillips (Clerical Secretary of the Association) gave an address, in which he dwelt upon the ringing of the bells as being a part of the work of the church.

After the service, the members adjourned to the Chapter House, at the Cathedral, for the business meeting, and about 100 attended, the Dean (Dr. W. Moore Ede) presiding. Others present were: Canons T. L. Claughton and J. M. Wilson, Hon. Canon S. Phillips, the Revs. J. E. MacRae, J. F. Hastings and H. J. Mercer (Warden to the Cathedral Guild), Messrs. T. J. Salter (Master of the Association), E. J. Dowler (Secretary and Treasurer to the Northern Branch), O. James (Bromsgrove), J. Piper (Brierley Hill), W. Shilvock (Clent), J. Goodman (Dudley), A. Hackett (Halesowen), H. Oldnall (Hartlebury), N. Davies (Kidderminster), J. Pritchett (King's Norton), A. Greenfield (Netherton), F. Withers and H. Withers (Northfield), A. Parsons (Old Hill), J. Oxford (Oldswinford), B. Fullwood (Sedgley), J. Pigott (Smethwick), W. J. Bretherton (Woolaston), G. H. Head (Wolverley), W. Page (Master Western Branch), H. T. Knowles (secretary and treasurer), J. Sparkes (Dodderhill), G. W. Checketts (Hallow), A. Moore (Hanbury), J. Norman (Leigh), R. G. Knowles (Madresfield), A. Atkins (Ombersley), J. L. Everitt (Powick), S. Spittle (Dudley), E. H. Spalding (Stoke Prior), W. Ranford (Suckley), C. Camm (Upton-on-Severn), H. Wilkes (Worcester), B. S. Hill (St. John's), J. Clements (St. Nicholas'), H. Middleton (Master), and J. Hemming (secretary and treasurer of the Southern Branch), J. Addis (Badsey), C. R. Meakins (Cropthorn), H. Colley (Great Comberton), R. Young (Hampton), T. Sheppard (Pershore), J. R. Newman (lay secretary of the Association), and W. H. Johnson (treasurer). Apologies were received from the Rev. G. F. Kershaw (Hallow), Mr. R. N. Lane (Suckley) and Mr. H. Mason.

THE REORGANISATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

In their annual report, the committee stated that an alteration in the management had been decided upon during the past year, and it was hoped that more help would be given in the art of change ringing, and the membership considerably increased. A poll of the members was taken, when it was found that 256 to 36 were in favour of the three branches being formed and nine quarterly branch meetings held instead of three as formerly. At a special meeting held at Hartlebury on October 1st, arrangements were made to carry this into effect at the New Year. The boundaries were drawn up, and branch Masters and Secretaries appointed. Donations from the members to the fund to place in Drayton Church a memorial to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who did a great amount of work during his life to advance the art of change ringing, were sent in by the Rev. J. H. Hastings, in the name of the Association. The balance sheet showed a slightly increased balance which, considering the extra expenditure incurred by several committee meetings, etc., was fairly satisfactory. The quarterly peals were attempted at Halesowen, Worcester, Evesham and Hartlebury, that at Evesham being the only one not rung. While neither the peals rung during the year nor the value in points was as great as last year, there had been some very creditable performances, especially that at Clent, on December 26th, when the record length of Superlative Surprise Major (9728 changes) was added to the achievements of the Association, the peal being rung in 5 hours and 52 minutes, and conducted by R. Matthews. The same conductor was successful in scoring the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major by the Association, at Brierley Hill on December 10th. The first in 10 minor methods was accomplished at Leigh on May 16th, conducted by J. R. Newman.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Evesham. A suggestion was put forward that the limit be brought down to the county boundary, and the Dean laughingly inquired what was the boundary of Worcester county now.

Messrs. W. C. Jones and G. Checketts were re-elected as auditors: Mr. J. R. Newman as lay secretary; and Mr. W. H. Johnson as treasurer.—A proposition that the peals of the Association be credited to the branches in which they were rung was agreed to.

Mr. A. E. Parsons moved a vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding, to the Rev. J. E. MacRae for allowing the Association to hold the service in his church, to the Rectors of churches where bell ringing had taken place, and to Canon Phillips for his address at the service. He congratulated the Rev. H. J. Mercer upon his appointment as Vicar of Carnforth, Lancashire.—The Rev. J. F. Hastings seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Dean, in replying, said they were always pleased to welcome the Association to the Chapter House whenever the members desired to hold their meetings there. They recognised that the work of the Association was not an unimportant branch of the work of the church, and that it was a very great thing for the members connected with the various belfries, not only to improve bell ringing, but to maintain a high standard of character in the belfries. He was glad to see that the promises of disruption, to which they were so freely treated last year, were entirely mistaken, and he trusted that when the new system of management had been in operation a longer time they would have even more favourable results than they had had already.

The members then adjourned to the west end of the Cathedral, where they were photographed. Subsequently they partook of tea at the Angel Hotel, about 110 members and friends sitting down to a substantial repast, provided by Host and Hostess Smith. Afterwards the members adjourned to the different churches, and rang further touches in various methods, thus bringing a very pleasant day's outing to a close.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION'S "DOUBLE FIRST."

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Fakenham on Easter Monday, and was attended by representatives from Norwich, Aylsham, Thetford, Pulham, Saxlingham, North Elmham, Wells, and the local company. By kind permission of the Rector, the fine ring of eight at the parish church were available for ringing throughout the day, and the six at Ryburgh were also rung.

Dinner was served at the Bell Hotel. The Rector of Fakenham (the Rev. W. Irwin) occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. E. C. J. and Mrs. Bowen, Messrs. G. Moy, W. J. Howson, W. Flaxman and T. Fitzjohn (district secretaries) and C. E. Borrett (secretary).—The Chairman, after proposing the loyal toasts, gave a very warm welcome to the visitors, and expressed his pleasure at the holding of an Association meeting in the town.

The Secretary, having apologised for the absence of the hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. C. L. Kennaway), who was detained at home by parish business, dealt briefly with matters of interest to the members. He was glad and proud to be able to tell them that in the Central Council's analysis of peals rung during the year 1910, their Association headed the list for both the number of peals rung and for their total point value. This was the second time they had scored a "double first," and it was something upon which they could well congratulate themselves. The Secretary also gave notice (in accordance with Rule XIII.) that he should move at the next annual meeting that a charge of sixpence each be made for certificates of membership. The present rule respecting the granting of certificates was unsatisfactory, and had proved unworkable, and he thought the suggested small charge would be better in every way.

Over fifty new members were proposed for election, and the meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the chairman for his presence and for the use of the bells.

A most successful district meeting was held at Southwold on Easter Monday, when ringers attended from the following places: Beccles, Bungay, Chediston, Henham, Halesworth, Huntingfield, Kelsale, Southwold, Wrentham, Wissett, Wenhaston and Westhall. Various touches were rung in Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob. A splendid meat tea was provided in the Parish Room for the visitors by the Mayor and Vicar, about 40 sitting down.

After tea, the Mayor, before leaving to attend another meeting, welcomed the ringers to Southwold, and expressed the hope that they would come again to the town.—The Vicar gave a splendid address, saying that he was pleased to meet so many ringers, as he recognised them all as church workers. He gave them all a hearty invitation to come again next Easter. The Vicar then invited the visitors into the Vicarage grounds, where several touches were rung and tunes played on handbells, all present much enjoying themselves.

RINGERS' FIRST MEETING IN MASHAMSHIRE DISTRICT.

The Easter Monday meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Masham, West Tanfield, and Kirby Malzeard, and was well attended by ringers from Darlington, East Witton, Hemingbrough, Middleham, Masham, Ormesby, Pateley Bridge, Ripon, Skelton-in-Cleveland, Stockton, West Tanfield, and Wath. Dinner was provided at the King's Head Hotel, Masham, where upwards of 40 members sat down to a splendid repast, presided over by the President, the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Hemingbrough, who was supported by the Rev. H. Hedley (Vicar of Masham), Dr. Bishop (West Tanfield), Dr. Pauli (vice-president), and Mr. T. Metcalfe (hon. secretary). After dinner the President proposed the toasts of "The King," which was loyally honoured.

Twenty-one new members were elected, including two honorary members. The President proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicars of Masham and Kirby Malzeard, and the Rector of West Tanfield for allowing the Association the use of their bells on that occasion, and the Rev. H. Hedley, in responding, welcomed the Association to their district, and hoped that the Association would be able to give them another visit at some future date. If at any time any of the members wished for the use of the bells at Masham, he would only be too pleased to give them permission (applause).

Letters of apology for absence were read from the Rector of West Tanfield, and the Vicar of Kirby Malzeard.

This concluded the business, and the ringers adjourned to the different towers, several going by brake to Kirby Malzeard to try the new ring of six bells with tenor about 17 cwt., which have been hung in this tower within the last twelve months, replacing a peal of six that had done duty for a great number of years, and was demolished by fire in the early morning of February 8th, 1908. The fire was not observed till 3 a.m., when it had obtained a strong hold upon the building. Such a sweeping disaster was beyond all common anticipation. The church was founded in the early part of the 12th century, and was the mother church of a huge parish stretching from Great Whernside to the River Yore, covering some 90,000 acres, and including the present parishes of

Dallowgill, Grewelthorpe, Hartwith Healy, Kirby Malzeard, Masham, Michley, Middlesmoor, and Ramsgill. The church was restored as recently as the years 1878-80, at a total cost of £4,000, and now has been again thoroughly restored to its original state, with oak roof with flat pitch, and furnished with oak seats, at a cost of over £5,000. The new bells were supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, Surrey, and are a great credit to the firm, in both tone and workmanship. The "go" is all that can be desired. A good deal of ringing was done during the day in various methods at all the towers. This was the first meeting of any Association of church bell ringers ever held in the Mashamshire district, and proved extremely successful.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the above society was held at headquarters, Leeds Parish Church, on Easter Monday. The bells were available from 9.0 a.m. to 9.0 p.m., by the kind arrangement of the local band, to whom the best thanks of the society were offered.

The business was transacted at the Royal Oak Hotel, the president taking the chair. The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. P. J. Johnson; vice-presidents, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate and Mr. G. B. Bolland; secretary, Mr. A. S. Mitchell; treasurer, Mr. J. Peacock. There was a little alteration in the committee, which now stands thus: The Rev. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. C. Pratt. F. Dixon, J. Whitaker. F. Woodhead, Ernest Hoyle and Benjamin Shaw.—It was unanimously resolved that the representative on the Central Council should receive £1 towards his expenses. The new rota of meetings for the coming year, recommended by the committee, was adopted. The balance sheet was presented, and adopted, on the motion of Mr. W. E. H. Ash (one of the auditors), seconded by Mr. H. Smith.—Mr. J. Broadley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the officers for their past year's work, and this was seconded by Mr. H. Smith, and unanimously carried. The following were elected members: Mr. A. Rackham, of Barnsley, and Q.-M.-Sergt. Hibbert, of Leeds.

The attendance was not very large, due to some unknown reason, but the members present showed plenty of enthusiasm, which helped the business on, and it can be said, without fear of contradiction, that the meeting, though small, was not a failure.

MEETING AT SHEFFIELD.

The annual meeting of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield, was held at Sheffield on Easter Tuesday. The peal of twelve at the Parish Church was open from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m., a good representative attendance being present. The following officers were re-elected: Mr. C. H. Hattersley, president; Mr. Frank Willey, vice-president; Mr. William Lomas, hon. treasurer; Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, hon. secretary. Messrs. J. F. Rew, T. Chown, J. Evinson and C. Glenn were elected to serve on the committee. Messrs. C. Glenn and J. Thorpe were re-elected ringing master and deputy ringing master respectively. The minutes of the previous meeting and the balance sheet were passed. The latter showed a credit of 16s., which was considered very satisfactory, after a somewhat heavy expenditure following the reorganisation. Eleven peals were rung during the period June to December, seven being handbell peals and four on tower bells.—The Hon. Secretary gave a resume of the year's work, and specially commented on the commemoration dinner, which was a pronounced success. — Considerable discussion took place respecting Rule 4, but the matter was eventually left over, pending a notice of motion re alteration.—The business terminated with a vote of thanks to the past officers.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Easter Monday meeting of the North Eastern District, held at Halstead, was attended by a moderate number of members from 16 different towers. The bells were kept going at intervals throughout the afternoon and evening, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major being rung.—Tea was provided at the White Horse, and was followed by the meeting, over which the Master of the Association presided. Five ringing members were elected, and the place selected for the August meeting was Ardleigh. A bye-meeting will be arranged, to be held at Great Bardfield, about Whitsuntide, for the opening of a peal tablet, recording the first peal rung on the bells.—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Halstead for the use of the bells.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Easter Monday, when a good number of members put in an appearance. The bells of Christ Church and All Saints', West Bromwich, also those of Oldbury and Smethwick were at the disposal of the visitors during the day, and touches in various methods were tapped off.

At four o'clock a short service was held at Christ Church, followed by tea and the general meeting, Mr. R. Cartwright being elected to the chair.—The Secretary read the report for the past year, which stated that the number of peals rung was 31, including Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, Stedman Triples and Caters, Minor (seven methods), Plain Bob Minor and Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, and Bristol Surprise Major. The balance sheet was very satisfactory, inasmuch as there was a balance of £21 on the right side. The officers were re-elected, and the name of Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale, was substituted for that of the Rev. F. Tennison (resigned) on the list of committee.

The following places were proposed for the next quarterly meetings: Lichfield, Penkridge and Bilston, as well as a special meeting at Tipton and the annual at Wolverhampton. During last summer several cycling runs were made to outlying districts, apparently with great success, and it is proposed to open up fresh fields during the coming season, due notice of which will be given. In all probability also a drive by brake will take place in the latter part of August, for the same purpose.

Expressions of sympathy with regard to the illness of the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson (President of the Society) were made, and will be forwarded to his distressed relatives.—A vote of thanks to the various Incumbents and churchwardens, also to the officers and chairman, concluded the business.

Immediately before the tea a photograph was taken of the band who rang Holt's Original (unconducted), at Christ Church, on November 20th, 1909, the base of the tower forming a back-ground.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the North Wales Association, at Beaumaris, Anglesey, on Easter Monday, there was an attendance of about 50. After lunch a short service was held in the church, and the business meeting followed in the new Church Rooms. The President (the Rev. T. Lewis Jones) presided, supported by the Master (Mr. W. T. Pegler), the hon. treasurer (Mr. M. J. Morris), and Mr. A. J. Hughes, who deputised for the hon. secretary, who was unfortunately unable to attend. All the officers were re-elected, and it was decided by a majority of four votes not to change the day of the annual meeting from Easter Monday to Whit Monday.—A proposal was unanimously carried that application should be made for admission of the President of the Association, as the representative of a public body to Carnarvon Castle on the occasion of the investiture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. —There were the usual votes of thanks, and a good deal of ringing was indulged in during the day.

DEDICATION OF MERE CHURCH BELLS.

Peal Augmented to Eight.

A new peal of bells was dedicated at the Parish Church of Mere, Dorset, by the Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. Wordsworth) on Easter Eve. The renovation of the peal was for a long time in view, and the work has been carried out by the well-known firm of Messrs. Llewellins & James, of Bristol. Originally there was a ring of six, but they have now been increased to eight and re-hung in an iron frame, supported by strong iron girders, and with new fittings. The cost of the work has been £421, of which only £60 remained to be subscribed prior to the dedication service, when the offertory realised £7 10s.

The act of dedication was performed as a preliminary to the usual evening service, the clergy participating being the Bishop of Salisbury, the Rev. F. E. Trotman (Vicar of Mere), Rev. A. Goodman (Curate of Mere), Rev. C. W. Woods (Milton), Rev. J. C. Sparrow (Rector of Bourton), and Rev. A. J. Wilcox, (Vicar of Maiden Bradley). The Church was crowded in every part. The formal presentation to the Bishop of the keys of the interior door of the belfry was performed by the churchwardens (Dr. Farnfield and Mr. Duncan Walton).

The Bishop addressed the congregation upon the words: "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord," and "Into thy hand I commend my spirit (or, my breath)."

After the service, 300 parishioners, including many Nonconformists, assembled at the school as guests of the Vicar and Churchwardens at an "At home." The late Vicar of Mere (the Rev. J. A. Lloyd) telegraphed his hearty congratulations.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

A Page of "Timely Topics," by Will Willson.

The Annual Meeting was over. One by one the towers were closed as the bells were rung down, and ringers made their way to the meeting house for the social wind-up. The smoke room was packed by cosmopolitan brother-strings, and the strains of music broke upon the ear. If the piano was asthmatical and wheezy, the pianist made up for all that. His features were of a distinguished, clean-chiselled mould, and with a shock of Paderewski hair to crown them. One realised at once that we were in the presence of a fallen star or a sculptor's model. He didn't mean you to forget it either. The supercillious glances of scorn that he threw at his audience raised your dander at first, then sunk you to zero and made you feel like grovelling worms of earth. Afterwards we learned that the cold stare of contempt came from his glass eye, but he felt like it too, there was no doubt of that. The way he thumped the piano, while disdaining to look at any music score, said pretty plainly that he considered Handel or Rubenstein simply "back numbers," and it was lucky for them that they had shuffled off their mortal coils, and thus avoided being shown up.

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Somehow, neither his singing in ultra-operatic style, nor the accompaniment, seemed to catch on, for we were ringers and very soon the handbells were brought out. Would the pianist accompany us to tune-ringing? He smiled loftily at our ignorance in humming to him the tune, and waved us away, exclaiming: "Go on! I follow the band." We got through after a struggle, although the piano continued to bang! crash! bang! long after the tune (?) was finished, and it was necessary to touch him on the shoulder and break the news. After that, a course of Cinques, and Apollo could only look on. Then another tune, but as he moved towards the instrument I told him plainly that we were not taking any. He muttered, but only looked on. Then a course of Stedman Caters, and Apollo began to think like Othello, that his occupation was gone. We allowed him to let off a little steam to a song, and then someone suggested more handbell ringing. This was the last straw. His withers were wrung, and he gasped, "six times to-night with those tin things!" and dropping upon his stool, he rattled his box of dominoes with a mighty rattle, finishing up with a crashing eleven-note chord! How did he strike it? With his ten fingers on the keys, in his ecstasy he banged his nose on the eleventh note, and Eureka! he had found the lost chord.

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If in your wanderings you should, perchance, come across a town y'clept Derby, seek out James Pagett, Albert H. Ward, or one Bart Mitchel, and they may lead you to where this musical genius presides nightly, but mention not "those dashed tin things," or, peradventure, Apollo will have an apopleptic fit. *Verb. sap.*

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We ringers will shortly be compelled, I fear, to take our signboards in, for this is the day of the inventor. You have studied possibly the working of a Cash Register. You may have seen, maybe, the Automatic Accountant, and you must have been interested in many kinds of ingenious mechanism, from the Pianola upwards; but all these things pale into insignificance beside what will be regarded in ages to come as the acme of scientific invention and a marvel of musical mechanism. I refer to a machine which Mr. John Carter has been experimenting upon for about twenty years.

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This machine has brains. It does not matter what method of change ringing you ask it to ring. *You can bring a new method on any number of bells, and one which no one but yourself has ever seen.* It makes no difference. The machine will ring it. Not a touch, but the whole peal of 40,320 if you like. Not only that, but at the same time it will print all the figures as it rings them! The machine is not open for anybody to inspect at present, but a little bird has whispered to me that a very high personage in the ringing world will ultimately become its possessor, if only to give it to the nation. When this is accomplished, visitors to the British Museum may stop before a peculiar instrument labelled "The Campanomutophone," and gaze in admiration at the wondrous working of the musical bell ringing machine with brains.

SERVICE FORMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, issue to Secretaries of ringers' guilds or associations, and to the clergy generally, a request for specimen copies of Forms of Service or Prayers only, which have been used or are in general use in their jurisdiction on the occasions either of dedication of bells or ringers' gatherings.

Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,
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Broadlands, Caversham, Oxon.

THE BELLS OF TIPTON, STAFFS.

The peal of eight at the Parish Church of St. Martin, Tipton, Staffs, have been quarter turned and re-hung with new stocks, wheels, stays, sliders, bearings, etc., by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, who has also thoroughly strengthened the frame. A new floor has been put in. The re-dedication of the bells took place on the 13th inst., the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Wilson T. de Vine, M.A., R.D. At the ceremony a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung and at the close of the service touches of Stedman and Bob Major were brought round, ringers, in addition to the local band, being present from Wolverhampton, West Bromwich and Dudley. On Easter Day the bells were rung for the 6 a.m. Celebration by the St. Martin's band, who are all members of the C.E.M.S., and attended the service. The bells were also rung at 7.30 a.m. and before the morning and evening services. The bells were originally a peal of six and were hung in the tower in the year 1798. In 1848 they were made into a ring of eight by re-casting the four largest bells into six. The tenor is 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lbs., and the whole peal came from the Whitechapel Foundry.

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COLCHESTER.—On Saturday, April 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, in commemoration of St. George's Day, various touches in the following methods were rung during the day: Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major (including two 640's and a 768), and Double Norwich, those taking part being: A. Burch, G. Burch, W. Button, F. L. Bumpstead, G. W. Dixon, W. Chalk, H. Evers, W. J. Nevard, H. T. Pye, A. G. Rivers, R. W. Stannard, and W. J. Schofield, the last three named conducting.—On Sunday, for Divine service, 640 Kent Treble Bob: G. W. Dixon 1, F. L. Bumpstead 2, H. T. Pye 3, G. Burch 4, R. W. Stannard 5, H. Evers 6, W. Chalk 7, W. J. Schofield 8; and 288 with A. G. Rivers and S. Hull taking part. For evening service, a touch of Grandsire Triples and of Double Norwich, with Wm. Burch, the rest as before.

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NOTICES.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday next, April 29th, 1911. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.—Arthur Coleman, Honorary Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special ringing meetings will be held at Cransley on May 6th, Rounds on May 13th and Northampton on May 20th.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

NOTICES (continued).

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, late St. James' Society (Established 1824). Members are re-requested to note that the Association meets for united practice at St. Clement Danes, Strand, every alternate Monday, at 8 p.m. Also on the second Sunday in each month, at 10 a.m. A special general meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6th.—T. H. Taffender, Hon. Sec. pro tem, 35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the South and West District will be held at Chiswick, on Saturday next, April 29th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Isaacs). Bells available from 3.15. Short service, 5.30. Tea, 6d. each at 6.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—Thursday, 4th May, 1911, Annual Festival. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Farrer, S. Mary's, Bridport. Luncheon and meeting at the Town Hall. Chairman: The Worshipful the Mayor of Bridport. Ringing at many neighbouring towers by the kindness of the incumbents. Travelling facilities by road and rail.—W. Percy Schuster, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch, and Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting of the above society, and the monthly meeting of the Manchester branch will be held at Ashton Parish Church (12) on Saturday next, April 29th. Bells ready at 4. Business meeting at 7.—W. H. Shunker, C. Bower, Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday next, April 29th, at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will take place to-morrow (Saturday), April 29th, 1911, at the Co-operative Hall, Lincoln. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service and address at Cathedral, 4 p.m. Business meeting directly after tea.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Secretary.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the Bull Inn, 5.30, at 9d. per head.—F. Bennett, Hon. Secretary, 3, Margaret Terrace, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Prestwich and Whitefield on Saturday, May 13th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above society will take place at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 6th. I hope all members will try and attend. Bells available from 3.30. Committee meeting, 5.30. General meeting, 6.30.—T. Riley, Hon. Secretary.

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