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The importance of the question which confronts our Associations if they would attain nearer to the ideal in regard to bringing under their wing all the towers in their respective areas, cannot be too strongly impressed, and for that reason we venture to return to the subject again this week. We have urged the County and Diocesan Associations to more strenuous effort in their official capacity and that there is room for this work cannot be denied.

The task of drawing in these unattached companies is not always an easy one. It requires a good deal of patience and often no inconsiderable perseverance to bring some towers into union. There are ringers who at first fail to grasp the advantages which affiliation brings, not of a material nature alone, but in the spirit which animates those who are knitted together by the ties of membership with a parent Association. But whether a band tardily or readily sees the advantages of affiliation, one thing is certain—it needs personal touch to bring them within the fold. Many Associations, we feel convinced, would considerably swell their ranks if they would come into closer contact with the bands still outside their influence. The whole burden ought not, however, to be thrust upon the shoulders of the honorary secretaries; it is a matter in which the rank and file can and should step in and help.

With proper organisation there is no Association which might not sweep every inch of its ground by getting its members to undertake this missionary work on systematic lines. It ought easily to be possible to find men enthusiastic enough in the cause to pay special attention to the unaffiliated towers in their particular districts until they have drawn them in. And when the towers have come in it is the societies' duty to look after them and keep them there. We have known companies who have been induced to join an Association, and, after a few years, have drifted out again simply because they have been neglected, having, probably, never seen a member from a neighbouring tower or an official of the Association from the time they were elected. It may be said that if ringers are enthusiastic they will not need inducement to remain attached, but it must not be forgotten that every company is not a peal ringing company, and has not, therefore, got that great incentive. Moreover, the struggles and disappointments of some of our ringing bands are great, and there is nothing like disappointment to sap a man's interest. A district meeting at a tower once in four or five years is not in itself sufficient. The element of personal contact should enter largely into the matter and frequent visits to give a helping hand, or an invitation to a neighbouring tower on a practice night are among the little things which would stimulate enthusiasm.

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John O. Sager, Todmorden,
Solicitor, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,
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Smethwick.

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, October 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES ;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE R. HOLMES Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
HENRY SPRINGALL 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7
FREDK. J. HARDY 3	EMANUEL HALL 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	THOMAS LANGDON 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Messrs. Holmes and Hillier hail from Newcastle.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES ;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	SAMUEL WESLEY 6
GEORGE DAVIES 2	FRANK JACOBS 7
ALBERT C. FERNLEY 3	JOHN P. TARLTON 8
CLEMENT GLENN 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 9
FREDERICK E. SMITH 5	THOMAS W. GORE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

SHIFNAL, SALOP.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER Treble	PERCY R. BAKER 5
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 2	JOHN BRADNEY 6
*ERNEST HYDE 3	CHARLES H. WATTS 7
†HENRY WEDGE 4	*WILLIAM FELTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

EDWIN J. PANNETT Treble	BENJAMIN THORP 5
JOSEPH E. SYKES 2	GEORGE PIPER 6
FREDERICK W. HARDING 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
J. COLEMAN MORLING 4	ARTHUR BANKS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

Mr. Ben Thorpe hails from Ashton-under-Lyne, and Mr. Joe Sykes from Huddersfield.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN 5
THOMAS JORDAN 2	HARRY DAWKINS 6
GEORGE JORDAN 3	THOMAS J. WATTS 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

This is the 100th peal by Thomas Jordan.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tuesday, October 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BUTLER Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
WILLIAM C. PARKER 2	JOHN PRESTON 6
HERBERT R. STEVENS 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	ALFRED HISCOCK Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal by A. Hiscock, who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs., in F sharp.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
GEORGE ROWE, Junr 3	WILLIAM GRIMES 7
JAMES BETTS 4	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

BORDEN, KENT.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	WILLIAM TASSELL 5
CHARLES R. MILLWAY 2	RICHARD S. STAINES 6
FREDERICK J. STAINES 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	JOHN EXCELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. PITMAN.

First peal as conductor.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM STENNING Treble	JAMES PARSONS 5
JOHN FEIST 2	HERBERT TOMSETT 6
THOMAS STRINGER 3	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 7
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4	WILLIAM ASHDOWN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. GRAVETT.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs., in E.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	WILLIAM H. GROOM ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	WILLIAM GRIMES ... 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal, as well as that at Coddendam, was arranged for A. W. Grimes, of London.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*RICHARD DARLOW Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 5
†JOSEPH J. ALLEN ... 2	FREDERICK WHITE ... 6
FRANCIS A. SMITH ... 3	†MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
WALTER S. INWOOD ... 4	ROBERT E. STAVERT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, & Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	ARTHUR CHAMBERS ... 5
CHARLES DICKENS ... 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... 6
GEORGE F. SWAN ... 3	JAMES DOWLER ... 7
JOHN NEAL ... 4	JOHN WITHERS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs.

REV. A. T. BEESTON Treble	WILFRID J. MOSS ... 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 6
JOSEPH TURNER ... 3	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 7
GEORGE E. TURNER ... 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

Arranged for Rev. C. J. Sturton, of Gosberton, Lincs.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John de Sepulchre,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*BERTIE FRY Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5
ALBERT HARVEY ... 2	WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... 6
FRED J. CROSS ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... 7
GEORGE A. SPARKS ... 4	BEN. S. THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. CROSS.

* First peal. The Conductor has now rung each of these eight bells to a peal.

GALLYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

HARRY RICHELL Treble	HENRY W. KIRTON ... 5
ARTHUR EDWARDS ... 2	HENRY F. COOPER ... 6
FREDERICK G. RADLEY ... 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 7
LEWIS GREEN ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

Arranged and rung as a farewell peal for Mr. L. Green on leaving for South Africa, his brother ringers wishing him "God speed."

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs., in F.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. Treble	GEORGE POYNTZ ... 5
FREDERICK WHITHAM ... 2	WILLIAM ROOPE ... 6
RICHARD BALDRY ... 3	JOHN ALDIS, Junr. ... 7
ALFRED FUNNELL ... 4	WILLIAM STEELE ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*JOHN MORRIS Treble	WILLIAM PAGE ... 5
*GEORGE HINTON ... 2	GORDON CHECKETTS ... 6
WILLIAM C. JONES ... 3	HERBERT T. KNOWLES ... 7
ABRAHAM WINTERTON ... 4	†JAMES R. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

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

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR HART Treble	ERNEST PYE ... 5
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
WILLIAM PYE ... 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... 7
*HARRY J. RANZETTA ... 4	HARRY FLANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN Treble	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 5
EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... 2	*FREDERICK J. STAINES ... 6
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 7
EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... 4	*ALFRED BONES ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM HORDON Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
ARTHUR E. PAYNE 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 6
EDWARD CHAPMAN 3	ALBERT V. INNS 7
ROBERT F. TURNER 4	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in the method by all (the ringers being all members of the local band), and first peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs., in A flat.

WILLIAM MOTTS Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE ... 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	ARTHUR S. BOAR Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung as a farewell peal to A. S. Boar, who is shortly leaving Ipswich to reside in London. This is his first peal in the method.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	WALTER THOMAS 5
*FRANK MILTON 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
JAMES V. WRIGHT 3	GILBERT GERRARD 7
CHARLES PRICE 4	ERNEST CHANNELL Tenor

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, and
Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. This composition contains all the 8-6's with 9 of the 8-6-7's, and is now rung for the first time.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(SOUTHERN BRANCH),

AND ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD, EVESHAM.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Bell Tower,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 31 cwt.

FRANK COOK Treble	FREDERICK JORDAN 5
*RAYMOND G. YOUNG 2	JAMES HEMMING 6
HERBERT JORDAN 3	HARRY MIDDLETON 7
THOMAS EDWIN 4	HENRY J. PHIPPS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

* First peal away from the treble. This was the quarterly peal for the Guild, and also the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. All the above are local men.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES ;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

RICHARD ASHWORTH Treble	JAS. BROGDEN TAYLOR ... 5
ROBERT SANDERSON 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
EDWIN TIMBRELL 3	WILLIAM MALLINSON ... 7
WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL 4	THOMAS MOUNCEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MALLINSON.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*W. HAIR Treble	†W. W. WORTHINGTON ... 5
W. J. SMITH 2	*D. COITON 6
J. HOUGH 3	E. W. BEADSMORE 7
J. H. SWINFELD 4	L. BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by L. BULLOCK.

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

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	CHARLES SMITH 5
†GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	‡GEORGE ALLDER 7
*CECIL C. MAYNE 4	GEORGE MARTIN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal away from the treble.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

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

*WILLIAM G. WEBB Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 4
GEORGE H. SPICE 2	THOMAS JULL 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 3	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

* First peal. Mr. Webb was elected a member previous to starting. urg on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Monday, October 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Treble	JOHN BASS ... 4
HARRY PRICE ... 2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 3	CHARLES F. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. It is also J. Bass' 156th peal, and his and the conductor's 150th peal together.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(MALDEN AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, October 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Plain Bob, Double Court, College Single, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	FREDERICK WHITE ... 4
*HARRY LEWIS ... 2	GEORGE H. NEVILLE ... 5
PERCY C. SAYER ... 3	ARTHUR APPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

* First peal.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH)

On Wednesday, October 11, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*W. E. WOODS ... Treble	A. PALMER ... 4
R. SCOTT ... 2	A. MACKEARS ... 5
W. WATSON ... 3	A. DRURY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Scott (age 15), the band wishing him the usual compliments. First peal on the bells by the local band.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and College Single. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SIDNEY GREATWICH ... Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... 4
WALLACE L. RODEN ... 2	WALTER HAYWARD ... 5
GEORGE E. JONES ... 3	GEORGE CASE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CASE.

* First peal. This was William Short's 550th peal.

SILSDEN, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, New London Pleasure, Kent, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR E. LAMBERT ... Treble	JOHN MCKELL ... 4
FRANK MOSLEY ... 2	JOHN HILL ... 5
CHRISTOPHER BROWN ... 3	WILLIAM D. HILLARY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. BROWN.

SNATH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK TATE ... Treble	THOS. SMITH ... 4
*MARK TATE ... 2	JOHN D. BULLOCK ... 5
*CHARLES W. KING ... 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor in three methods by all the band, and the first peal on the bells, which have been recently rehung by Mr. J. Mallaby. The "go" is excellent.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
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On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM ... Treble	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... 4
*HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
EDWIN YATES ... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods with a bob bell. This peal was arranged for C. W. Clarke, of Bedford.

WATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 18 lbs.

E. FISHER ... Treble	J. MURRELL ... 4
H. CROOK ... 2	*H. MASON ... 5
H. FISHER ... 3	W. ADCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. ADCOCK.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JAMES HUNT ... 1-2	*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: T. W. RADFORD.

* First peal of Triples on handbells.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Easton Neston, reported last week, should have been James Slarke, and not Clarke as printed. It is to Mr. Slarke that Easton Neston owes its two trebles.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Henley, Suffolk, on September 23rd, was Frank Haies, not Hairs, as published.

FRODSHAM BELLS.

AUGMENTED PEAL DEDICATED IN CHESHIRE PARISH.

It does not seem to be known what bells there were at Frodsham before 1734. In that year a ring of six were cast at the Gloucester foundry, which supplied a good many other rings of six in the district. The facilities for carriage by water to within two miles of Frodsham Church had probably something to do with the order going to Gloucester. About twenty-five years ago the tower, as well as the rest of the church, was carefully restored, and the bells were quarter-turned and rehung in a new timber frame, made to take eight bells. Towards the end of 1910, the rehanging of the bells were under consideration, when Mr. Holbrook Gaskell, who wished to make a thank-offering to the church, offered to give two more bells to complete the octave, to have the old six tuned and put in thorough going order, and also to bear the cost of adapting the clock room for use as a belfry. This made it necessary to alter the position of the clock works, and to put in a new plaster ceiling to deaden the sound of the bells. So at the end of July the old six were taken down and sent to Loughborough to go on the lathe, and in the middle of September they came back with the two new bells. The old head-stocks have been retained, but fitted with new gudgeons, rivetted into cast-iron bed-plates, and turned up true with the stocks. The old crown-staples were removed, and new crown-staple bolts fitted through the bells and stocks. The bearings are new, and new pulleys were necessary, as with the shorter ropes the sallies will now go on to the wheels. The two trebles are cast with Messrs. Taylor's new form of canons, and have iron stocks.

The old six are immensely improved by tuning on the Simpson principle, and the trebles are, of course, in perfect tune, and form an excellent splice. The "go" of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

The service of Dedication took place on Monday, October 9th, at 7.0 p.m. After shortened evensong, the Ven. Archdeacon of Chester, who is Master of the Diocesan Guild, gave an address upon the message of church bells. In the course of his remarks, he paid a tribute to the fine work of the Chester Guild, which existed to raise the status of ringing, improve belfries, and assist in true belfry reform. He prayed that those who rang the bells would always have God's glory and honour in their minds. They should be grateful to him who had shown his gratitude to God, for blessings showered upon him, by this generous and handsome gift to Almighty God.

The clergy then proceeded to the base of the tower, where the prayers of Dedication were offered. As the clergy returned to the chancel, the new bells were rung separately first, and then the eight were rung round by the local band.

The ringing arrangements were in the hands of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the Diocesan Secretary. His orders were "Superlative at 2.30 sharp." But some of the band got lost, and when they arrived at 4.0 the rest were suffering too much from nerves to ring a peal of Superlative, with so much noise in the belfry—as the ceiling is not yet finished. So a quarter-peal of Stedman was rung by: A. Barnes (Reddish), the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), D. Brearley (Bolton), G. R. Newton (Liverpool), H. W. Wilde (Eccleston), E. H. Lewis (Frodsham), conductor, J. Morgan (Pulford), H. Chapman (Pendleton). After tea, which was kindly provided by the churchwardens, the local band rang some Bob Minor for service. After service there was just time for Mr. Harry Chapman to call two courses of Kent before some of the visitors had to go to the station. After two or three touches of Grandsire and a course of Little Bob, with Mr. Denison Taylor, the bells were lowered.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

- Treble. Give Thanks to God, 1911 (and the foundry mark).
2. Love God. Honour the King, 1911 (and the foundry mark).
3. Peace and Good Neighbourhood. A (a bell) R, 1734.
4. Prosperity to this Parish. A (a bell) R, 1734.
5. Prosperity to the Church of England A (a bell) R, 1734.
6. We were all cast at Gloucester by A. Rudhal, 1734.
7. Wm. Knowles and Thos. Lancaster, Ch-wardens. A (a bell) R, 1734.

Tenor. I to the Church the Living Call and to the Grave do Summon all, 1734

The second bell also has a medallion of the King and Queen in their Coronation robes cast on the west. The weight of the tenor is 12 owt. 1 qr. 3 lbs.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Peterborough District Association was held at Yaxley, on Saturday week. By kind permission of the Vicar, ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, and a short service was held in the church. Afterwards a meat tea was partaken of at the residence of Mr. Bates, a splendid meal being provided. The Vicar had a few appropriate words to say on the subject of bells and bell ringing, and he also proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Bates for the use of his room, and for the excellent tea provided. This was heartily accorded, and the members then adjourned to the vestry for a short business meeting, the Vicar presiding. Eight new members were elected, including the Vicar, who, in a very able speech, offered

his services whenever possible towards the aim of bell ringing. Representatives were present from the following towers: Whittlesea, St. Mary's and St. Andrew's; Ramsey; Glington; Peterborough, St. John's and St. Mary's. Short touches of Bob Minor, Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the day, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.

SUNDAY RINGING RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to the Rev. Charles E. Matthews as to four 720's rung on a Sunday being a record, I think we can beat that. On Sunday, July 5th, 1908, we rang three 720's, finishing up with a quarter-peal (1260); 8 o'clock Communion, 720 Plain Bob; 10.30 a.m., 720 Oxford Bob; 2.30 p.m., 720 Plain Bob for Children's Service; 6.0 p.m., quarter-peal, 720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob. The ringers taking part were members of the Central Northern Association: E. M. Atkins (conductor), F. Andrew, G. Blaxley, F. Talbutt, W. Lewis, D. Mallet and W. T. Wilson.

WALTER T. WILSON

Churchwarden, Isham, St. Peter's Church.

October 16th, 1911.

In our last issue we recorded five 720's rung on September 24th, at Little Munden, three before services and two after evening service.—Ed.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Counties Branch was held at Spalding on Saturday, when ringers attended from Walpole, Long Sutton, Fleet, Moulton, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Gosberton, Donington, Bicker, and Peterborough. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at 3.30, when an excellent address was delivered by the Rev. R. P. Wade, based on the words, "Active and earnest." Dinner was provided at the White Hart Hotel, presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Bullock (in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the President, the Rev. F. F. Wayet). The Chairman was supported by the Revs. H. Law James, C. J. S. Ward, C. J. Sturton, R. P. Wade, and F. K. Thompson, and about 20 ringers.—At the business meeting which followed, the retiring officers were re-elected. Moulton was selected as the place at which to hold the next meeting, the bells there having just been rehung, and a new treble added, making a nice ring of six.—Regret was expressed at the absence of the President, and a wish expressed for his speedy recovery. During the day touches were rung in the following methods: Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Little Bob Major, Stedman, Grandsire and Double Court Triples, and Bob Minor.

PRESENTATION AT TREVETHIN.

An interesting presentation took place at Trevethin on Saturday week, when, after practice, the ringers adjourned to the Mason's Arms, where a cold spread had been prepared in honour of Mr. Dan Pinney, who has been a faithful member in the belfry for 23 years, and also to celebrate his birthday.—After the repast, Mr. Sam Rogers (captain) made the presentation, and on behalf of himself and the other ringers, wished Mr. Pinney many happy returns of his birthday. He had been asked to present him with a silver-mounted umbrella as a token of the members' respect and appreciation. In doing so, he said they had heard a lot lately of record-breaking in bell ringing, but 23 years as a regular attendant at ringing for service was a record one might be proud of, as that was what bells were intended for.—Mr. Pinney, in acknowledging the gift, said he had been taken by surprise. It was good of the ringers to think of his birthday and give him such a beautiful present. He thanked them most heartily for their kind words and good wishes.

RINGERS' STRIKE AT LEEDS.

The bell ringers at St. Chad's Church, Leeds, says the Manchester "Daily Despatch," are out on strike as a result of a disagreement between one of their number and the Vicar. The trouble began one day last week when one of the ringers, Mr. Dean Swift, was asked by the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, to sweep the belfry steps and tidy up the place generally. Swift refused, contending that his duties consisted solely of bell ringing and keeping the bells in order. The Vicar persisted, and as Swift would not give way he was discharged. A meeting of the ringers, some ten or a dozen in number, was at once called, and an ultimatum was sent to the Vicar that if Swift was not immediately reinstated the whole body would come out on strike.—Mr. Marshall replied that Swift would not be reinstated unless he would promise to obey instructions, and the men carried out their threat. Matters now are at a deadlock. The men say they are not really paid for their work, but receive only an acknowledgment, and they will not give in.

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DESTRUCTION OF A CHURCH.

FIRE HAVOC AT ST. GEORGE'S, LEICESTER.

This striking photograph illustrates something of the effects of the disastrous fire at St. George's Church, Leicester, which we recorded last week. The picture shows the interior of the belfry as it appeared after the outbreak had been extinguished and is sorrowful evidence of the completeness of the destruction which was wrought. The tenor, which, with the other bells, dropped from the steeples, can plainly be seen among the debris.



Photo by]

[Larrad, Leicester.

The present Bishop of Taunton who showed great interest in ringers when, some years ago he was Vicar of Milverton, visited his old parish recently on the occasion of a dedication service at St. Michael's Church. He was welcomed by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells which, through his energy, were increased from six to eight. The ringers were W. Andrews, junr., 1, H. Norman 2, R. Scott (conductor) 3, E. Chapman 4, W. Chapman 5, A. J. Andrews 6, F. Norman 7, R. Chapman 8.

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A correspondent would be glad if any reader could inform him of the publisher and price of Walter's book on London bell and bell founders.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We have departed this week from our usual custom of giving the photograph of some well-known ringer, and are publishing instead a picture which shows some of the disastrous effects of the fire which destroyed St. George's Church, Leicester. Owing to pressure on our space, a good many items are unavoidably held over, including a letter from J. W. Barker, on "Ringing in Bedfordshire."

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A preacher at a recent ringers' service described Great Paul as weighing 37,000 tons. It would require several William Pye's to ring a tenor of this weight. Of course what the preacher meant was not tons but lbs.

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The sum of £200 is needed to defray the cost of overhauling and repairing the bells of the Parish Church, Bramley, Surrey. The bells were cast in 1732, and have been in use ever since. Three of the bells are broken, and all, with the exception of the tenor, require tuning. The fittings are in a dilapidated condition, and the frame is weak through age, so that it is unsafe to ring the bells, owing to the strain being too great.

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We have had the most remarkable summer on record this year, so far as weather is concerned. But it has had its drawbacks, even from the ringer's point of view. In many a tower it has played havoc to the bell frames, and we have heard of several where the bellhanger will be required before the bells are again comfortably pealable.

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It is always a pleasure to see fresh hands swelling the ranks of those who reach the top of the ladder by ringing London Surprise Major; it is additionally pleasing when the ringers are all members of a local company. This week we record the first peal in the method by the Kettering band, who are to be congratulated upon their success. We are expecting to see another company following close upon their heels with a local peal of London—the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.

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Inquiries.—Francis Thomas Hunt, formerly of the parish of Little Glemham, Wickham Market, Suffolk, and whose address is now the Mental Hospital, Ipswich, would like to hear from his brother, Walter Hunt, who, he says, is a ringer.

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A clerical peal of Stedman Cinques is to be attempted next Wednesday morning, when twelve clergy will meet at High Wycombe for the purpose. Success to the band.

LATE PEAL.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLNSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN W. LAKE ... 1—2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3—
JAMES OSBORN ... 5—6

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witnesses: MRS. J. OSBORN and MISS J. HOLLIS.

ELIJAH ROBERTS.

AND HIS 19,440 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, TAPPED ON HAND-BELLS.

(By WILLIAM SNOWDON).

In 1885 my brother compiled an article on this gifted ringer, extracts from which may prove interesting to many of the younger members of the Exercise to-day. The question to which it may be well to address ourselves is the following:—Was this marvellous performance truly and correctly carried through?

From my brother's data we learn much. For example: the peal was tapped at the Derby Arms, Liverpool; it consisted of 19,440 of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and the time taken was 13 hours and 43 minutes. We further gather that it was Reeves's composition of 13,800 Treble Bob Royal, applied to twelve bells, the calling of which will be found in Snowdon's Treble Bob, Part II., page 96. Then comes a very judiciously expressed paragraph thus: "It is not known whether there was any witness to this peal, but it is reported that the inhabitants of the adjoining houses said that they heard bells ringing all that day from morning until evening."

DIFFICULTIES OF THE GREAT TASK.

All able ringers will admit that the difficulties which Roberts would have to face would be mainly three. First, he would require great mental ability, directed to tapping changes. Second, physical strength for standing such a prolonged strain as that required in giving 233,280 blows with his hammers, tending, let us imagine, to cramp in his wrists, or any type of exhaustion, such as dizziness, brought on by a taxed brain, and due to a poor constitution, or to a frame easily tired. Third, the choice of a fitting period, and a day on which he was absolutely "fit" for such an effort.

Taking first mental ability, let us see how equipped Roberts was. Remembering 1837 as the year of the record performance, we find him in 1833 tapping 5016 Stedman Cinques in 3 hours and 24 minutes. This peal he composed himself, but, doubtless to satisfy a great many ringers in an adjoining room, Henry Cooper, the well-known composer of early peals in Stedman Triples, acted as conductor. This was in Birmingham, and no less a ringer than Henry Johnson was present, who heard every change, and was satisfied with the truth and accuracy of that unique performance.

Moreover, Roberts was no mere tapper; he was a good and skilled tower-bell ringer, and the year 1833 tells us also of a 6000 of Kent Treble Bob of his own composition, and of his own conducting, at St. Mary's, Cheltenham. But we have still further evidence of what may be termed his complete mastery of the coursing-orders of bells in various methods. For in 1824, when only in his seventeenth year, he gave a peal performance, the completion of which took 3 hours and 27 minutes, and consisted of the following plain courses:—In Triples: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob; in Major: the same, without, of course, Stedman; in Caters: the same as set out under Triples; in Royal: the same as set out under Major; in Cinques: the same as set out under Triples; and in Maximus: to set them out fully again, Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob. Then, the 960 changes, to complete the 5186, consisted of a course of Treble Bob on sixteen bells: "Treble Bob Sixteen In," as it may be termed.

A DETERMINED NATURE.

Thus marvellously talented in 1824, we think all will agree that in 1837, having kept up his ringing meanwhile, he would have no fear of any peal of Treble Bob Maximus, especially not of a five-part such as that of Reeves's, with its helpful sequence of figures in its part ends. Thence a unanimous verdict of complete mental ability for the task must be found for Roberts, and that without any doubt.

On the second head, physical strength, the former article gives us some considerable information. The late Thomas Day, of Birmingham, used to describe Roberts, as he remembered him in his youth, as a nice lad, with bright, keen eyes, and of a *very determined nature*. The italics are ours, as this should be well noted. We also learn that he was a brass founder by trade, a skilful mechanic, very fond of constructing clocks; one specimen being made to play tunes on twelve bells. All this points to high general intelligence and skill, but such as may, as we all know, be possessed by a man more or less delicate. To proceed, however. In 1840 he purchased a stage coach—having accumulated money—and for eight years he drove this coach without missing a single journey, over a total distance of nearly 100,000 miles. Thinking, not of bright sunny days, but of fogs and damp, winds and heavy rains, frost and snow, this power of keeping at his post is absolutely marvellous, and we need no further evidence to prove that he was a man possessed of great physical endurance; so again the verdict must be altogether in his favour of the possibility of his task.

(To be Continued.)

NAMING OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice in the "Odd Changes" in this week's "Ringing World" that Sandiacre ringers have named No. 15, on page 11, in the collection of Legitimate Methods, Sandiacre Pleasure.

I should like to point out that this method was rung at Norbury, on January 9th, 1910, and included in a peal rung at Norbury, on July 9th, 1910, and published on July 30th, under the name of "Coventry Treble Bob," and we were led to believe that it was rung previously by one of the Yorkshire societies.

It would have saved considerable errors if the compilers of the publication of the "Legitimate Methods" had named each method.—Yours truly,

H. LANGLEY.

A HERTFORDSHIRE MEETING.

Graveley is but a six-bell tower, and so was chosen for a special meeting for Minor ringers from the Northern district, on Saturday. A very fair number came, several from distant towers, and enjoyed some good ringing. When it is said that the methods rung were Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Bob, Double Court, and Double Oxford Minor, and also the following Treble Bob Methods: Oxford, Kent, Woodbine and City Delight, as well as a well-struck 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor;—well, it was at any rate good practise. It was a great pleasure to have one of the churchwardens come in to ring. At the meeting, one of the local ringers was elected a member of the County Association, with more to follow shortly.

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Penning's	1
Oxford Bob	1
Stedman	11
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Duffield Major	1
Canterbury Pleasure	1
Kent Treble Bob	7
Oxford Treble Bob	4
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ANNUAL MEETING AT IPSWICH.

"The Ringing World" Special Report.

There is plenty of energy about the Norwich Association, and ringing is in a very "live" condition throughout the immense diocese. Illustration of this fact was to be found in its peal records last year, when it took the proud place at the head of the analysis with a "double first"—first in the number of points scored, and first in the number of peals rung. Further evidence of the enthusiasm of the members was to be found in the support which they gave to their Association on Wednesday week at Ipswich, when from all quarters of the two counties ringers gathered for the annual meeting. There was, however, one keen disappointment for the ringers, the fine peal of twelve at St. Mary-le-Tower were not available, owing to being in need of repair. It was only practically at the last minute, and after anxious consideration, that the authorities found it impossible to allow ringing to take place, but the risk to the fabric was considered too great. As one of the officers of the Association remarked, it was like the play of "Hamlet" without the Prince of Denmark, to visit Ipswich without the opportunity of ringing at St. Mary-le-Tower. The members, however, did their best to make up for it by utilising to the full the eight at St. Margaret's, the bells at St. Clement's (6), St. Mary, Quay (6), St. Lawrence (5), St. Matthews (5), and St. Nicholas (5). Admirable arrangements for the meeting were made by the energetic secretary, Mr. C. E. Borrett.

THE SERVICE.

Divine service was held at 12.45 at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, when there was a good congregation. The service—which was in the shortened form now used at the meetings of the Association, was conducted by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, Rector of Garboldisham, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Association, the Rev. R. Gordon Roe, Rector of Leiston, reading the lesson. Canon Pigot, Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower, presided at the harmonium.

An interesting address was given by the Rev. Gordon Roe, who based his remarks upon part of the fourth verse of the 150th Psalm, "Praise him on the cymbals." He said it was difficult to find a text applicable to bell ringing, because there was nothing at all in the Bible about bells, with the exception possibly of those which were suspended on the fringe of the vestments of the High Priest. He proceeded to outline the history of bells, and pointed out that the members of that Association, who were bound together in one homogeneous body, were Churchmen first, and ringers second; and ringing ought to bring them in more frequent contact with the Most Holy than it did. In fact, he could not help wondering why ringing did not make more people religious than it did. He mentioned with a little pardonable pride, that in his parish they had eight brothers who could ring a bell.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner and business meeting followed in St. Lawrence Hall, over 120 being present. The Rev. C. L. Kennaway presided in the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. J. Saneroff Holmes. Among those present were: The Rev. R. Gordon Roe, Rev. J. Holme Pilkington (Framlingham), Canon Pigot, Rev. E. C. J. Bowen (Stoke Ash), Rev. H. Drake (Braiseworth), Rev. W. C. Pearson (Henley), Rev. W. A. Partridge (Westhorpe), Mr. A. Coleman (North Walsham, and late hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of "The Ringing World"), Mr. Chas. E. Borrett (secretary), Mr. P. Sadler (Norwich), etc.

After the loyal toast, Mr. A. Coleman proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." He thanked the clergy of Ipswich for the use of their bells that day, the Rev. Gordon Roe for his splendid address, and Canon Pigot for arranging the service.

The Rev. Gordon Roe, in response, said their Bishop at present was on newly-trodden ground, but he was tackling the situation with a great deal of zeal, energy, and tact, and had already won golden opinions from those who came in contact with him. The clergy were, as far as in them lay, in the great majority of parishes endeavouring seriously and earnestly to look after the souls of those with whom they were brought in daily contact.

Canon Pigot also responded, observing that they were all pleased to see the members of the Association in Ipswich. No one regretted more than he did that they had been unable to ring the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower. It was only within the last two or three months that the bells were found to require renovation, and the architect, Mr. J. S. Corder, had assured him there would be a risk in ringing the bells that day. The cost of the renovation would be £65. Canon Pigot went on to propose "Success to the Diocesan Association of Ringers." He was sure the diocese looked upon their Association as a very useful one. He supposed that one day the Norwich diocese would be split into two, and then the Association would have to do the same. But that was still in the future. The clergy heartily wished the Association all the success it richly deserved, and he was glad that the attendance that day was above the average.

The Chairman, in acknowledging the toast, said the Association was going on most satisfactorily, and he trusted it would continue to do so.

A GRATIFYING REPORT.

The Secretary (Mr. C. E. Borrett) then presented the report, which was as follows: We have pleasure in presenting to the members our 33rd annual report, and although we have no startling things to put before you, yet what is perhaps more satisfactory, we have to repeat what we have said now for a good many years—that our work has gone steadily on in all directions. There is no appearance of slackness on the part of our members, nor is there any falling off in our general efficiency—in fact, the contrary is the case. Possessing as we do, a long list of members, it is almost inevitable that each year our report has to mention the names of some taken from us by the hand of death. This year two of our honorary members have passed away—the Rev. E. S. Finch, Vicar of Laxfield, and Mr. F. J. Burrage, of Diss—and three performing members—Henry Bowell, of Ipswich, Edward Francis, of Norwich, and Joseph Gower, of Tunstead. These three belonged to that fast diminishing circle of original members of our Society, and we record their removal from our ranks with sincere regret.

After referring to the various meetings held during the year, at which 114 new members were added to the Association, including new companies at Holbrook and Wingfield, bringing the total membership to 1,125 at the close of 1910, the report added:—

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES.

Our peal performances during the past twelve months were again both interesting and encouraging. In the Council analysis for 1910 we occupy the premier place in the list both for number of peals rung, and for their total point value. We thus repeat our 1905 triumph, for the scoring of a "double first" is undoubtedly a triumph since we are the only Association in the county able to boast of it. During the present year we have more than held our own, and at the present moment are well ahead of our figures for the corresponding part of 1910. Since our last annual meeting there have been many performances of a noteworthy character, and it is impossible here to mention all of them. The Pulham men are to be congratulated upon scoring the first peal of Bristol Surprise in the Diocese with a resident band. This is supposed to be the most complex method in existence, and we, therefore, welcome such a peal by our own men. The Ipswich company have added yet another new method to our list by ringing Duffield Major at Henley, and they have also helped us with peals of Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London Surprise, and S edmati Cinques. The Leiston men have also done splendidly, scoring Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and New Cambridge, and now we are all waiting for them to create an entirely fresh record by ringing a peal in which all the performers are brothers. Members of companies at Palgrave, Diss, Debenham, and Framstead, have been active, and the young companies at St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich, and Saxlingham, have both placed several peals to their credit. The last-named have quite recently scored the first peal of Duffield, in the county of Norfolk.

A number of our non-resident life members have scored at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, a peal of Norfolk Surprise Major—the first by the Association, and the first in the method rung in London. Our six-bell men at Tibenham, Wickham Skeith, Thornham, Blaxhall, Tunstall and Pettistree, have also enriched our records with some good performances. Two peals were rung in honour of the Coronation at Hovingham and Leiston, and first peals have been rung on the bells at Bio' Norton, Buxton, Rockland, Shropham, Watlington and Watton. Before we leave this part of the report we would like to offer our thanks to some of our men who carry on a very valuable work for us—work done quite unobtrusively, and away from the glare of the limelight. We refer to men like Mr. Fitzjohn, of Thetford, and Mr. Lambert, of Halesworth, and others like them. Much of their time is spent in helping on others, and the influence they exert, and the good they do, is perhaps only known to those behind the scenes. We must admit to a feeling of disappointment at the comparatively small amount of restoration work carried out this year in our belfries. We naturally expected in a year of great national rejoicing such as this has been, that our church bells should not be overlooked, when schemes of celebrating the Coronation were being considered. And rightly so, for bells are undoubtedly the most lasting memorial a parish can possess. We had hoped that restorations and additions to some of our belfries would be carried out to mark this historical year—but it has not been so.

THANKS.

After mentioning the various works of renovation carried out during the year, the report concluded: We offer our thanks to the hon. secretaries of the various districts, into which the Diocese is divided, for their kind help and work during the past year, and we are again indebted to Mr. G. P. Burton, of Norwich, for his careful auditing of our accounts. As will be gathered from this review, we have cause for thankfulness at our position in the change ringing world. We have helped to sweep away practically all the abuses which undoubtedly existed in our belfries when this Association was founded, and it must be remembered that abuses were by no means confined to the belfry. We are in the truest sense church workers, and have thoroughly earned the recognition we now receive from those in authority in the Church. Our particular work is beset with difficulties, struggles,

and many disappointments, and all we ask is that the fullest sympathy and encouragement may be extended to us by the clergy under whom we serve.

The Rev. J. Holme Pilkington proposed the re-election of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the Secretary, the Auditor, and the Committee.—The motion was seconded, and carried.—Several new members were elected.

The Secretary said Rule 6 had not been enforced, and he moved that it be altered, so that the certificate of membership should be supplied upon application for one shilling a copy.—A suggestion that the amount should be sixpence was accepted, and the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Borrett proposed "The Visitors," and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith who, as Editor of "The Ringing World," had a very cordial reception, replied.

The members afterwards dispersed to the various churches and rang touches in various methods till late in the afternoon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO THE DONOR OF HILLINGDON TREBLES.

A most successful meeting of the South and West district was held at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday last. As stated in these pages last week, the old peal of eight has been recast, and two trebles added, making a very fine ring of ten. Heard from a short distance, they are most musical, and reflect great credit on the founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Ringing commenced at 4 o'clock, and touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal, were rung, also a touch of Double Norwich on the back eight. Subsequently an adjournment was made to the school-room, where a sumptuous tea had been provided by the donor of the bells, Mr. J. F. Stilwell.

The Rev. H. G. Bird, President of the Association, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. J. F. Stilwell, Mr. A. A. Johnston, the Rev. J. H. Wooster and Mr. T. Beadle (the District Master), upwards of eighty members and friends sitting down, together with some sixteen choir boys.

The Chairman heartily thanked Mr. Stilwell for his kindness in providing tea, and on behalf of the Middlesex Association, thanked him most warmly for providing the old Parish Church of Hillingdon with such a splendid peal of bells.—Mr. Stilwell, who had a most enthusiastic reception, spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to see so many ringers present, and trusted the bells would prove of good service to the district, and to the Middlesex Association. He also hoped when the monthly meetings came round the members would not forget Hillingdon, where they would be assured of a hearty welcome. He referred to the great assistance he had received from Mr. J. J. Pratt.

Mr. A. A. Johnston (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) also addressed the meeting, and spoke of the kindly feeling existing between his firm and Mr. Stilwell. No expense, he stated, had been spared to make the peal a success, and he ventured to hope this had been accomplished, and that in the future the people of Hillingdon would be able to look back with pleasure on what had been done for them and their old Parish Church by Mr. Stilwell. On behalf of the firm, he then asked Mr. Stilwell to accept a small present, in the shape of a miniature bell, engraved with the following inscription: "Cast from the same metal as Hillingdon bells, and presented to J. F. Stilwell, Esq., J.P., by the founders, October 7th, 1911."—In accepting the gift, Mr. Stilwell, who was visibly surprised, warmly thanked Mr. Johnston, assuring him that he should always treasure it as a valuable memento of the occasion.—He then left the meeting to the tune of "He's a jolly good fellow," and rousing cheers.

The business meeting was then held, and the following were elected members of the Association: Mr. A. A. Johnston (hon. member), Messrs. W. H. Joiner, L. F. Taylor and T. H. Colburn (life members), Mr. A. C. Fussell, and the Rev. J. H. Wooster (ringing members).—The secretary was instructed to write for the Feltham tower for the November meeting.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.—The members repaired to the tower, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m. The success of the meeting was in a large measure due to Mr. J. J. Pratt, who worked uniringly to make everyone comfortable, and to him the Association accord their best thanks.

WORCESTER'S CENTURY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. B. Prowett re above, I do not consider Mr. F. A. Smith a Worcester man, from a ringing point of view; of his own showing he has never touched a rope in Worcester. I was taking into account men who lived, and done their ringing or at least commenced in the city. Will you add what was omitted from the report, that the peal was rung at St. Helen's Church.—Yours, etc.,

W. PAGE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ECCLES.

The old Church of Eccles, a town noted for its cakes, was the place of meeting of the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association on Saturday, when members from Didsbury, Manchester, Pendleton, Stockport, Walkden, Wolverhampton, Worsley, and the local company, to the number of 20, were present to meet the genial Mr. J. Barratt, and, incidentally, to have a pull on the bells under his care, and give him some good-natured chaff on his charges. Kent Minor and Major, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, were rung. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. H. Hulton, Vicar of Worsley, when Brookfield, Gorton, was chosen as the next place of meeting, and the election of a branch secretary to succeed Mr. W. H. Shaker was postponed till then. Ringing was kept up till 8.30, when, after an hour's chat on old times, the party broke up.

BOLTON BRANCH.

A fairly well attended meeting was held at All Saints' Church, on Saturday last, but owing to a concert being held in the schools adjoining, there was not much ringing. The next monthly meeting is to be held at St. Saviour's.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

On Saturday, the members of the Rochdale branch had their eleventh annual tea party and social, at the Conservative Club, Heywood, about 150 members and friends sitting down to a substantial meat tea. The social evening was presided over by Mr. S. Brierley, President of the Rochdale branch, and singing, dancing and handbell ringing was the order of the evening. In an interval, the Recorder of Heywood spoke a few words on the subject of bells and ringers, and said it was no doubt a great disappointment to them that they could not have the bells rung that day, on account of sickness near the church.—Mr. C. Johnston, of Croydon, also spoke of the bells and the Heywood ringers. He mentioned that in the southern counties they had their quarterly meetings and dinners, but he preferred the tea and social of the Rochdale branch.—Mr. Johnston contributed two songs to the enjoyable programme, and in the course of the evening, Mr. Brierley moved a vote of thanks to the promoters and artists.—Milnrow was selected as the place for the next annual party.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S CONCERT.

The London County Association held their ninth annual Bohemian smoking concert at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City, on Saturday. A very large number of distinguished ringers and their friends, including a large proportion of ladies, were present, and the resources of the management and the officers were taxed to their utmost to find seating accommodation. The event is becoming more popular every year, and can be looked upon as one of the principal social gatherings connected with ringing. The Master, Mr. George R. Fardon, presided, and with such an able musical director as Mr. J. Pryer, there was hardly a dull moment. Mr. S. A. Wright, at the piano, contributed an overture, and Mr. R. A. Ellis sang "The Veteran's Song," which was much appreciated, as was also "The Moonlight Promenade," by Mr. A. D. Barker. The Chigwell Handbell Ringers delighted the company with a selection of pieces; and a violin solo by Mr. Daubney was a great success. Comic songs by Mr. Will Scott and Mr. H. E. Carter were also well rendered, while that old favourite, Mr. Jack Welch, as usual, kept the company laughing the whole while. A course of Stedman Caters, on handbells, was brought round by five members of the Association to the satisfaction of a somewhat critical audience. A pianoforte duet by the Misses Rous was ably rendered, and Mr. Dan Carter, with songs and clog dancing, quite captivated the audience, and received a great ovation. There were songs by Mr. S. T. Green, and "The Galloping Major," by Mr. Pryer, who nearly "brought the house down." God save the King brought to a close an evening which many will remember for a long time to come. Many lingered behind after the concert, renewing old acquaintances, and making fresh ones.

F.J.H.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held at Lindfield, on Saturday, and was very well attended, about 30 members, representing the following towers, being present during the afternoon and evening: Aldrington, Cuckfield, Bolney, Burgess Hill, Burstow, Crawley, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Seaford and the local band. Tea was held at the Bent Hotel, and was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Dauvergne), who heartily welcomed the Association to Lindfield. At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Cumberledge and Mr. Alban were elected as hon. members, and Mr. Statham proposed, and Mr. Walder seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, and also for providing tea. There being no other business, the tower was again visited, and various touches in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Major rung till about 8.30, everybody seeming well pleased with the outing.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On this question, after your article of Sept. 29th, there appeared to be little more to say—but more is being said; and in answer to the challenge last week, may I ask if the character and respectability of ringers in these days are of so doubtful a quality that we need all this whistling through clenched teeth, as if to keep up our courage? Do we want to show the outside world how deeply some imputation made locally has gone home all over the country? As a ringer who mixes with ringers on the least opportunity, I decline to believe it. Most of your correspondents have written obviously without first-hand knowledge of the particular case which has roused their wrath, and without such knowledge it is impossible to form a just opinion. Every case of the kind will have to be judged on its own merits. On the principle of admitting and welcoming ladies to the belfry there is, I imagine, no difference of opinion—or very little. And yet there may be circumstances which render it advisable, and even necessary in the interests of the ringers, and possibly of the ladies themselves, to say “No” to their being admitted. This is from no apprehension about the behaviour in the belfry. We know the ringers and can trust them. But there are some outside the belfry in more senses than one whom we do not know and cannot trust; who, we fear, if the belfry were thrown open, would find a welcome opportunity of bringing the belfry into ill-repute. And since the belfry, as your correspondents have pointed out, is part of the church, this risk cannot be run. Consequently, strange as it sounds, while welcoming lady ringers on principle, I have recently made a rule that they shall not be allowed in the belfry under my control. I may tell you, sir, in confidence, that the object of this rule is by no means to exclude any of that happily increasing number of ladies who are bonafide anxious to ring. No one knows better than I do that parsons make frequent mistakes, and often misjudge, yet I know also that these things are done sometimes with the best intentions, and the most disinterested motives. The general tone of this correspondence does not argue strongly for the self-control of all who have contributed to it, and the existence of self-control was what it set out to prove. If a false imputation has been levelled against us ringers as a body, perhaps we do well to be angry, but do not let us over do it. It is not easy to prove that a false accusation has been made wilfully. One point stands out from this correspondence. It is that ringers resent the idea that the belfry is not part of the House of God. Very well, sir; as those who frequent that House let us “keep our feet and be not rash with our mouth, but let our words be few.” Which reminds me that though I close at once, it can only be by signing myself

“INCONSISTENT.”

It is now pretty generally well known that the incident which has given rise to so much indignation among ringers occurred at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Dagenham. The “Essex Times” last week devoted some attention to the matter, and referred to our article upon the subject, as well as the letters which we published from two lady ringers. The reverend gentleman who took the step of excluding the lady was the Rev. J. Ferguson, who was curate-in-charge during the absence of the Vicar.

The Rev. H. Drake, of Braisworth Rectory, Eye, has been in communication with Mr. Ferguson, and is now in correspondence with the Vicar, with a view to getting a statement for publication.

FRAMLAND SOCIETY, NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, on Saturday. There were bands present from Melton Mowbray, Hoss, Long Clawson, Croxton Kerrial, Eaton, and Waltham (Croxton), which are all in the Framland Deanery, and ringing visitors were also present from Cotgrave (Notts), and Belton (Rutland). About 40 ringers sat down to an excellent meat tea, which was provided out of the society's funds. The Rev. J. P. Seabrook (Rector of Waltham) presided, and after tea, made a breezy little speech, in which he welcomed all the ringers, and complimented them on their improved ringing. Although all the bands were good, he thought his own men must be the best, because they were practising so often. Anyway, the course of lessons given by Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester, some years ago to all the bands in the society had borne ample fruit. Before the advent of Mr. Willson, change ringing was practically unknown in the society, but now every band participated in it. He hoped they would soon be able to augment their peal of six into eight, but there was one rather necessary item required—the money to pay for them.

Toasts were given and responded to by Messrs. J. H. Wildman, Croxton Kerrial; R. H. Bartram, Melton Mowbray; and J. J. Jackson, Belton; and the Rector was thanked for the cordial reception he had given to all.

Touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob Minor, and Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, were rung on the bells.

DEDICATION OF WEST HARTLEPOOL BELLS.

On Wednesday, October 11th, the 21st anniversary of the Consecration, the Bishop of Durham dedicated the new tower, clock and bells of St. Aidan's Church, West Hartlepool. The tower is built of Gosmont brick and Dunhouse stone, and is 84 feet high, with an inside measurement of 14 feet square, and consists of porch, ringing chamber, clock chamber, and bell chamber. The eight bells are a very musical peal, with a tenor of 13 cwt., and are by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. They are in memory of—

Treble. St. Oswald. Given by Mr. J. Beach.

2. St. Cuthbert.

3. St. Alban.

4. St. Hilda.

5. St. George.

6. St. Aidan. Given by those confirmed, 1887-96.

7. Bishop Wescott. Given by those confirmed, 1898-1911.

Tenor. Bishop Lightfoot. Given by those confirmed, 1898-1911.

The clock has been installed by Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds, and has the Westminster chimes.

There was a crowded congregation at the Dedication service, and the Bishop gave an eloquent and appropriate address.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Knowlden), invited the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association to take part in the ceremony and ring the opening touch, and, as the Bishop and clergy descended the tower, the bells were raised in peal, and a short touch rung. After the Dedication, the Vicar kindly entertained the ringers to tea, after which the bells were rung for festal evensong.

Amongst those who took part in the opening and later ringing were: Mr. C. L. Roulledge (president of the Association), Mr. Chas. Todd (secretary), Mr. T. Metcalfe (secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association), the Rev. B. Jealous, and Messrs. Taylor, Lewrey, Webster, Stephenson, Howcroft, Gifton, R. C. Hudson, R. W. Falconer, Jas. Baxter, Green, and ringers from Darlington, Stockton, Bishop Auckland and West Hartlepool.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting for the Archdeaconry of Totnes provided a most enjoyable day's outing, ringing taking place at Whitechurch, Sandford Spiney, Meary, Sheepstor and Walkhampton. The district selected is one of lovely scenery, pure air, and rugged grandeur, and this, combined with some excellent ringing—the striking being of a high order—made the meeting a memorable one. The only disappointment was at Sandford Spiney, where the peal of five go badly, and are without stays. These were quickly left behind. Tea took place at the Vicarage at Walkhampton, having been arranged by the Rev. R. H. Lucas, at his private schoolroom. The Rev. Maitland Kelly (President of the Association) presided, supported by the Rev. E. S. Powell (Holbeton), the Rev. R. H. Lucas (Walkhampton), Mrs. and Miss Lucas, and 31 members.—The President expressed his pleasure at the size of the gathering. Change ringing was growing. He had watched its steady advance, not so fast as some of them would wish, for there were great difficulties in the way of helping the outlying districts with instruction.

It was decided to hold next year's meeting at Lifton.—The President thanked the hon. secretary for successfully organising the meeting, and the Rev. R. H. Lucas and Mrs. and Miss Lucas for kindly arranging the tea.—After a vote of thanks to Mr. Kelly for presiding, ringing at the tower was again indulged in until late.

EAST RETFORD RINGERS' OUTING.

On Thursday week, the East Retford Society had their annual outing, when they visited London. Leaving Retford at 11.50 a.m., by Eason's Great Northern express excursion, the city was reached at 2.25 p.m., the party having had an excellent four-course dinner served on the train. A wagonette and pair then conveyed them upon a most enjoyable drive through many of the principal thoroughfares, and visits were made to St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, the only regret being that time did not allow of a longer stay. From Westminster they went on to Buckingham Palace to see the memorial recently erected of the late Queen Victoria, and here they were fortunate enough to have a good view of Queen Mary as she entered the gates of the Palace, and, with the rest of the crowd, they waved their hats in welcome to Her Majesty. Tea was partaken of at Lyons' popular cafe, in Piccadilly, and in the evening the Palladium was visited. The return journey from King's Cross was commenced at 11.50 p.m., a good supper being served on the train, and Retford was reached at 2.40 a.m. The day being beautifully fine, the outing was much enjoyed by all who took part.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, October 1st, morning service, 360 Plain Bob. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Bullock 1. P. R. Hislop 2, G. W. Cooper 3, W. J. Cooper 4, W. J. E. Jones 5, E. O. Lillywhite 6, H. Rumens (conductor) 7, O. L. Twist 8. After evening service, 840 in same method standing as before, P. R. Hislop, conductor.

NOTICES.

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LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Croston, on Saturday, October 21st. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, October 21st. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea in schoolroom at 6 o'clock, 1s. per head, to be followed by business meeting. Bells available from 3.30 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, October 21st. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Duke, in Upper Street, at 5.30.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available from 3.45. Tea will be provided in the Vestry at 5.15 p.m., at 6d. a head. All members and friends cordially invited.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Nominations for a committeeman for the above branch must be sent to the secretary not later than October 27th, 1911. The election will take place at the meeting at Todmorden on October 28th.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.—Bart Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at parish room, 5 o'clock; meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 25th.—J. W. Whiting, District Sec., Fareham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged if members who intend to be present will let me know by Tuesday the 24th. Business meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec., The Parsonage, Shottery.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Saturday, October 28th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea provided for those sending names in not later than 25th inst., first post.—H. T. Knowles, Hon. Sec., Grove Villa, Howsell Road, Malvern Link.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. All

ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available at 4.30. Arrangements will be made for tea.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at S. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, October 28th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. As this is the first meeting since the restoration of the bells it is hoped a large number of members will make it convenient to be present.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Fladbury, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service, with an address, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. Tea will be provided for those who notify me of being present not later than Monday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will take place at Durham on Saturday, October 28th. Committee meeting at 12 noon at the County Hotel. Service in the cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at the County Hotel at 2 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify Charles Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. Canon Hough (Vicar). Tea in the Parish Church Hall at 5.30 p.m., kindly provided by the Vicar, for those who send their names to me not later than Tuesday, October 24th. Business meeting to follow, the Vicar presiding.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Church of St. John the Baptist, 8 bells (tenor 18 cwt.), available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Sec., 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Ringing in the afternoon and evening. Those intending to come should write before Nov. 1st to Rev. B. H. T. Drake, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, October 26th, November 9th; St. Paul's Cathedral, October 31st; St. John's, Hackney, Nov. 7th.—W. T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Aberdare, on Saturday, and was well attended. The bells were set going by the members from Merthyr, who were the first to put in an appearance, everything having been got in readiness by the leader and the local ringers, a forethought which was much appreciated. This is one of the few call change towers in the Diocese, but as hearty a welcome was given to the Association as though it was an affiliated tower.

On the arrival of the Cardiff and Newport contingent, touches of Grandsire and Sedman Triples and Bob Major were rung until five o'clock, when service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. H. Green), assisted by the Rev. K. O. Carter, the latter gentleman also giving an excellent address.

At the conclusion of the service, the Vicar led the way to the Memorial Hall, in Seymour Street, where he had arranged for the business meeting to be held.

After welcoming the members to Aberdare, the Vicar said he regretted not being able to preside at the meeting, as a previous engagement compelled him to leave. Before doing so, however, he invited all present to partake of tea in the adjoining room. The thanks of the members having been accorded the reverend gentleman by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), the Vicar took his leave.

At the conclusion of the tea, the business meeting was held, the Rev. K. O. Carter taking the chair.

Arising out of the minutes, the Hon. Secretary explained that he had carried out his instruction in reference to St. Fagan's Church bells. He read the correspondence with the Earl of Plymouth, who had promised to inquire into the matter as regards the rehanging, and hoped the matter would soon be put right.—Mr. Dawe reported upon the instruction given at Radyr tower, and Mr. Jones on Caerphilly and Llanbradach towers.

The Hon. Secretary made an appeal to the local ringers to become members of the Association, explaining the advantages.—The local men decided to join, and to arrange a meeting between themselves before submitting the names to the hon. secretary.—Members of the Merthyr tower promised to go and help them in change ringing immediately they joined.—A letter was read from Shoreditch, London, appealing for funds for the rehanging of the twelve bells which at present cannot be rung.—The question was deferred until the annual meeting.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close. The tower was again visited, and Sedman Triples rung, and a most enjoyable and pleasant meeting then terminated.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Wimborne branch was held at Sturminster Newton, on Saturday, for the first ringing on the tenor, after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The Vicar and chairman of the branch, the Rev. J. C. M. Mansel Pleydell, the Rev. F. Edwards, and Mr. W. W. Hughes D'Aeth, were unfortunately all away on holiday, and the Master of the Guild, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, had to wire regrets at the last minute. There were present: Major Hughes D'Aeth, the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary), and members from Blandford, Bournemouth (St. Peter's), Hillon, Okeford Fitzpaine, Shillingstone, Sturminster Newton, West Lulworth, and Wimborne. Service was held at 4.30, and tea followed at the White Hart Hotel. Numerous touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, and Kent Treble Bob, the latter conducted by Mr. J. Thomas, were rung during the afternoon and evening. The "go" of the tenor, which is about 21 cwt., is pronounced perfect.

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