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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.

Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE LADIES' PEAL.

The Exercise generally will extend hearty congratulations to the eight members of the fair sex who, last Saturday, succeeded in ringing the first ladies' peal. It is a performance of which they may be distinctly proud, and which is a gratifying reward of their pluck and perseverance. A few years ago most men would have scoffed at the idea of a band of ladies ringing a peal, and it was not until last year when the first serious attempt was made, that the incredulity of the majority was really shaken. But after that plucky effort everyone realised that it was but a matter of time and opportunity before the thing would become *un fait accompli*. And now, at the second meeting, the peal has been rung.

Woman's invasion of the realms, once believed to be sacred to men, has been rapid in the last two decades, and our own Art has not escaped. Lady ringers can now, we believe, be numbered by scores. Although there are but few who figure in the peal columns, the fair sex are none the less taking an increasing interest in ringing, and they have set the seal to their entry into the Exercise by the performance at Cubitt Town. The physical fitness of ladies to indulge in ringing has been clearly vindicated by this peal, and while there may be men whose prejudices lead them to believe that a belfry is not a place for a lady, all who have had the pleasure of ringing with members of the gentle sex are aware that their presence has nothing but a tendency to raise the tone of the ringing chamber. Moreover, it is one of the strongest proofs of the improvements which have come about in the belfries that ladies may now be found in many of them.

There is only one matter for regret in connection with last Saturday's peal, and that is that Miss Alice White, the first lady to ring a tower bell peal, was not able to be one of the company. As a pioneer among ladies in the belfry it would have been only fitting that she should have been in the first ladies' peal, but her health prevented it. Miss Nightingale, who was also in the attempt last year, was unable, for a similar reason, to be in the successful performance, but there was little trouble in finding substitutes ready to fill the vacancies. And now, not only have the difficulties of meeting, which distance has imposed, been surmounted, but also the difficulties of ringing in a strange tower. A correspondent tells, in another column, the story of the peal, and it will be seen that it was only by perseverance that the goal of ambition was reached. But the ladies showed their grit by the way they stuck to the task. This is the first, but we feel sure it will not be the last, ladies' peal, and we hope the performance will be suitably recorded.

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Chelmsford,
February 19th, 1912.

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Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TEN BELL PEAL.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

JOSEPH J. PRATT ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM PYE	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	REUBEN SANDERS	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	9
CHARLES T. COLES	5	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. J. Pratt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON	...*Treble*	THOMAS BANCROFT	5
JOHN EDMONDSON	2	JOHN MCKELL	6
*EDWARD GREEN	3	JOHN HALL	7
HERBERT GREEN	4	SMITH MURGATROYD	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by JOHN MCKELL.

* First peal. Rung, with the bells muffled, as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. James McGoun, of Keighley. This composition was the only peal deceased had ever called, and it was considered appropriate to ring it on this occasion.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	2	*WILLIAM STONE	6
*GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	3	*WILLIAM PHIPPS	7
EDGAR HUMFREY	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SWINDON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

ALFRED LAWRENCE ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS ROBINSON	5
LOUIS A. WILSON	2	ERNEST BISHOP	6
ROBERT W. HYNER	3	*GEORGE LANCASTER	7
CHARLES J GARDINER ...	4	JOHN M. BRINKWORTH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrence.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. STEDDY ...	...*Treble*	JOHN CAPP	5
HENRY STALHAM	2	ALBERT D. STONE	6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	3	KEITH HART	7
WILLIAM J. ALLISS	4	WILLIAM STENNING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DAVIS ...	...*Treble*	SEDLEY COLLINS	5
*GEORGE M. KILBY	2	THOMAS KING	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Major. This was A. W. Grimes' 50th peal this year.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

*PHILIP INNS	...*Treble*	ROBERT F. TURNER ...	5
†WILLIAM MACE	2	CHARLES W. BIRD	6
ALFRED KNIGHT	3	ALBERT V. INNS	7
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	4	DAVID J. NICHOLS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung for the children's annual school treat.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER S. INWOOD ...	...*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
RICHARD DARLOW	2	FRANCIS A. SMITH	6
ARTHUR W. DIX	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
CHARLES W. SMITH	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Robert E. Stavert, of the Bushey Society, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Winifred Arnold, which took place at Ross, Herefordshire, the same day.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 19, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERT CHALLEN	...*Treble*	THOS. BURTENSHAW, Senr.	5
JOHN SMART	2	GEORGE GATLAND	6
*ELLMAN BROWN	3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ...	7
LIONEL SEARS	4	HENRY STALHAM ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS, and
Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the opening of the new church schools by the Bishop of Chichester.

LONDON.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS SARAH PIGOTT ...	...*Treble*	†MISS EVELYN STEEL ...	5
*MISS EVA N. BELCHER ...	2	MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM	6
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON	3	MISS EDITH K. PARKER...	7
MISS MARY N. JUKES ...	4	‡MISS CLARA BEASLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by MISS E. K PARKER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal. Miss Parker's 50th peal. This is the first peal in which eight ladies have taken part.

BEESTON, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT COPPOCK	5
REV. C. J. STURTON... ...	2	FREDERICK S. PRICE ...	6
WM. CLIFFORD, Senr. ...	3	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	7
HERBERT DAY	4	PERCIVAL PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY ...	...*Treble*	HENRY PHILLIPS	5
JOHN W. AVISS...	2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	6
*LEONARD P. BAILEY ...	3	EDGAR H. BAILEY	7
GEORGE HARDY...	4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Oxford.

BENNINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

ARTHUR N. HARDY ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD F. COLE	5
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ...	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
SAMUEL PAGE	3	*ALFRED TALBOT	7
FRANK I. HAIRS...	4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

It was intended to have rung Superlative, but, one of the band missing the train, Mr. Talbot kindly took the vacant rope, and scored his first peal in the method, being elected a member of the Society previous to starting.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, WEST DIDSBURY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*HARRY WILSON	...*Treble*	ROBERT DAVIES	5
WALTER BROWN	2	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ...	6
GEORGE WARBURTON ...	3	JOHN POTTER	7
WILFRED J. MOSS	4	P.C. RICHARD NEWTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by J. POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the church; also as a birthday compliment to R. Davis, the conductor at the tower; and in honour of P.C. Richard Newton being one of the 50 members of the Manchester City Police Force to receive the King's medal for long service and good conduct.

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

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt., in F flat.

SAMUEL GROVE	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	2	JOHN NEAL	6
*WILLIAM D. JAMES	3	*JAMES L. WELLS	7
CHARLES DICKENS	4	JAMES E. GROVES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Cambridge.

EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

TROLLOPE'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER ...	...*Treble*	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ...	5
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	2	ALFRED H. WINCH	6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	3	JAMES N. FROSSELL ...	7
JOHN H. B. HESSE	4	JOHN HOWES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

First peal of Major on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time, for calling see C.C. Collection (peal No. 180). The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. F. Brown for having everything in readiness.

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

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. DETHERIDGE...	*Treble*	†EZRA HOMER	5
ROBERT MATTHEWS	2	*HORACE DOWELL	6
*THOMAS CLARKE	3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ...	7
*GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE ...	4	*SAMUEL DETHERIDGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. This was the peal proposed at the Rowley Regis meeting of the above Association, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Willetts, one of the local band.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A. ...	...*Treble*	PHILIP ALLFREY	5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ...	2	KEITH HART	6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES...	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
RICHARD STREDWICK	4	TRAYTON JEFFREY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. D. STONE.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

EDWIN WHITING... ...	...*Treble*	HENRY GARNHAM	5
ALFRED SMITH	2	JOHN SNELLING...	6
ERNEST WHITING	3	FREDERICK SEAGER	7
GEORGE SNELLING	4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

SONNING.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt., in D.

SYDNEY FRANKLIN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PAICE	5
JOSEPH WHITE	2	JOHN WADHAMS	6
ARTHUR W. PIKE	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ...	7
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ...	4	ALBERT E. REEVES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the Rev. CYRIL JENKYN.

The first peal on the bells since their restoration. The treble, second and third have been recast, and the whole peal tuned and hung in a new steel frame. The work has been excellently done by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN	...*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
THOMAS R. SCOTT	2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ...	6
THOMAS L. SIMMONDS ...	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
FRANCIS A. SMITH	4	*FREDERICK G. GEORGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the Patrona Festival of the church, the bells not being available later in the week

OLDBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Treble*	JESSE SCREEN	5
THOMAS HUGHES	2	WILLIAM D. JAMES	6
THOMAS HORTON	3	REUBEN HALL	7
JAMES E. GROVES	4	THOMAS FIELDHOUSE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

This is the conductor's 50th peal.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs., in F sharp

GEORGE HITCHMAN ...	...*Treble*	REV. E. V. COX	5
HAROLD PRATT	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
WILLIAM H. GODDEN ...	3	JOHN PENFOLD, Junr. ...	7
ALLEN J. CARTWRIGHT ...	4	JOHN EATON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

DEANE, BOLTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

TITUS BARLOW	...*Treble*	GEORGE PINCOTT	5
FRED ABBOTT	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
*THOMAS WORSLEY	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JOHN WELSBY	4	ROBERT ALLRED ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Umpire: S. RADFORD.
Witness: G. OLIVER.

First peal of Stedman on handbells as conductor, and first attempt.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 18, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT 3, MARGARET TERRACE, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS, S.E.
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE BENNETT ...	1—2	FRANK BENNETT	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7—8
ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	9—10		

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.
Umpire: Mr. J. E. DAVIS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, July 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

*JOHN THOMAS	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8
FRANK BLONDELL	9—10		

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpires: T. W. RADFORD and W. E. MAULDEN.
Witnesses: MR. and MRS. WHITTINGTON and G. OLIVER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters in hand.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes
AT THE FORESTERS' HALL, GEORGE STREET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

†HARRY THORPE	1—2	†SIDNEY PROCTOR	5—6
†WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	3—4	*J. FRANK PROCTOR ...	7—8

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.
Umpires: L. E. MEARS, A. TAYLOR and W. H. PROCTOR.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Triples "in hand." First peal of Triples "in hand" in the county by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. C. Darnell and H. Thorpe.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.
On Sunday, July 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. ROBERT MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR E. MOORE ...	1—2	†T. H. BERNARD	5—6
HARRY A. TURNER	3—4	FRANK J. LEVITT	7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by A. E. MOORE.
Umpire: A. ELY.

† First peal of Treble Bob "in hand." This peal was arranged for Mr. T. H. Bernard, of Harwich, who was elected a member of the above previous to starting for the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF S. NICOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	7—8
THOMAS W. RADFORD ...	9—10		

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires: W. E. MAULDEN, M. SMITHER and W. LOADER.

In the peal of Stedman Caters at Chesterfield, on July 15th, the ringer of the 7th was Ernest H. Clarke, not George Clark, as sent in to us.

In the peal at Tewkesbury, the ringer of the 4th was William Need, and not Read.

The peal rung at Glasbury, on June 25th, should be credited to the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

ENQUIRIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of your columns, ask Mr. Denman, senr., who conducted a peal of Minor at West Grinstead on the 7th inst., to be good enough to inform me where the method described by him as "Rusper" is to be found? If it is in the Council's collection of Legitimate Methods, as I shrewdly suspect, I must have omitted to enter in my book the fact of the method having been christened "Rusper." Mr. Denman will, I am sure, appreciate the object of my enquiry, which is that the Sussex Association may be credited with the proper number of points in the Analysis for the peal which he has conducted.—Yours very faithfully,

2, Sussex Place, Southsea. ARTHUR T. KING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—For practice, a 720 was rung at Norbury Parish Church of the method No. 19, page 12, in the C.C. collection. I should like to know if it has been rung and named, if not, we should call it after the place where it was rung.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES FERNLEY.

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD CASH.

RESULT OF A MOTOR ACCIDENT.

As briefly announced last week, we have to record another loss to the Lancashire Association by the death of one of the oldest members, Mr. Edward Cash, of Swinton, the sad event occurring on July 12th. Three years ago he met with a motor accident, from which he never recovered.

Although not so well known to the younger ringers, he was very prominent about 20 years ago, ringing and conducting Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. As far as can be gathered, he has rung in something like 100 peals. He was laid to rest on Monday week in Swinton Cemetery, in the presence of many sorrowing relations, and about 30 ringers from Ashton, Eccles, Bolton, Manchester, Pendlebury, Pendleton, Reddish, Prestwich, Walkden, Worsley. A plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the grave, and the bells of St. Peter's (where he was a ringer for nearly 40 years) were muffled, but with the glass at 88 in the shade and 120 in the sun, no peal was attempted, although the bells at Pendleton were also available. Short touches of Stedman and Grandsire were, however, rung. The deceased was not a man to seek office, but his services were always available as a ringer or conductor, or as a teacher, and it was a race for several years between him and the late Mr. R. Ridyard as to who could bring the most learners through their first peal. Mr. Cash, who leaves a widow and three children, will be sorely missed.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The members of the North Forest branch held another of their successful monthly meetings on Saturday week at Westbury-on-Severn, when the towers represented were: Newent, Corse, Churcham, Westbury-on-Severn and Blaisdon. After ringing in the afternoon, tea was partaken of in the schoolroom. At the subsequent business meeting, the Rev. H. D. S. Sweetapple presided, and eight new members were elected, including the chairman as an honoary member. — Minsterworth was suggested as the next meeting place on Saturday, August 17th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his kindness in entertaining the ringers, and the Vicar, in responding, expressed great pleasure in being able to welcome the ringers, and wished the branch every success. The party then returned to the belfry, where some excellent striking in Grandsire and Bob Minor was heard.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

A goodly number of members turned up at Chiddingly on Saturday week for the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. After service, at which the Vicar (the Rev. T. V. Southey) officiated, the company sat down to a bountiful tea supplied by Host Ditch, of the Six Bells Hotel.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for kindly placing the Vicarage lawn at the disposal of the members for tea. A drive back to Hailsham, the nearest railway station, in the evening, brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Walberton on Saturday week, but not many ringers were present, the church being situated a long distance from the station. Those who attended were from Arundel, Pulborough, Shipley, and West Tarring. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, including one 720, some of the local ringers being present and taking part in the ringing. Thirteen sat down to tea, and the Vicar being abroad for his holidays, Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Master of the Association) presided, supported by one of the churchwardens, and the divisional hon. secretary (Mr. H. Evans).—Mr. W. Holden was elected a member of the Arundel branch.—Mr. Blackman proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to which Mr. Churchwarden Booker replied.—The tower was afterwards again visited. The bells, a peal of six, have recently been restored and rehung, the tone and "go" being excellent. The local ringers expressed a desire to join the Association.

503 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER.

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This peal has the full extent of 5, 6 and 7 at home, with the 5th fixed throughout at the course ends. It is the first composed on this plan, and was rung for the first time on Saturday, at Eldington.

Mr. F. Dench writes: The footnote to the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung on July 13th, at Erdington, Warwickshire, stating the composition to be the first ever rung, other than C. Middleton's, is wrong. I composed and conducted the first 5024 of Cambridge Major at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on August 24th, 1901. This peal was also the foundation of the 12,896 in the same method.

THE PRESENTATION TO THE REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS.

To the Editor.

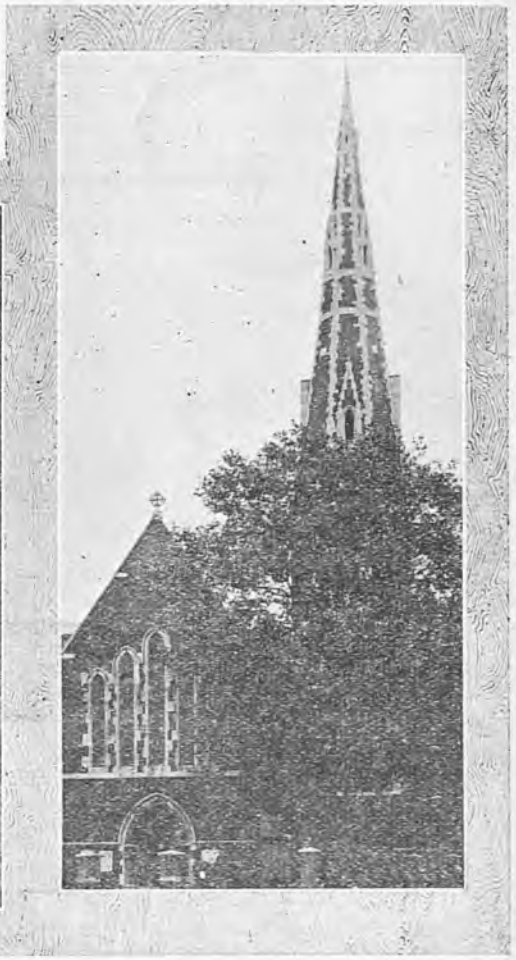
Dear Sir,—Among your readers there are some to whom I owe my special thanks. May I approach them through your paper? A good many members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, on the occasion of the festival at Christ Church, Oxford, made me a handsome presentation in return for very unmeritorious but gladly given services during the last twenty years and more. I am very grateful.—Yours faithfully,

The Ridge Field, Caversham. R. H. HART-DAVIS.

THE LADIES' PEAL.

THE BAND AND THE CHURCH.

Miss S. Piggott, Miss E. N. Belcher, Miss L. A. Willson, Miss M. N. Jukes, Miss E. Steel,
(*Treble*) (2) (3) (4) (5)
Miss N. Gillingham, Miss E. K. Parker, Miss C. Beasley
(6) (Conductor) (7) (*Tenor*)



Christ Church, Cubitt Town.

THE LADIES' PEAL.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

Jim Parker said it was possible, but there were many chances against it. "For, look!" said he; "here are girls brought a hundred miles to strange bells, and without practising together. Its hardly to be expected, but give them a chance." So the chance came about, and Jim's indefatigable daughter—the indomitable Edith K—went about it in a businesslike fashion. The girls met a year ago, but on a hot day one of the bells went none too well with the usual result. Since then, ill-health has dogged the footsteps of the "mother of girl ringers," Miss Alice White; and also Miss Nightingale, and it was necessary to find safe substitutes elsewhere. Miss Steel and Miss Piggott filled the bill, and the date was booked for July 20th. As the time drew nigh, the heat wave set in, and the pessimistic barometer fell accordingly, but Fate was kind, and the day dawned quite cool.

The band met at the various Metropolitan railways, by appointment, and were invited by the courtesy of Mr. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Sainbank, to the Bell Foundry in Whitechapel, where luncheon was served, for which the company was exceedingly grateful. Ultimately the band found its way along the Thames-side to Cubitt Town; and the start was made, but alas! trip after trip came along, and stand was called. The day grew warmer and the belfry atmosphere denser, with the result that the girls could not settle down, and after about two hours, Mrs. Whittington—who came down to listen—suggested tea. About this time your scribe arrived, and felt very despondent on hearing no bells.

However, the girls returned refreshed and determined on a final attempt. A re-arrangement of the band was made, and they ultimately "got away" at 5.50 p.m. We fathers, brothers and visitors meandered over to Greenwich Park, and some across the Thames to listen, and all went well. The peal, Groves' Variation of "the 12 part," was easy to pick up from the outside with the alternate transpositions, and in 1 hr. 31 mins the half-peal came up clean. After that, Mr. J. Waghorn, senr., went his way, and the ever-present "James George, of Rugby," bobbed up serenely.

Again we went through the park, and although apparently watching the vessels navigating the river, I fancy those of us who had our girls ringing in the peal were all counting the strokes from the church steeple. Would they get through? After all, however courageous a woman may be, she has not a man's stamina, and with a view of preventing an accident, Mr. John Thomas kindly volunteered to sit in the tower, in case of emergency. Johnny was a good boy, and went to sleep in a corner, to awake only in the last half hour, when one or two of the back bells began to clip one another, which told us outside plainly enough that either the oil had gone or the girls' arms and hands were beginning to tell their tale. We got back again to the tower as the eleventh part end came up all correct.

The last part was rung distinctly slower, and exactly at six minutes to nine the last single was made, and the bells were round. We mere men then went up the tower, and, after a touch of Stedman, rang the bells down in peal.

Thus the first ladies' peal on record was rung, and proved the old saying of "Wait and see." A few years ago no one thought a peal would ever be attempted with a ladies' band, but I think every manly man in the Exercise would now willingly take off his hat to the members of the Ladies' Guild. The best thanks are due to the Rev. E. Hartley, M.A., for his hospitality and the use of the bells, to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for entertaining some of the ladies, to Mr. and Miss E. K. Parker for their untiring efforts, and to Messrs. Solly and Hedgson for their local attentions.

W. W.

By an interesting coincidence, the peal was Miss Edith Parker's 50th, the list of which is appended:—

	Tower Bells	Handbells.
Grandsire Triples	1 conducted 1	5 conducted 1
Stedman Triples	10 ,, 7	
Double Norwich Major	2	
Superlative Surprise Major	13 conducted 9	

London Surprise Major	12	,,	7
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	4	,,	3
Cumberland Delight Major ...	1	,,	1
Bristol Surprise Major	1		
Forward Royal	1		
	45 conducted	23	5 conducted 1

The photos of the group and church were taken by Mr. F. J. Parker, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, from whom copies can be obtained.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Guild was held on Thursday week, at Puddletown, a beautiful model village situated five miles east of Dorchester. Representatives attended from Dorchester, Milton Abbey, West Lulworth, Hilton, Wimborne, and Wyke Regis, and there was a full muster of the local band. The bells (a very fine-toned peal of six) were kept going during the afternoon. The ringers and friends attended the special service of the Guild, at which the Rector (the Rev. A. L. Helps) officiated, the full mixed choir leading the ringing, and rendering the beautiful anthem, "O taste and see how gracious the Lord is."—The Rev. C. W. H. Dicker, R.D. (in the absence of Canon Mansel-Pleydell, Chairman, East Dorset branch) delivered an excellent address, taking for his text, "A threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Afterwards, the ringers and the male members of the choir, number ing over 40, adjourned to the schoolroom, where they were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector, who was supported at the tables by Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch), Mr. Martin-Stewart (Master of the Guild), Mr. Hewlett (captain of the local band), and the hon. secretary of the branch (Mr. C. H. Jennings).—At the close, Mr. Dawes proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. L. Helps for his kindness in providing tea, the service (he especially mentioned the anthem) and the use of the bells, to the Rev. C. W. H. Dicker for his excellent address, to the Rev. J. G. Brymer for the use of the schoolroom, to the organist and choir, and to Mr. Hewlett for making such excellent arrangements.—The Rev. A. L. Helps, in responding, said it gave them great pleasure to have a visit of the Dorchester branch, and he expressed hope that they would soon come again. He hoped they would do their best to bring on the younger ringers and practice on the handbells.—Mr. Hewlett, who also replied, said he was pleased to do anything for the Guild. He knew the meeting would do good.

A short business meeting was then held, Mr. R. N. Dawes in the chair. The Rev. W. P. Schuster (general secretary of the Guild); the Rev. C. A. Phillips; Mr. Thomas, on behalf of the Fordington band; and Mr. Runyard, on behalf of the Wool band, wrote apologising for absence.—It was arranged to hold the next meeting at West Lulworth in September.—Mr. Martin Stewart explained the ringing competition that he was doing his best to arrange, and mentioned the success that had been met with in the Halifax and District Association. — The matter gave rise to a good discussion, but no action was taken as far as the Dorchester branch was concerned.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman and Hon. Secretary, both of whom replied.

After the meeting, the Rector invited the ringers to stroll round his garden, where they sampled a fine Egyptian smoke. They were also shown some sweet peas growing, the seeds of which had been brought from Egypt and taken out of a stone coffin with a mummy and germinated after 2,000 years. This naturally interested the ringers very much, and still another treat was in store. When leaving the Rectory gardens, the head gardener of the Squire (the Rev. J. G. Brymer) invited the ringers to have a look round the extensive grounds and gardens, where glasshouses abound and tons of fruit are growing for the markets. This opportunity was greatly appreciated by the ringers, and thanks were given to both the reverend gentlemen.

Another visit was then paid to the tower, and the bells were kept going to the tune of Bob and Grandsire Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Triples until 9 p.m., when the ringers adjourned to the Coach and Horses, where the brakes were in readiness to convey the visitors to Dorchester.

DEATH OF A GOOLE RINGER.

The Goole Parish Church has lost its oldest ringer, by the death of Mr. Frederick Tate, who passed away on Thursday week. The deceased was 52 years of age, and was one of the original band, formed when first the bells were rung in 1890. He had been ailing for some considerable time, and on February 11th went to the tower to see the start for a peal of Grandsire. One of the ringers failed to turn up, and deceased insisted on filling the breach. A good peal was scored, but Mr. Tate did not ring again.

The funeral took place on Saturday, when the body was borne to its last resting place by the ringers. A course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells was rung over the grave by T. Smith, C. W. King, H. Ludkin and F. Cryer; and afterwards, on the tower bells, the whole pull and stand was rung 52 times, and a 720 of Kent Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was brought round, the following taking part: F. Cryer, D. Carmichael, C. W. King, J. D. Bullock, T. Smith, H. Ludkin, G. Davis and J. Drake.

WINCHESTER GUILD MEETING AT RYDE.

An enjoyable time awaited those ringers who attended the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district, at Ryde on Saturday. Early in the afternoon ringers arrived from Fareham, Portsea, Curdridge, Brading, Titchfield, etc., and, accompanied by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), Mr. F. Thornton (Greenwich), and Mr. A. T. King, the bells were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, many touches being rung during the afternoon.

Upwards of 30 sat down to tea, and at the meeting, held in the vestry immediately afterwards, presided over by Mr. A. T. King, the Vicar of All Saints' (the Rev. Hugh Le Flemming) was proposed as hon. member. One full member and two probationers were also elected.

The question of a benevolent scheme was ably explained by Mr. King, and after a short discussion it was decided that the various bands should talk it over and send the result of their deliberations to the district secretary in time for the next committee meeting.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and of the vestry for the meeting, also to Mr. King for presiding.—Mr. Whiting was asked to convey the members' regret to the local foreman, Mr. Coombes not being present with them that day on account of illness. Much pleasure and satisfaction was expressed at the presence of Mr. G. Williams, the Guild's new hon. sec. The visitors were shown over the church by the verger, and afterwards many touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. The opinion of all was that much good work had been done for the Guild by the meeting, and that the friendship existing between the ringers of the island and the main land had been cemented more strongly than ever.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, and was attended by members from Gainsborough, West Stockwith, Scotter, Scunthorpe and Worksop, in addition to some of the local company. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Tea was provided at the Red Lion Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. C. Tinker (District Ringing Master) presided.—The Vicar of Kirton Lindsey (Rev. — Garvey) who had intended being at the meeting, was, to the regret of those present, called from home, but previous to going he very kindly thought of the ringers, and left provision for cigars for those who were there.—After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the chairman gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, which was duly responded to by Messrs. H. Haigh (Worksop), and T. H. Parkin (Scunthorpe), and Messrs. Watson and Silverwood (Kirton Lindsey). Although the two latter gentlemen are not bell ringers themselves, they appreciate the company of those who are.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, Mr. R. Johnson, and the caterers for making the necessary arrangements, to the Vicar for his present, and to the chairman, concluded the meeting.—The ringers then returned to the church, where further ringing was indulged in. On his return during the evening the Rev. Garvey visited the church, and had a friendly chat with the visitors.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

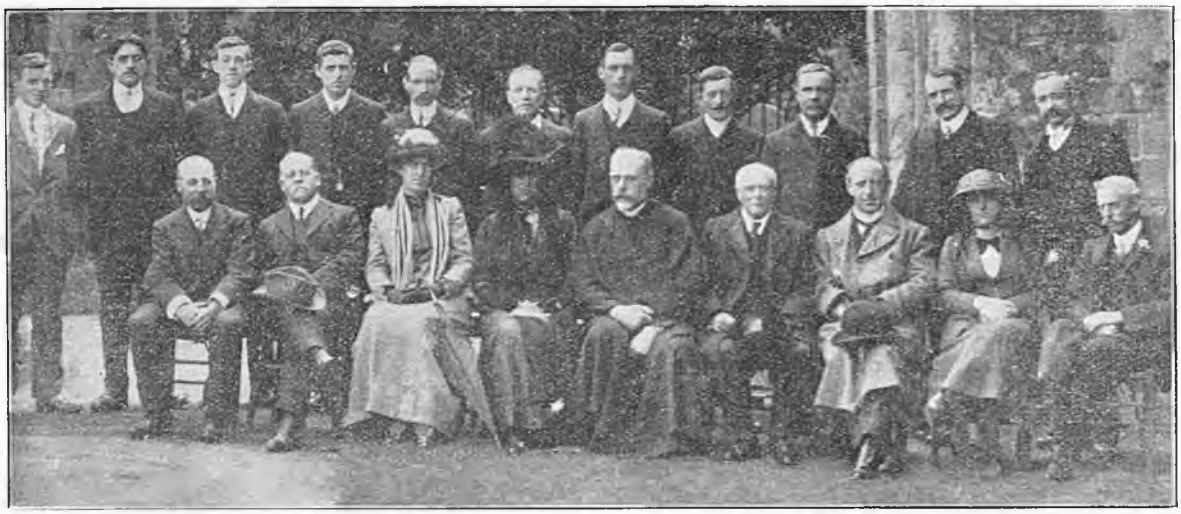
MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held at Pendlebury, on Saturday last, when members were present from Pendleton, Swinton, Worsley, and Ashton-under-Lyne.—Mr. A. Wallwork expressed regret that the Vicar was unable to be present, and hoped that they would have a pleasant time together.—Mr. J. Howard was elected a member of the Association.—A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. Ed. Cash.—Mr. Charles Cash, brother of deceased, who also acted as chairman of the meeting, acknowledged the expressions of sympathy tendered to them in their bereavement.—Worsley was chosen as the next place of meeting.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and wardens, and to the local ringers, for having placed the bells at the disposal of the ringers.

PRESTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Preston branch was held at Croston, on Saturday last, but despite the fact that it was an ideal day, there was only a moderate attendance. Surely all the absentees were not haymaking! The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. J. R. Taylor.—Brindle, Preston, and Leyland St. James were selected as meeting places for the next quarter.—The branch secretary was re-elected, and Mr. Albert E. Woodhouse was elected Ringing Master for the next twelve months.—During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The towers represented were: Walton-le-Dale, Preston, Leyland Parish, Penwortham, Chorley, Samlesbury and Whittle-le-Woods.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On July 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. Benger 1, T. Page 2, F. Uphill 3, Arthur Coles (London) 4, T. Woolley 5, C. B. Hurst 6, G. T. White (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, T. Hyde 8.



GROUP TAKEN AT THE CEREMONY.

Standing—H. H. CARTWRIGHT, C. HUDSON, W. JOHNSON, E. CLARK, H. PECK, W. ROBERTS, C. E. PECK, T. BARTHOLOMEW, J. T. WILSON, F. HIND, A. JOHNSON.

Seated—H. HAIGH, DR. KEMP, MRS. KEMP, LADY ROBINSON, REV. G. J. A. D'ARCY, SIR JOHN ROBINSON, D. F. ALDERSON, MISS IDA KEMP, C. H. STACEY.

SIR JOHN ROBINSON'S WEDDING PEAL.

UNIQUE MEMORIAL AT WORKSOP PRIORY CHURCH.

An interesting and pleasing ceremony took place in the Ringing Chamber of Worksop Priory Church, after matins, on Sunday, Lady Robinson unveiling an artistically designed tablet erected by the ringers to commemorate the peal rung on the occasion of her marriage to Sir John. The peal was a campanological feat, of which the ringers are deservedly proud, and was a very happy idea. The tablet bears at the top the figure of a bell with the motto, "Semper ad Celestia." Then follows the inscription. "North Notts Association. A peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes) was rung on Tuesday, December 12th, 1911, in three hours and six minutes, at the Abbey Church of St. Cuthbert, Worksop, Notts. Holts' Ten-Part. Tenor 12 cwts.: Christopher E. Peck treble, Harry H. Cartwright 2, Cornelius Hudson 3, Albert Johnson 4, Hubert Haigh 5, Thomas Bartholomew 6, John T. Wilson 7, Frederick Hind tenor. Conducted by Hubert Haigh. It is the first peal by all except the conductor, and was rung at the first attempt. It is the first peal rung since the restoration of the bells, and also the first ever rung by a Worksop company, and was rung to commemorate the marriage of Sir John Robinson, of Worksop Manor, with Miss Eveline Maude Alderson, of Park House, Worksop. It was also a birthday peal to the ringer of the tenor bell. G. J. A. D'Arcy, Vicar. Henry Pelham, Seventh Duke of Newcastle, and E. Mann, Churchwardens."

Those present at the unveiling ceremony, in addition to the ringers, were Sir John and Lady Robinson, the Vicar, Mr. D. F. Alderson, Dr. and Mrs. Kemp, Miss Ida Kemp, and Mr. C. H. Stacey.—The Vicar having offered prayer, said it was always a difficult thing to look into the future and to gauge beforehand what the result would be of any particular act. He was bound to confess that it was with feelings which were not all confident ones, that some little time ago they had to make a change as regards the bell ringers at that church. It was a leap in the dark, and a necessary one, he was sorry to say. However, that day they could congratulate themselves upon the excellent results which that leap had obtained for them. Through Mr. Haigh's instrumentality they had got together a band of ringers which had had the privilege of being trained by an expert like Mr. Haigh, and a band which he most firmly believed were second to none in the district. Never until they had the present company of ringers in the tower had it apparently been possible to obtain such magnificent results as they had been obtaining recently. They had a permanent record of one such performance in the tablet which had been placed on the wall, and which he had much pleasure in asking Lady Robinson to unveil.

LADY ROBINSON AND OLD ASSOCIATIONS.

Lady Robinson then drew aside the Union Jack which covered the tablet, and, addressing the ringers, said their kindness touched her very much, and her feeling was one of gratitude to them all for respect shown to her mother's memory, and for their thoughtfulness in erecting that tablet, and in asking her to unveil what commemorated the happiest day of her existence. They had spent that which had been given to them for their own enjoyment in doing that which was very dear to her. All her childish recollections, she continued, were associated with that church. Her grandfather took a great interest in the building, and gave the font. Her mother was married there, and she herself was baptised and confirmed there; and her family had worshipped Sunday after Sunday. But, perhaps, the greatest tie was in the old churchyard, where her loved ones slept; where members of the family lay waiting until they should join them. The Priory Church was none the less dear to her because another claimed her interest, and it gave her great pleasure to unveil the tablet which adorned the walls they loved so well.

Lady Robinson then called upon Mr. Haigh to read the inscription on the peal tablet, and after doing so he made an explanatory reference to the Latin motto on the top of the tablet: "Semper ad Celestia," the motto of St. Cuthbert, meaning "always looking upwards," like the bells when ringing changes. Mr. Haigh expressed the pleasure it gave him to state that all he had done for the Priory ringers had been a labour of love and a work to the honour and glory of God. The performance on the bells on the occasion of Sir John's wedding had only been achieved by dint of hard work, assiduous perseverance, and loyalty to their leader on the part of the ringers. They were most fortunate to ring the peal at the first attempt. The ringers had no knowledge that a peal was to be attempted until they came into the tower on December 12th, and it was naturally a surprise to all. Towards the end of the third hour, the ringers cast many anxious glances at the little clock which hung on the wall, and if Sir John and Lady Robinson could have seen their smiling faces at the conductor's welcome words, "This is all," they would have concluded that the ringers were quite as happy as they were. There were many people, continued Mr. Haigh, who were profoundly ignorant of the beautiful art of change ringing. They believed that all the ringers had to do was to enter the tower, pull the ropes, and the music made itself, and that it was only a question of muscular strength. On the contrary, however, it was more like mathematics and a scientific exercise. In passing, he was pleased to say that the work of designing and making the tablet was carried out by Mr. H. H. Cartwright, the ringer of the second bell in the peal, and the artistic portion of lettering, etc., was the work of Mr. Grant, of the firm of Penny and Grant, both local tradesmen and members of their own congregation. He concluded by thanking Sir John and Lady Robinson, and also the other ladies and gentlemen who had favoured them with their presence on that auspicious occasion, and especially Lady Robinson for unveiling the tablet. Mr. Haigh then handed to Lady Robinson a touch of 168 changes of Grandsire Triples which he had written out in full, with the bobs marked, and she followed the changes whilst the band, who rang in the marriage-peal, standing in the same order rang them in the presence of the company assembled.—Sir John Robinson briefly returned thanks on behalf of his wife and himself, and shook each ringer's hand warmly before descending the tower.—The company was subsequently photographed by Mr. W. Sumner.

NOISY BELFRIES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read with interest the remarks of "Change Ringer" on this public matter, and would be obliged to him if he would kindly give me the address of the patentee of the appliance he mentions to lessen the noise of the bells.

Middleham, Yorks. H. C. PAULI.

Mr. A. Newton, Compson Road, Ambleside, would be glad of similar information.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY TREASURER OF THE OXFORD GUILD.

We recorded in our last issue the presentation that was made to the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who for 22 years was the honorary secretary of the Oxford Guild. Mr. Hart-Davis was in no small degree responsible for the foundation of the thriving diocesan association which he did so much subsequently to assist. Although he retired last year from the onerous office of secretary, Mr. Hart-Davis still retains an official connection with the Guild, and as honorary treasurer he remains in touch with the organisation, while his valued experience remains at the service of the Guild.

THE REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS.

After six years at Rugby Mr. Hart-Davis went up to University College, Oxford, and, after taking his degree, read for Orders with Dr. Vaughan at Doncaster. At Christmas, 1866, he was ordained to the curacy of Broad Clyst, near Exeter, where, through the influence of Charles and John Troyte, he was introduced to the elements of bell ringing. In 1871 he became curate to Canon Hugh Pearson at Sonning, and in 1876 he was inducted Vicar of Dunsden, near Reading, remaining there until 1904, when he retired to The Ridge Field, Mapledurham, Oxon.

In was in 1880 that, by request of the Rural Dean of Sonning, the late Canon Brown, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis read a paper on change ringing, and this helped to lead the way to the formation of the Oxford Guild, which took place in January, 1881. A strong branch was at once established in the Sonning Deanery, which, in its first year numbered 119, with seven towers in union. Mr. Hart-Davis was, of course, one of the original members of the Guild, and was elected on the committee at the beginning. Of the whole number (21) only Canon Drummond, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Messrs. Newell and J. Parker are still on the committee, and Captain J. E. A. Troyte Acland and Mr. C. Hounslow remain in the flesh. The committee, which then numbered 21, has now 63 members. There were then three branches with 22 towers, 123 hon. and life members, 108 change ringers and 83 probationers. The Guild has now eight branches, with 153 affiliated towers, 197 hon. and life members, 1,427 change ringers and 222 probationers. Until Mr. A. E. Reeves succeeded to the office last year, there had been only two honorary secretaries of the Guild, the first being the Rev. Dolben Paul, and the second Mr. Hart-Davis.

When the latter took office his first object was to make the committee more representative, and in 1891 the number of ringing members was doubled, making 12 in each case instead of six. Altogether the history of the Guild has been marked by progress in all directions, and the greatest harmony has existed. Although he felt at last compelled to hand over the duties of the secretaryship to a younger man, Mr. Hart-Davis has lost none of his interest in the work of the Guild, and the presentation which took place at Oxford proves that the members are not unmindful of the great services he has rendered them.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis' interests have been, and still are, very wide. In politics he is a strong Liberal, and acted for fourteen years as honorary secretary of the South Oxon Liberal Association. He was driven to Liberalism, he confesses, by the sight of the serfdom of the agricultural labourer in his parish. The working man has always found a champion in him, and he has long been greatly interested in working men's organisations, such as co-operation and the Friendly Society movement. In 1884 he passed through the chair of the Excelsior Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, in Reading, and has succeeded in influencing a number of gentlemen to follow his example, and thus to become conversant from within with a very noble and beneficent institution. For fourteen years Mr. Hart-Davis served on the Henley Board of Guardians, and he was a member of the Oxfordshire County Council for six years. He is also a member of the Commission of the Peace for the county. Thus it will be seen that the late Oxford Guild secretary has been a man of many parts. His hands must have been very full, and it is not surprising that he has now sought relief from some of the duties which he voluntarily undertook.

THE HANDBELL RECORD.

PROPOSED ATTEMPT FOR A LONGER LENGTH.

The Winchester Guild men, not satisfied with their recent record of 14,031 Stedman Caters, will make an effort to ring a very much longer length.

All being well, on August Bank Holiday, the same band propose to start for 22,222 Stedman Caters. The ringing will take place in Holy Trinity belfry, starting at 8 a.m.

What a stupendous task to tackle!

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The peal of Double Norwich at St. John's, Waterloo Road, which is published elsewhere, was Mr. A. W. Grimes' 50th peal this year. Almost a record we should think.

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Honour has fallen upon one of Manchester's policemen-ringers, Mr. Richard Newton having received the King's medal for long service and good conduct. Mr. Newton was one of 50 members of the Manchester Force to gain the coveted distinction. The bells at Manchester Town Hall are rung by a band of policemen, and Mr. Newton has for many years been associated with this company.

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Owing to a mishearing, a slight error crept into our report of the Oxford Guild meeting last week. The Master was represented as saying that a good deal of work had been done in a quiet, unostentatious way by the leading members. It should have been the "lady members." We apologise to the ladies for the mistake.

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We hear of two or three peal ringing excursions organised for the August holiday. One party is visiting the neighbourhood of Norwich, and have, we understand, got ten towers booked up. They evidently intend to have a busy time.

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Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been entrusted with the contract for rehanging the bells at Holy Trinity, Guildford. The work also includes recasting the tenor and retuning the fourth.

PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED.

On Wednesday evening, July 17th, a splendid peal board (the gift of Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington) was unveiled in the belfry of Cranleigh, Surrey, by Mrs. Cunningham (the wife of the Rector). The board records the first peal ever rung on tower bells in which both husband and wife took part, and Mrs. Cunningham congratulated the band on their splendid performance. She hoped it would not be long before the band made fresh records.—Mrs. Cunningham was thanked for performing the ceremony, and was presented with a framed photograph of the band and peal board as a memento of the occasion.—In thanking them for their gift, Mrs. Cunningham said she should appreciate it very much, and hoped that the day was not far distant when two more bells would be added to the peal of eight.—A short touch of Grandsire Triples was then brought round by the same band standing in same places as when in the recorded peal. The company was afterwards entertained to light refreshments by Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by ringing touches of Grandsire Triples on handbells.—A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs Whittington for their kindness brought the evening to a close.

On Sunday week, after men's service in the afternoon, at Tunstall, Kent, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry, the Lord Bishop of Croydon, in the presence of the Rector, churchwardens, ringers, and other members of the Church of England Men's Society, kindly unveiling a tablet recording a peal rung by the Tunstall branch of the C.E.M.S. His Lordship expressed his very great pleasure at being asked to unveil the board, and his kind and encouraging remarks were much appreciated by all present.

The inscription on the tablet is as follows: "The Church of England Men's Society and the Kent County Association of Change Ringers. On Tuesday, March 12th, 1912, in 2hrs. 48 mins., a peal of Minor (5040 changes) was rung in this tower, being 720 in each of the following methods: Reverse Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Harry Jewiss treble, George H. Spice 2, Thomas Jull 3, William E. Spice 4, Albert J. Day 5, William Spice tenor. This is the first peal by the Church of England Men's Society in connection with the Kent County Association." The tablet is also adorned with the outline of a bell, also a badge of the C.E.M.S. and the following motto and text: "Be strong and play the man." "Quit you like men, be strong." The tablet was made by Mr. E. J. Dobbie, of Milton Regis, and it does him great credit.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

E. P. inquires how to ring 720 of Oxford or Kent Treble Bob. His band has mastered the method and can ring 240 of Oxford, but have difficulty in getting further. At present they "call bob when the treble is behind without the fifth."

I must say I am at a loss to understand how these bobs are made when "the treble is behind." The place to call the bob, in order that it can be made at the proper time, is when the treble is dodging on the front before leading the whole pull. I will give the figures of plain and bob leads, to illustrate the point.

OXFORD.

Plain Lead.		Bob.
241536		241536
214356		214356
123465		123465
213456	Call bob	213456
124365		124365
142635		142356
416253		413265
146235		143256
412653		412365

KENT.

Plain Lead.		Bob.
231546		231546
213456		213456
123465		123465
214356	Call bob	214356
124365		124365
142635		142356
412653		412365
146235		143256
416253		413265

The calling for a 720 of either method is to call bobs in the first course at the leads when the 6th goes into and comes out of the slow, and in the next course when the 6th goes in. Do this three times, and that will give you the 720. Another formula for the same thing is "I and O, I, twice repeated," and it gives as the part ends: 42356; 34256; 23456.

In reply to E. P.'s second question, I am not aware that what he requires is to be found in any one book. There is a fairly simple rule, however, which may be applied for calling 720's of Minor in a large number of methods, and it is this: In methods (like Oxford and Kent Treble Bob), where the bells affected by the bob are the bells in 4th's place and above (*i.e.*, 4th's, 5th's and 6th's), call the observation bells In and Out, and In. In methods where the bells affected by the bob are the bells in 4th's place and below (*i.e.*, 2nd's, 3rd's and 4th's) call the observation bell Wrong and Right, and Wrong. If a method has a Treble Bob hunt, this calling twice repeated is sufficient; if it has a plain hunt the calling will produce 360; and the 720 is made up by calling a single at the Out or Home, as the case may be, in last course, and then repeating the whole. For Treble Bob methods we thus have I, O, I, or W, R, W, twice repeated. For plain methods, I, O, I; I, O, I; I, O, I, O with a single; repeated. Or W, R, W; W, R, W; W, R, W, R with a single repeated.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

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This now annual event took place on Saturday last, the places chosen being Richmond and Reeth, in Swaledale. En route a short stay was made in Darlington, during which George Stephenson's No. 1 engine was viewed in its elevated position in the station. Richmond was reached about 10 o'clock, and the parish church was first visited. Under the guidance of Mr. Morton, one of the local band, the roof of the church was reached, and a fine view of one of Yorkshire's most charming dales—Swaledale—was obtained. The peal of eight bells were then set going, a short touch of Stedman being brought round, but one of Grandsire came to grief; and, to wind up with, a touch of Kent Treble Bob was safely negotiated. Dinner was excellently served at Kniland's Town Hall Hotel. Afterwards, Richmond's old Castle was visited, and then a ten-mile drive through the dale was started to Reeth. This proved simply glorious—travelling on the bank of the Swale nearly the whole of the way, with well-wooded hills towering up on either hand, and most of the fields between the river, and the hill side literally swarming with game. A little way out of Richmond the traveller passes the famous Willance's Leap—a white monument standing on the hill top to mark the spot where a huntsman leapt over the cliff. The story runs that some 300 years ago, a hunter keen on the chase was overtaken by one of those dense fogs, which roll up very quickly in Swaledale, and losing his way, came right over the cliff. His horse was killed, and he sustained a broken leg, and other injuries, but lived for some time after. As a thankoffering for his preservation he presented some plate to Richmond Parish Church, which, we are informed on the best authority, is in use to this day. Arriving at Reeth, an hour was spent in viewing Nature's panorama, which surely is seen here at its best, as wherever one turns a beautiful view is unfolded. On the return journey a call was made at Grinton Church, but the tower door was found locked, and the key, being found on inquiry to be too far away to allow of waiting, so the journey was resumed to the hotel for tea, at which the visitors were joined by Mr. Morton.—Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, President of the York Minster Society, in a few well-chosen sentences, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Richmond for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Morton for his kindness during the day. —This was seconded by Mr. A. C. Fearnley, York's representative on the Yorkshire Association Committee, and carried by acclamation.—Mr. Morton, in reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to add to the enjoyment of ringing visitors to Richmond. A move was then made to the church for a final pull, and, meeting Dr. Pauli, the Middleham ringing enthusiast, on the way, this gentleman needed no pressing to make one of the band, and three courses of Kent Treble Bob were run through in good style. Leaving Richmond at 8.25, an hour's stay was made at Darlington, and York was reached at 11 p.m., after a glorious day, thoroughly enjoyed by all.—G.W.

THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The members of this Society have for a long time been desirous of taking an excursion to Eastbourne, and on Saturday they held their outing at that fashionable watering place. The party was rather a small one, the towers represented being Appledore, Ashford, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and Tenterden. During the day about 3400 changes were rung, and the striking was excellent. Eastbourne was reached soon after 10 a.m., and the visitors wended their way to Old Town Church, the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Streatfield) having kindly granted the use of the bells.—Mr. C. Lewis, one of the local band, received the company, and three touches of Grandsire Triples—a 560, 210 and 168—were accomplished. Everyone was delighted with the tone and "go" of the bells, and would liked to have had a longer stay. Subsequently an adjournment was made to the Leaf Hall Temperance Restaurant, where dinner was served. In the afternoon, St. Saviour's Church was the rendezvous, the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Whelpton) having given his consent for ringing. The ringers, cordially welcomed by Mr. W. H. Ware, were delighted to have the opportunity of ringing on this sweet, harmonious peal (tenor 25 cwt.). They found the bells in first-class ringing condition, and two touches, a 350 and a 518 of Grandsire Triples, were creditably tapped. Subsequently the magnificent parade, with its beautiful carpet gardens, was perambulated, and the attractions of boating, cricket and music occupied the remainder of the afternoon. In the evening, Christ Church, a light ring of eight, were at the company's disposal, thanks to Mr. G. H. Howse, who had kindly approached the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary A. Allen). Here Mr. J. Sharp, one of the local ringers, received the company, and Mr. G. Penfold, of Pevensey, joined the party. The following touches were rung in efficient style: 168 and 504 of Stedman Triples, 336 Grandsire Triples, 336 Bob Major, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, which was the first in that method by several of the ringers. This concluded one of the best outings of the Guild, from the ringing point of view, although it was not quite so satisfactory in the matter of attendance. The touches of Grandsire were conducted by Messrs. G. Billenness, G. Lindridge, C. W. Player and C. Tribe, the Bob Major by Mr. C. W. Player, and the Stedman by Mr. G. Billenness.

The business meeting was held at the Leaf Hall, the Master (Mr. G. Billenness, of Rye) presiding. It was decided to hold the August meeting at Lydd, on the fourth Saturday in the month. Change ringing is not practised at that tower, and it is highly probable that a change ringers meeting has never been held there. The Guild members hope to create a favourable impression, and instil the gospel of change ringing into the minds of the "heathen," so that Lydd may endeavour to learn the art. It was also decided to attempt to-morrow (Saturday) a peal of Grandsire Triples at Appledore.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Master and hon. secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs, of Rye) for the excellent arrangements they had made in organising the outing.—A hearty vote of thanks was also carried with acclamation to the clergy who had granted permission for ringing, and to those gentlemen who had extended such a hearty welcome to them at the respective churches.

CHRIST CHURCH, WEST BROMWICH.

The ringers of this church had their annual outing on Saturday last, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens. The destination was Wombourne, but a halt was made in the brake drive at Sedgley, where the local captain had the bells ready. Two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and the improved tone of the bells, due to the new springs fitted to the clappers, was greatly admired. Arrived at Wombourne, the visitors immediately visited the church, where they were met by Mr. R. Cartwright. The bells were raised in peal, and two touches were brought round. A look round the village followed, and the places of interest pointed out by Mr. Cartwright. At five o'clock the party adjourned to the Vicarage, where a sumptuous tea was awaiting them, very kindly provided by the Vicar, who is, by-the-way, father of the Vicar of Christ Church. After doing ample justice to all the good things provided, a return was made to the church, and the bells were rung for evensong, which the ringers attended After service, a very pleasant half hour was spent in the Vicar's beautiful garden.—Before leaving, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Wombourne (the Rev. Prebendary Nicholas) was proposed by the wardens, and unanimously carried.—In acknowledging the vote of thanks, the reverend gentleman said how pleased he was to entertain the visitors, and hoped they would come again. The return journey was completed about 10 p.m., but before dispersing a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for their generosity and presence. The thanks of the ringers are also due to the Vicar of Sedgley for the use of the bells, to the local captain for having everything ready, and to Mr. Cartwright, at Wombourne, for his assistance and company.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE

On Saturday last, the members of the Botolph's Ringers' Guild held their second annual outing, when they visited Broxbourne. On the journey, handbells were produced, and touches were attempted, but owing to the noise of the train and occasional tunnels, they were not a success.

On arriving at Hoddesden, the party proceeded to St. Paul's Church, where several touches were rung, including two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. At dinner, which was admirably served at the Salisbury Arms Hotel, the party numbered 24, amongst whom was Dr. Beswick, senior churchwarden of St. Botolph's.—After dinner and speeches were over, a little interesting business was got through, and some of the members repaired to the church, where another pull was enjoyed. The interval between this and tea-time was spent in various ways. At tea, the party had the pleasure of the company of the Rector (the Rev. Hudson Shaw), and his appearance in the room was heartily cheered. When, after tea, speeches were concluded, several members again visited the tower, where they were met by Mr. Jesse Puplett (Master), Mr. Knight (secretary), and several members of the local band, also Mr. Alps (Master) and Mr. Thompson (secretary of the Waltham Abbey Society). Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. Subsequently an impromptu concert brought this very successful outing to a close.

Thanks are due to the clergy and churchwardens of St. Botolph's for their gift towards the outing, also to the authorities at Hoddesden, and especially to Mr. Knight for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort of the visitors, and the use of the bells. The only regret was that the esteemed churchwarden (Mr. A. E. Pridmore) was unable to attend, through illness.

CROYDON.

Thirty ringers, members of the Parish Church and St. Peter's companies, journeyed to Margate on Saturday last for their annual outing. The day was spent in proper ringers' fashion. The journey was enlivened by handbell ringing, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters, being brought round, and some capital tune-ringing done. Arrived at Margate, a bee line was made for the Church of St. John, where it was hoped to have a pull, but the church was under repair. Mr. Saxby, however, came to the rescue, and prevailed upon the contractor to allow the visitors to ring, and the most was made of the permission by some good touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich. After dinner, at the Terrace Hotel, a move was made to the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, where Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters were rung. The rest of the day was spent by the ringers according to their own sweet will till train time came. The companies (through "The Ringing World") wish to thank Messrs. Saxby, Willshire and Dallas for their great assistance for helping to make the day such an enjoyable one.—S.R.

ST. ANNE'S, SOUTH TOTTENHAM.

The annual outing of the St. Anne's Guild, South Tottenham, took place on Saturday week, and a very happy day it proved to be. At the invitation of Mr. T. Ringrose, some of the ringing members of the Spitalfields Foundry staff accompanied the party, together with other friends, and a visit was paid to that delightful little old-world spot, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, famous as a yachting centre, and for its oyster beds. A jovial party foregathered at Liverpool Street Station, and ensconced themselves in reserved carriages, in a train which was crowded with expectant folks anxious to escape the tropical heat of the great Metropolis. Immediately the train left, the fine peal of twelve handbells was brought into use, whilst in another carriage it was discovered that one of the party had a set of eight hidden in his pocket. Many touches were rung, including courses of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques by: C. Ross 1—2, T. Groombridge, junr., 3—4, J. Trappitt 5—6, E. Davidson 7—8, F. E. Ringrose 9—10, C. J. Davidson 11—12. On reaching Burnham, everything was in readiness at St. Mary's Church, thanks to the forethought of Mr. Cook, and the ring of six bells, which have recently been recast and augmented by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, were soon set going. A start was made by members of the Spitalfields Foundry staff, and a well-struck 1260 of Bob Minor, conducted by W. Nudds, was rung in 44 mins., by: W. Ratclyffe 1, J. Trappitt 2, F. E. Ringrose 3, A. Howell 4, T. King 5, W. Nudds 6. Afterwards two separate 720 of Grandsire Doubles were rung by T. Sharman, E. Davidson, W. Ratclyffe, R. Warner, F. Gerken, C. Ross, C. Davidson, T. Ringrose, E. Davidson and J. Trappitt.

An adjournment was then made for luncheon, which had been most generously provided by the Church authorities, and after full justice had been done to all the good things, Mr. Robert Warner rose to express the thanks of the party to the Rev. H. W. Watson and to his warden (Mr. W. Croxon) for their welcome, and for the use of their bells.—In reply, the Rev. H. W. Watson spoke in eloquent terms of his great appreciation of the visit of the St. Anne's Guild and their friends, and he felt quite confident that such gatherings tended not only to create keenness among the local ringers, but also to cause the parishioners to take a greater interest in the Church and its associations. To his mind, the sweet music of the bells calling to worship was of even greater importance than the organ or the choir, and ringers should receive every encouragement in their good work.—Tune playing and touches upon the handbells were then indulged in, and whilst some visited the various objects of interest in the town, others set off again for the church to listen to 720 Kent Treble Bob, which, however, was interrupted by having to make a start for the station.

The next objective was St. Mary's Church, Shenfield, which contains a ring of six, which also have been recently recast and augmented by Messrs. Warner and Sons. After a substantial tea, which was served in the garden of the Eagle and Child Hotel, 1260 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 46 mins., by members of the Spitalfields Foundry staff: J. Trappitt 1, F. E. Ringrose 2, T. Groombridge, junr., 3, A. Howell 4, T. King 5, W. Nudds (conductor) 6. Ringing was kept up until late in the evening, and 720 Grandsire Doubles conducted by C. Ross was rung by members of the St. Anne's Guild.

Thanks are due to the Rev. N. Gresley, M.A., and to Mr. Harcourt Landon, the latter for kindly placing his magnificent grounds at the disposal of the party. Mr. Landon and a large party of his friends were in their turn entertained with tune playing and touches on the handbells. The time of departure drew nigh, and after taking leave of the hospitable residents of Shenfield, the train journey to London was once more resumed. More touches on the handbells enlivened the journey, and when Liverpool Street was reached at 11.45 p.m., the party separated for their various destinations, well pleased with their outing.

EASTWOOD ST. MARY'S.

On Wednesday week, the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Eastwood, had their annual outing, and for the second time arranged a motor-car trip, the district chosen being Charnwood Forest. Favoured with fine weather, the fourteen members left at 8.45 a.m., and at Castle Donington a short stay was made to inspect the church. On reaching Breedon-on-the-Hill, the members climbed the steep slope leading from the village to the church, the monuments in which are very fine. The old-fashioned pews attracted attention, and it was curious to note that the organ and choir stalls are up on the ringing floor, the tower containing four bells. On the exterior of the church there is an old sun dial and some very old carved stone work. In the village is an ancient prison, a relic of by-gone days. It is a round building, not very high, and minus windows.

At Ashby-de-la-Zouch, the next place of call, the party inspected the church (which is just now undergoing great alterations to the structure, and which contains a pair of finger stocks) and the castle, now in ruins. Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in this ancient stronghold, which was dismantled by order of the Parliament, after the siege in 1645. The old kitchen, with its large fireplace, the baker's oven and the spit, however still remains, and the subterranean passage from the kitchen to the Banqueting Hall is in very good preservation. The party also inspected with interest the old dungeon with its solitary stone seat, and the "Mud Hole," which is about 2ft. square and 3ft. deep, and wherein they used to suffocate the prisoners. Leaving Ashby, the visitors passed through the pretty village of Cole Orton, and on to Whitwick, where they rang on a musical peal of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.). After a "refresher" at the Waggon and Horses, kept by Mr. Moult, a member of the Whitwick band, the party journeyed to the Monastery, where a great deal of time was spent in inspecting the old pile and the curiosities of the museum.

At Nanpanton full justice was done to a substantial repast, and the next move was to Woodhouse Eaves, the way laying through some beautiful scenery. At Woodhouse, the visitors rang on the six very mellow bells at the parish church, which is built on the top of a cavern. Ringing over, they made their way to Swithland, where there are large slate quarries, and on to Mount Sorrel, and then to Quorn, where they had a pull on the ring of eight (tenor 12 cwt.). The interior of the church was inspected with interest, the private chapel belonging to a very old family named Parnham, containing some very fine monuments. After leaving Quorn, the party were soon in Loughborough, but their late arrival prevented them visiting the foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Son, where they had been promised a ring on the foundry bells. Through these columns, therefore, they tender their regret to the firm. After tea, the way laid through the pretty villages of Hoton, Costock and Bunny, to Nottingham, from whence after a short stay, the nine miles separating them from home was quickly negotiated. The journey was thoroughly enjoyed by every one, and through these columns the party desire to thank the Revs. J. W. A. Mackenzie, S. J. W. Hiley and H. W. Rumsey, Vicars of Whitwick, Woodhouse Eaves, and Quorn respectively.—E.M.

SAINT LAWRENCE'S, READING.

The annual outing of the St. Lawrence's ringers took place on Saturday week, when they made the long journey to Torquay, leaving by the 3.50 a.m. excursion train. Torquay was reached about 8.30, after a most pleasant run through beautiful country. After breakfast, the party took car to Seaway Lane, and from there walked through the pretty Devonshire lanes to Cockington, where they were met by Mr. T. Stevens, the captain of the local ringers, and who is, appropriately enough, also the "village blacksmith" of the famous Cockington forge. The bells, a nice ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.), were raised in peal, and Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles, were rung, conducted by Messrs. R. N. Runham and E. O. Denham (not to mention a six-score of Grandsire non-conducted).

Cockington tower itself was found to be very interesting, being 800 years old, and boasting a fireplace. It also contains an old Cromwellian bell. After ringing, Mr. Stevens showed the ringers over his famous forge, which is about 400 years old, and was found very interesting. It was intended to ring at the Parish Church of St. Marychurch, but, unfortunately, this was out of the question, owing to the death of a prominent member of the congregation. The afternoon was spent in visiting Paignton, bathing, etc., and after tea a stroll along the beautiful Rock Walk and gardens filled up the time till the departure of the train, Reading being reached in the early hours of Sunday morning. All agreed they had had a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank all those who so kindly contributed to the outing fund, and to Mr. T. Stevens for having the bells ready at Cockington.

ASTON.

On Saturday week, the Aston Parish Church Society held their annual outing, and, together with several ringing friends and others, making up a party of 30, visited Wolverhampton and Tettenhall. On arrival at Wolverhampton, the party paid a visit to St. Peter's, where they received a hearty welcome from the local band, and found the grand peal of twelve in readiness. Several touches of Grandsire Caters were rung, and a course of Grandsire Cinques, the latter being the first by some of the Aston band. A move was then made for Tettenhall, where touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. After dinner, Mr. W. H. Godden, in a brief but felicitous speech, expressed the pleasure it gave Mr. Carter and himself to be with the party once again, and after proposing a vote of thanks to the Aston churchwardens for their hospitality, he congratulated the ringers in general, and the Ringing Master (Mr. J. Jones), in particular, on the progress the Aston band had made in face of so many adverse circumstances.—Mr. Jones, whose health was drunk with musical honours, responded in a few pointed remarks.

An impromptu concert passed away an hour or more very pleasantly, the tunes rung on handbells by Messrs. T. Kerry and E. and C. Starkey being much appreciated by ringers and visitors alike. One item, however, necessary to complete the programme was missing. Not a note was heard of the plaintive refrain, "Sweet Bob Major." Why; no one can explain, probably the singer was not up to concert pitch. On the return, a few short and merry moments were spent at Wolverhampton, and then the journey was continued to Birmingham, everyone being perfectly satisfied with a most enjoyable outing.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On June 17th, at the Priory Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1260 changes): Miss C. E. Sparshott 1, R. O. Street 2, V. Street 3, E. V. Hinton 4, W. G. Stone 5, G. H. Plummer 6, F. A. Sparshott 7, W. G. Fowler (first quarter in the method) 8, A. Best 9, G. Preston (conductor) 10.

STOWMARKET.

The Stowmarket ringers had their annual outing on Tuesday week. The party numbered eleven, and leaving the Butter Market just after 7 a.m., had a lovely drive through the country side to Palgrave, where they were met by Mr. Clement More. After looking over the pretty little church, 567 Oxford Treble Bob and 416 Double Norwich were rung on the light peal of bells and then, after partaking of refreshments at Mr. More's hostelry, the party proceeded to Diss, where on the beautiful ring the Palgrave performance was repeated, and in addition a touch of Grandsire and 224 Oxford Treble Bob were rung. Dinner was partaken of at the Crown Hotel, and, after a stroll round the "Mere" and the town, a call was made at the Sun Inn, kept by that well-known ringer, Mr. J. Souter. Here the handbells came into use, and a course each of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major was rung.

The next stage of the journey brought the party to Eye, where, at the grand old church touches of Oxford, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire, were rung. An excellent tea was enjoyed at the Horseshoes Inn, and after a look round the town a start was made for home. A halt was called at Mendlesham, but it was too late for ringing. The company wish to thank Messrs. C. J. More (Palgrave), J. Souter (Diss) and Mr. Day (Eye) for meeting them and having everything in readiness, and to the Vicars of the respective churches for granting permission to use the bells. Those who took part in the various touches were: W. Welham, C. Souter, C. Alderton, T. E. Slater, F. Allard, A. Grimwood, W. Souter, E. E. Diaper, H. English, C. Mills, C. J. More, J. Souter and H. Copeland.

BILSTON.

On Saturday week, the ringers of St. Leonard's Church, Bilston, had their annual excursion, when, accompanied by a few friends, a drive was taken to Morfield, near Bridgnorth. A visit was paid to the church, where the party were met by the Rev. —. Turner, who showed them the interior of the beautiful building. On the nice peal of six bells, which "go" splendidly, a capital 840 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by: F. Roberts 1, J. Harper 2, J. Adams 3, F. Colclough 4, J. A. Brown (conductor) 5, T. Justice 6.—After tea, the visitors had a chat with the local ringers, and accorded their best thanks to the Rev. —. Turner for his kindness in arranging for the use of the bells.

SUDDEN DEATH OF AN HEADCORN RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. William Foord, of Headcorn, Kent, who died very suddenly at the age of 28 years. On July 13th, the deceased, after doing his usual duty as sick visitor to the local lodge of Oddfellows—he was a P.G. of the Order—retired to bed apparently in the best of health. His mother finding he did not get up at his usual time the next morning went to his room, and to her great surprise found him dead in bed. The affair is the more sad as Mr. Foord was engaged to be married on August Bank Holiday.

The deceased had been a ringer for 17 years at Headcorn, and had been a member of the Kent Association for several years. He was one of the most regular attendants at practice, and will be much missed by the Headcorn band, being a very good change ringer. The funeral took place on Tuesday, July 16th, at Headcorn, when the deceased was carried to his last resting place by ringers and Oddfellows, and a half-muffled peal was rung in the evening. For morning and evening services on Sunday also the bells were rung, muffled, by his sorrowing comrades. Flowers were sent by numerous friends in the parish, and a beautiful floral bell by the ringers hung over the grave.

DEATH OF MR. J. W. SMITH, HARLOW.

The Harlow Common ringers have sustained a severe loss by the painfully sudden death of one of their members, Mr. John W. Smith, who was taken ill on Sunday, July 14th, and died in the early hours of the following morning.

Born at Latton, a small parish adjoining Harlow Common, he commenced to learn ringing when the peal of eight was erected at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, in 1905, and had taken part in about 16 peals of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob. Always ready to help in peals, and a regular attendant for practice and service ringing, his place will be difficult to fill.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, amidst many expressions of sympathy, his brother ringers carrying him to his last resting place, and sending a beautiful wreath as a mark of their esteem.

Aged 41 years, he leaves a widow and six children, whose ages range from three to 14 years, to mourn their loss. Immediately after the funeral, 672 Bob Major and 360 Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply muffled, and on the following Sunday a quarter-peal of Kent for morning service, and 640 in the same method for evensong, with the bells half-muffled.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

ANOTHER "MISSIONARY" OUTING.

On July 11th six members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, paid a "missionary" visit, by kind invitation of the Vicar, to the village of Bickenhill, Warwickshire, where they found a very pretty ring of five bells (tenor about 9½ cwt.). After one of the party had photographed the tenor with his "Vernier," the bells were raised, and several 120's of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure and Shepherd's Hay Doubles were brought round, much to the delight of the locals, this being the first time the bells had been rung for nearly ten years, although the "go" is splendid, considering the length of time they have been at rest. After the bells had been lowered, the visitors adjourned to the churchyard, and rang Grandsire Triples and Caters, on handbells, finishing up with a few well-known selections, which were very much appreciated by the villagers. A short visit was then paid to the Vicarage, where they were welcomed by the Vicar, who thanked the Birmingham men, and expressed the hope that they would pay another visit shortly. Light refreshments were provided, and after the Vicar had been thanked for his kindness, the visitors departed, having spent a very pleasant evening. Those taking part were: Messrs. W. Short, A. Walker, J. Neal, J. H. Shepherd, W. D. James, and Mansell.

A TOUR IN SUFFOLK.

LEYTONSTONE RINGERS' ENJOYABLE OUTING.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone, took place on July 6th and 7th, when eleven members made their headquarters at Bury St. Edmunds, the Suffolk town being reached at 8.16 a.m. As soon as breakfast had been disposed of, Mr. H. Turner (Master of the St. James' Society, Bury), was waiting with a good pair-horse brake to take the party on their Saturday's tour. Through country lanes, past fields looking gay in their scarlet, yellow and green, the drive took the party to Rougham, where, at St. Mary's Church, they found a handy ring of six (tenor, 16 cwt.). A good 720 Ipswich Surprise was rung, and then a touch of Plain Bob for the younger members of the band. Drinkstone was the next village, and the visitors were met by the Rector (the Rev. —. Horne) who conducted some of the party round the historic church, while others were ringing 720 Durham Surprise on the pleasant ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.).

Bidding the Rector adieu, St. Mary's, Woolpit, was the next objective. Here a beautiful church was found, the carved oak ceiling alone being well worth a visit of inspection. The six bells are not too melodious, for a flat tenor spoils the peal. At a second attempt, a good 720 of Lincoln Surprise was rung. After a splendid dinner at the Swan Hotel, Wetherden (St. Mary) was visited, a 720 Wells Surprise being rung on the not too easy-going ring of six, and a short touch of Plain Bob. A long drive then brought the excursionists to Walsham-le-Willows, where they were met and welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. Ward). On the very nice ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.) 720 London Surprise and a touch of Plain Bob were rung, and the party were then entertained to tea by the Vicar, whose kindness was much appreciated.

The next place on the programme was Ixworth, where there is a grand and melodious ring of six (tenor 16 cwt.), and where the Master (Mr. W. Miller) achieved the ambition of his life, viz., ringing and calling a 720 of London Surprise on the bells of his native village. This proved a very hot task, for the bells are sadly in need of rehanging. A movement to carry out the work is on foot, and the frame is to be made for the reception of two trebles to complete the octave. When this is done, Ixworth will possess a grand ring of bells.—At Great Barton, the last place on the programme for the day, 720 York Surprise was rung at the second attempt. While ringing was in progress here, rain commenced to fall, and the journey home was made in a steady downpour. The Britannia Hotel, the headquarters, was reached about 9.45 p.m.

By 6 a.m. on Sunday, the party were once more astir, only to find it still raining in torrents. Mr. H. Turner had kindly arranged for the visitors to ring at the Norman tower for early service. Just before 7 o'clock, the ten beautiful bells, worthy of the tower they hang in (said to be the most perfect specimen of Norman architecture in Europe) were going in rounds to give the whole band a chance of having a pull on them. Afterwards a touch of Stedman Caters was attempted, but after some good ringing was lost a few changes from home. Treble ten was tried, but failed, and Grandsire had to be cut short, because of time. Mr. Lomax had kindly arranged for the visitors to ring at St. Mary's on the grand ring of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), and here Superlative Surprise was tried, and also Double Norwich, but luck was out. Some of the band attended Divine service, while others walked to Horringer, where, on the light peal of six, Plain and Treble Bob were rung. Fornham St. Martin was visited in the afternoon, the sun coming out, and giving change and colour to the scene, which was much appreciated. The church contains a light ring of six (tenor 6½ cwt.), and a 720 Norwich Surprise, and a touch of Plain and Treble Bob was rung, bringing to a successful end the ringing programme. Tea over, good-byes were said, and the visitors caught the evening train to London, after another very pleasant outing.

The St. John's ringers beg to return many thanks to the various clergy for granting their permission to ring, to the Rev. C. S. Ward for entertaining them to tea, Mr. Lomax for his courtesy at St. Mary's tower, and to Mr. H. Turner for making all arrangements and helping to make the outing such a great success. Those who took part in the eight 720's of Surprise were: W. Miller (7, conducted 5), H. Torble (7), J. Moule (7, conducted 1), G. A. Black (6, conducted 1), G. Dawson (6), W. Theobald (6), S. Goodenough (5, conducted 1), W. Doran (4). A. Prior, F. Doran and A. Fiddis rang touches of Plain and Treble Bob at the same churches.

THE BELLS OF WIDFORD, HERTS.

A FOUNDER WHO USED COPPER KETTLES.

Widford Church, in the county of Herts, originally possessed a ring of five bells, which were augmented to six in 1900. When an inventory was taken of "all goods and chatels in Churches," two were returned as being in Widford Church, "one grayte bell, and one lytell bell." This was in the reign of Edward VI. Cracked and unused for many years until the Church was partly renovated in 1868, this "Lytell Bell" was recast by the liberality of the late Mrs. Cantwell, and the founders put their own name upon it. The third bell has the initials of the founder—R.O., and one of two mottoes he almost always impressed on his bells—"God save the King" 162—.Here undoubtedly the figure 3 or 4 was omitted by mistake in the casting.

The fourth bell bears the inscription: "R.O. Praies the Lord, 1624."

The letters "R.O." were the initials of Robert Oldfield, who is said to have been an itinerant founder who made himself a temporary foundry, gathered up copper kettles, and whatever served his purpose, and there cast his bells. The story is that Robert Oldfield finally erected a foundry at Hertford, on the site of which, erected when the foundry ceased to be, stands the Little Bell Inn, St. Andrew Street.

The fifth bell at Widford has cast upon it, "Sca Katerina Ora Pro Nobis." Sca is simply an abbreviation of "Sancta." "St. Katherine pray for us," is a very common inscription on pre-Reformation bells, as St. Katherine was regarded as a patroness of bells; and this Widford bell is said to be the oldest in the peal, unless, as has been conjectured, the "Lytell Bell," and the "Grayte Bell" were contemporaries. The tenor or "Grayte" bell was recast in 1766 by Lester and Pack, and it has now become necessary for it to be recast once more, in consequence of having become badly cracked. The work is being carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, and it is hoped that the bells will soon be available for ringing.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 7th, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Roberts (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Baker 2, W. Grinsell 3, J. Harper 4, S. Pearce 5, S. Baker 6, J. A. Brown (conductor) 7, T. Justice 8. The ringers of 2, 3, 5 and 6 belong to Coseley.

CHILDWALL.—At All Saints' Church, on July 8th, 720 Oxford Bob: J. W. Bell 1, G. R. Newton (conductor) 2, E. Gittins 3, T. W. Gilmour 4, E. Caunce 5, H. Fyles 6; and 720 Beverley Surprise: E. Caunce 1, J. W. Bell 2, J. Martin 3, G. R. Newton 4, T. W. Gilmour (conductor) 5, H. Fyles 6. This is the first 720 of Surprise on the bells.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—On June 30th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 504 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Millman 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, C. Golding 3, W. Floyd 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepheard 6, G. Sells 7, W. Charge 8. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: F. Walker 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, W Floyd 3, A. Scarle 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepheard 6, G. Sells 7, W. Charge 8.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: B. Jones 1, J. N. Vizor 2, J. P. Hyett 3, E. R. Jones 4, L. Lewis 5, T. Turner 6. J. P. Hyett's first quarter as conductor, and rung as a birthday compliment to B. Jones. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Trumper) kindly entertained the ringers to tea, after which several 360's were rung for evening service.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes): F. Smith 1, W. Emmet 2, J. Lock 3, A. H. Winch (conductor) 4, E. F. Cole 5, F. Skevington 6, A. Dean 7, A. Harding 8.

PORTSEA.—On Sunday evening, July 7th, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: J. Whiting 1, A. S. Beer 2, *S. Thomas 3, C. Groves 4, E. J. Harding 5, *W. Wheeler 6, J. Harris (conductor) 7, H. Northfield 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Sunday, July 7th, for morning service, 224 Bob Major: N. Morgan 1, F. Charles 2, F. S. Wilson 3, J. Bullen 4, M. Selby 5, J. Butler 6, A. E. Morgan 7, J. W. Jones 8. First touch in the method by F. S. Wilson, who hails from Ludlow, Shropshire. A peal of Stedman Triples was unfortunately lost after ringing 2 hrs. 5 mins. the previous day, specially arranged for Mr. Wilson.

HIGHGATE.—On Sunday, June 30th, at St. Anne's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. J. Nudds 1, E. Bonfield 2, W. G. Matthews 3, A. Brightman 4, G. Iles 5, E. F. Cole 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, F. Wells 8. This is the longest length since the rehanging of the bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, June 30th, 672 Grandsire Triples: *E. Tyler 1, H. J. Gray 2, *R. Dore 3, W. Irons 4, V. Neale (conductor) 5, A. E. Creasey 6, G. Gray 7, †G. W. Akers 8. † Longest length. * Longest with a bob bell, and V. Neale's longest as conductor.

WISBECH.—On St. Peter's Day, 720 of Bob Minor, for evening service, with 6-8 covering: H. Piggins 1, S. Andrews 2, G. Piggins 3, C. Goukes 4, C. Jutson 5, H. Banham 6, R. Narborough 7, G. Duffield 8.

WEST HAM.—At All Saints' Church, on June 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: *F. Doran 1, *A. Fiddes 2, T. Cranfield (conductor) 3, E. Wigg 4, W. Theobald 5, E. Andrews 6, H. Torble 7, *T. Joyce 8. * First quarter-peal.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, June 30th, at St. Martin's Church, 725 Stedman Caters: G. H. Holmes 1, S. Cotton 2, G. Pilmoe 3, J. Fenton (Rugby) 4, C. H. Fowler 5, A. S. Pettit 6, T. L. Allen 7, F. H. Dexter 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on June 30th, for the Territorials' Church Parade, 504 Grandsire Triples, also touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, R. Whittington 2, B. Wilson 3, C. Wing 4, A. King 5, H. Shepherd 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8. Mr. and Mrs. Whittington hail from Cranleigh, Surrey.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, June 30th, 1264 Bob Major, in 48 mins.: F. Skevington 1, H. Barrett 2, *A. J. Smith 3, *H. Cook 4, H. Stevens 5, E. F. Cole 6, C. Hunt 7, G. C. Iles (conductor) 8. * Longest length in the method.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Copeland 1, F. Porter (first 720) 2, W. H. Hilliam 3, Rev. C. J. Sturton 4, G. R. Truss 5, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 6.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, June 30th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1056 Bob Major: G. Barrington 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, J. C. Mitchell 3, I. Attwater 4, F. Hardy 5, J. Lee 6, T. King 7, L. Attwater 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Sunday, June 30th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Edgerton 1, A. Jones 2, H. Jones 3, J. Hopkin 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, W. G. Ellis 6, W. Davies 7, C. Allen 8. For evening service, 1349 Grandsire Caters: W. Davies 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, M. J. Morris 4, H. Jones 5, J. Hopkin 6, J. Corrigan 7, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 8, F. Bennett 9, C. Allen 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mrs. Sutton, wife of Canon Sutton, Vicar of Aston.

FENTON.—At Christ Church, on June 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins.: S. Bourne 1, T. Salt 2, A. Jackson 3, W. Hill 4, J. Beech 5, A. Smith 6, A. E. Sherratt (conductor) 7, H. Tufnell 8.

CROYDON. — On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: W. Ives 1, W. Gammon 2, F. Larby 3, E. Miles 4, G. Burt 5, H. Lover (conductor) 6, F. Herman 7, J. Calcutt 8.

LONG EATON.—On Sunday, June 30th, at St. Lawrence Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: N. H. Widdowson 1, Allen Hickton 2, G. Walker 3, R. Drage 4, J. Ward 5, R. Hickton 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, T. Hutchinson 8.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE. At St. Mary's Church, on June 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 44 mins.: F. S. Sparkes 1, C. Powell 2, W. H. Bicknell (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, F. R. Sparkes 4, R. E. Sparkes (conductor) 5, E. Hayton 6.

TWYFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: P. Rooke 1, T. Spratt 2, F. Oxenbury (composer and conductor) 3, W. Carter 4, C. Abrahams 5, E. Wateridge 6, L. Lampard 7, J. Penton 8.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.—On June 28th, the eve of St. Peter's Day, 1344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 46 mins.: R. Binns 1, F. R. Cundale 2, G. A. Jowett 3, J. R. Kemp 4, J. Woodhead 5, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 6, W. T. Powell 7, J. R. Moger 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of 3, 5, 7, 8.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, May 26th, for early service, 720 Kent: R. Loveday 1, F. Arnold 2, D. Redhew 3, L. Ryman 4, T. Jervis 5, J. Nickerson (conductor) 6. For morning service, 720 Woodbine, with J. Coleman 1. First 720 in the method on the bells.

PETERBORO'.—At St. Mary's Church, 240 Woodbine, 120 Double Oxford, 360 Plain Bob, and 120 Kent. At the Cathedral, two six-scores Bob Doubles; at St. John's, touches of Kent Major and Bob Minor. Those taking part were: J. Coleman, W. D. Judson, G. Judson, W. Knighton, R. Loveday (conductor), H. Traynar, F. Cooke, T. Jervis, A. Knight, G. Burnham, A. Johnson, G. Lake, L. Wyman, W. Osborne, J. Hudson.

LONDON.—At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Wilton Road, on June 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Phillips 1, G. F. Harder 2, G. R. Channer 3, J. Thimblethorpe 4, G. J. Buckingham 5, E. Jones (conductor) 6, F. T. Gover 7, W. Wiesoner 8.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. James' Church, Whitfield, for Divine service, on June 2nd, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: Jas. Buckley 1, W. Marsden 2, T. Jackson 3, J. Marsden 4, F. Garside 5, J. Lawton 6, E. O. Rostron 7, Richard Newton (first touch as conductor) 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Michael's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Beasley 1, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 2, G. Stone 3, S. Hownslow 4, F. Castle 5, V. Bennett 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—720 Bob Minor and 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: A. W. Brighton 1—2, E. L. Bennett 3—4, W. Robinson (conductor) 5—6. 504 Stedman Triples: G. Fairclough 1, E. L. Bennett 2, G. Whittam 3, A. Newton 4, W. Sharpe 5, T. F. Hewetson 6, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 7, W. Robinson 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Davey (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Woodley (conductor) 2, W. Hobbs 3, W. Rundle 4, W. Ford 5, W. Richards 6, G. H. Myers 7, G. Kerswell 8. 720 of Bob Minor: W. Davey (longest length in the method) 1, W. Hobbs 2, W. Rundle 3, W. Richards 4, J. Woodley (conductor) 5, G. H. Myers 6. J. Woodley's first quarter-peal and first 720 as conductor.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS.—720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. L. Bennett 1, F. Woodend 2, W. Robinson 3, T. F. Hewetson 4, C. Webb 5, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 6. Also several touches of Bob Minor with the local band.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—An attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was lost, after ringing 3 hrs. 3 mins.: J. Bell 1, T. Hartley 2, T. Hogarth 3, W. Postlethwaite 4, T. Wilson 5, T. Graham 6, F. Postlethwaite 7, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 8.—336 Stedman Triples: A. W. Brighton (conductor) 1, T. Hartley 2, T. Hogarth 3, W. Postlethwaite 4, T. Wilson 5, T. Graham 6, F. Postlethwaite 7, W. Telford 8. First touch in the method by all except the conductor, who hails from London.

THORNTON CURTIS.—720 Bob Minor: H. Thompson 1, S. Smith 2, S. Bromfield 3, G. Atkinson 4, J. Atkinson 5, *W. Goddard (first 720 as conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of Minor on the bells since augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

LECHLADE, GLOS. 720 Grandsire Minor: F. Webb, senr., 1, Wm. Judge 2, R. H. Judge 3, F. Webb, junr., 4, G. Holifield, junr., 5, G. Holifield, senr., 6. Conducted by G. Holifield, senr. This is believed to be the first 720 rung on the bells, and was rung after the quarterly meeting of the Witney and Woodstock branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Langford.

MEOPHAM.—On June 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Avis 1, J. Burles 2, G. Ambrose 3, F. Hayes 4, R. Constant 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, the first in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rev. Owen for the use of the bells, and Mr. Basil C. Owen, the leader of Meopham, for so kindly entertaining them to tea.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND. — On June 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Avis 1, J. Allen 2, R. Smith 3, Corpl. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I. (first in method) 4, G. Morrad 5, F. Hayes (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, June 16th, 720 Plain Bob: J. Avis 1, J. Fenwick 2, J. Burles 3, J. Allen 4, F. Hayes 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.—On June 19th, as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. R. D. Fenwick, one of the local ringers, who was married earlier in the day at Holy Trinity Church, Paddington, to Miss Beatrice B. Rayward, of Sheffield Mill, Fletching, Sussex, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Avis 1, J. Allen 2, J. Burles 3, R. Smith 4, F. Hayes 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, June 23rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in which Frank Webb, of Bedford, took part.

WROTHAM BELLS.

The peal recorded at Wrotham on July 13th, apart from being the first peal of Major on the new bells, is also the first peal of Major in the tower for a great number of years, the last being one of Bob Major in the 40's of last century. One of the earliest peals of Major recorded there, if not the first, was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, on Sunday, October 12th, 1788, by the Society of Bromley Youths, rung in 3 hrs. 9 mins., following which, on the Monday morning they rang Holt's Ten-Part, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Both these peals, with well over a hundred others, are fully recorded in the peal book of the Bromley Youths, which society is still in existence, and has been since 1773. Mr. I. Emery, the conductor of the peal on Saturday, is the present secretary, Messrs. Blackwell and James also belonging to the society. The old peal book is at present in the hands of a lady who has kindly undertaken to book up the arrears of peals, over 40 in number, and it is hoped the task will soon be accomplished. When the book is back in the tower, Mr. Emery or Mr. Durling, the steeplekeeper, will be pleased to show it to any visitors, who are always welcome on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, July 27th. Service, with an address, at 4.30 p.m. A free tea and business meeting after service. Note: All intending to take tea please let me know by Tuesday, July 23rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Eversham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District).—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 27th (instead of the 20th). Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar). Tea will be provided at the Vicarage, by the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone for those who send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. Half railway fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne, free to those who notify me by the 24th instant.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at three o'clock. Business meeting 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held same date. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 27th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Vestry. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Baillie, Vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. St. Mary's (10), St. Nicholas (8), All Saints', Emscote (8). Tea (usual charge) at the Globe Hotel after service. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than July 20th.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Perry Barr on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available all afternoon. Tea at the Church Tavern 5.30 p.m., 9d. per head, to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available will be Lavenham, and probably Preston. Tea, followed by a business meeting, will be at 4 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend.—R. L. Gardner, District Secretary, Lavenham.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, July 27th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Honorary Secretaries.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on July 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Middlezoy on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary, Huntspill, Bridgwater.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Swanage on Saturday, July 27th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.45. Address by Rector (Rev. H. E. Eardley). Tea 5.15 at the school, followed by business meeting. The towers of Wareham and S. James' Poole, will be open in the evening.—C. A. Phillips, Honorary Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. —George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at St. Maries (8 bells), Sheffield, on Saturday, August 3rd. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, Secretary, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Bank Holiday, August 5th, and will consist of a tour in the Hope Valley, including Hathersage, Hope and Castleton. The bells of Hope (6) and Castleton (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Those of Hathersage (6) for a limited time during the afternoon or evening as may be arranged. Any ringers requiring the use of Hope or Castleton bells before about 3 p.m. please advise me as soon as possible. The society's handbells will be available at Castleton, where a short business meeting will be held during the afternoon. Meals easily obtainable at Castleton at various places. Trains leaves Sheffield (M.R.) at 10.28, 12.25, and afterwards at short intervals. Return fares from Sheffield to Hope (for Castleton) 1s. 7d., to Hathersage 1s. 3d.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 5th. Bells available: Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6). Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea at the Fitzwilliam Temperance Hotel; meeting after. The usual reduction will be made to members notifying me not later than August 1st.—F. T. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 25th annual festival will be held at Chester on Monday, August 5th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Full particulars by circular. —Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—An all-day meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday, commencing at 11 a.m. The bells at Yateley, Hawley and Yorktown will be available during the day. Tea will be held at Yorktown, commencing at 4.45 p.m., and will be followed with a business meeting and short social till 8.30 p.m. Visitors will be gladly welcome. Full particulars can be obtained on application to G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, Assistant Honorary Secretary. N.B.—Will conductors of peals since 1st January, 1912, also oblige?

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PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 16th, 720 Double Bob: J. Dunthorne 1, W. Waldron 2, E. Tilley 3, J. Jutson 4, H. Traynar 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by a local band, and on the bells.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.—On June 13th, 336 Grandsire Triples: E. Phillips 1, W. Dare 2, D. Stephens 3, W. Kathro 4, H. Broughton 5, F. Garrard 6, J. W. Jones 7, G. Cooke 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 16th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Miss E. P. Hodge, late superintendant of the Girls' Sunday School: H. Frank 1, S. B. Weatherston 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, C. H. Hughes 4, R. W. Green 5, R. W. C. Grimwood 6, A. D. Barker 7, T. Walker 8.

OLDHAM.—On June 15th, at the Parish Church a date touch of Grandsire Triples: H. Wright 1, S. Elson 2, S. Stott (conductor) 3, A. Waites 4, J. H. Bastow 5, H. E. Fielding 6, S. M. Butterworth 7, James Garlick 8. Rung for the Musical Festival of the United Choirs of Oldham.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On June 15th, a date touch of Minor, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 472 Plain Bob: E. Ridgwell (conductor) 1, O. Lawer 2, A. Catterwell 3, O. Broyd 4, J. French 5, A. Saunders 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On the Norman tower bells, for evening service, on Sunday, July 21st, 270 Grandsire Caters: J. Sparrow 1, T. H. Bernand 2, H. Smith 3, A. E. Moore (conductor) 4, F. Eaton 5, F. J. Levitt 6, C. Woodcock 7, W. Kemp 8, H. A. Turner 9, R. Moore 10.

ROWLEY REGIS.—On Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. Willetts 1, W. Detheridge 2, T. Clarke 3, G. H. Detheridge 4, E. Homer 5, H. Dowell 6, A. Timmins (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Brown 8.

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