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## MODERN WORK.

### THE OCCASIONS OF PEAL RINGING.

Churchmen will, we think, generally agree with the views put forward by the Rev. Bernard Jealous in our last issue upon "the occasions of peal ringing." Ringers make all sorts of events the opportunity for attempting peals, but we do not so frequently see the festivals of the Church made the opportunity of peal ringing, unless, perhaps, by coincidence. The use of the bells in the Church's service ought to be the first consideration. Their primary object is to call to worship, and in olden times in this country, as to-day in other lands, the bells were rung to celebrate the great festivals and to mark the chief events in the Church's calendar. This latter use is now almost dead in this country, but its revival might do something to preserve the right of ringing. None can shut their eyes to the fact that in these days of highly strung nerves there are folks here and there who would like to put an end altogether to the ringing of church bells, but if ever steps were taken to this end it would be infinitely harder for them to suppress that which was an established custom than something for which no precedent could be offered. This is certainly one reason which, from the ringers' point of view, should be worth consideration.

But, apart from this view of the question, which is, perhaps, a personal one, there remains the fact that the ringing of bells upon festivals and their vigils would, if the custom became anything like general, emphasise the part which the bells are intended to play in connection with the Church, and, among the public, would give an added meaning to their use. The ringing need not necessarily be of long duration, for in ringing quite as much as in other things, a spirit of moderation ought to be shown. At the same time it would give opportunities for ringing to which less exception could be taken than to many of the occasions at present seized upon.

It may not be practicable to carry out the suggestion made by Mr. Jealous in all churches or at all times, but his communication certainly furnishes food for thought. As ringers it is, and should be, our first concern to serve the Church, and here is an opportunity by which the bells might be enabled to extend their message as was done in days of old. The fact that the festivals now pass by unobserved so far as the ringing of the bells is concerned is not, of course, all the fault of the ringers. It is a thing for which the clergy are in great part responsible. If the incumbents of our churches were to interest themselves in the matter they would, we feel sure, have no difficulty in interesting the ringers and ensuring their assistance in the revival of a custom which is full of sacred meaning, and which would increase the present uses of church bells.

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## TESTIMONIAL.

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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**TEN BELL PEALS.**

WALTHAMSTOW, N.E.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY FLANDERS ... .. Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... .. 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 3	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 9
HENRY J. MAYNARD ... .. 5	FRED C. MAYNARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5175 CHANGES;**

Tenor 35 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER ... .. 6
*EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 2	*ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 7
*NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... .. 3	ERNEST J. OLIVER ... .. 8
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM BELLAMY ... .. 9
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 5	*PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor

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

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman as conductor. E. C. Gobeys's 50th peal. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss E. Wesley, daughter of the ringer of the treble. The ringer of the 7th is the great-grandson of Mr. James Coppock, who took part in the 10,260 Grandsire Caters rung at this Church in 1778.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT E. CHICHESTER ... Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. 5
FREDERICK KNIGHTS ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 3	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 7
CHARLES E. BORRETT ... .. 4	GEORGE WHITEHAND ... Tenor

Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

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

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs., in F sharp.

WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 3	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and  
Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

This is the first peal on the bells since the addition of two trebles to complete the octave.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	THOMAS BEADLE ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 3	GEORGE SPENCER ... .. 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM WARNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT ETHERINGTON ... Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD ... .. 5
ALFRED MANN ... .. 2	THOMAS TUTT ... .. 6
†WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 3	RICHARD KENDALL ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... .. 4	GEORGE COOK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal with bob bell.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

WILLIAM ORSLER ... .. Treble	JOHN SELF ... .. 5
STANLEY BONNEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 6
E. HOBART SMITH ... .. 3	WILLIAM FLORY ... .. 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by THE REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON, and  
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Supposed to be the first short course peal of Bob Major ever rung.

KIDDERMINSTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ST. MARY'S  
SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 5
GEORGE DAVIES ... .. 2	JOHN WOODBERRY ... .. 6
NOAH DAVIES ... .. 3	JOHN SMITH ... .. 7
ERNEST J. BROOKS ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

The conductor's 250th peal. The first peal by a local band since February, 1901.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT ... .. Treble	JOHN J. PRATT ... .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 6
RICHARD BUCKLAND ... .. 3	EDGAR HANCOX ... .. 7
ROBERT E. STAVERT ... .. 4	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

LONDON.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary, Acton, W.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... Treble	LOUIS ATTWATER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 6
HENRY S. ELLIS ... 3	*ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 7
FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by O. LANG, and  
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\*First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.	
*REGINALD G. STONE ... Treble	GEORGE BULL ... 5
GEORGE ROBINSON ... 2	EDWARD ISAAC STONE ... 6
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ... 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN ... 7
†ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... 4	JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and  
Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

\*First peal of Major. † Fiftieth peal.

MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
At the Church of S. Philip, Hulme,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 5
WALTER BROWN ... 2	RICHARD NEWTON ... 6
WILLIAM HOLBROOK ... 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... 7
ALFRED BARNES ... 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... Tenor

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

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM PALMER ... Treble	JOHN CAPP ... 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 6
ALBERT D. STONE ... 3	WILLIAM C. HART ... 7
CHARLES PALMER ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and  
Conducted by KEITH HART.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRANK KENNINGTON ... Treble	JOHN W. SEAMER ... 5
CHARLES TAYLOR ... 2	CHARLES KENNINGTON ... 6
HAROLD KUSHBY ... 3	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD ... 7
ALONZA W. LONG ... 4	JAMES LAMB ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

\*First peal.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*HENRY C. CHANDLER ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 5
*THOMAS J. BARKER ... 2	CHARLES J. EDWARDS ... 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3	*GEORGE A. GLADMAN ... 7
*CHARLES S. BIRD ... 4	*ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and  
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

SALISBURY, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.	
*SIDNEY MACEY ... Treble	ERNEST PYE ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 6
*JOHN S. RUMMING ... 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First peal in the method.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
HARRY WAKLEY ... Treble	EDWARD I. STONE ... 5
WILLIAM J. SMITH ... 2	*JOHN HOUGH ... 6
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON ... 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN ... 7
HERBERT HURDMAN ... 4	JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs.	
*DANIEL REDHEAD ... Treble	REGINALD LOVEDAY ... 5
FRANK KIRK ... 2	†JAMES NICKERSON ... 6
FREDERICK STUBBS ... 3	WALTER GILBERT ... 7
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 4	FRED WILFORD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and  
Conducted by F. WILFORD.

\*First peal in the method. † First peal on an inside bell.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
JOHN E. ADAMS ... Treble	JOHN BASS ... 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 2	GEORGE PIGOTT ... 6
GEORGE HUGHES ... 3	CHARLES F. WHITE ... 7
REV. E. V. COX ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and  
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.



ROTHERHAM.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

*JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Treble	JAMES COTTERELL ... 5
JOHN THORPE ... 2	GEORGE NAYLOR ... 6
JOSEPH ATKIN ... 3	†CLEMENT GLENN ... 7
SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 4	*R. WILFRED COLLIER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 22 lbs.

*JAMES SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM D. ALLEN ... 5
FREDERICK B. STEDMAN ... 2	WILLIAM ROBERTS ... 6
†CHARLES PALEY ... 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER ... 7
FRANK CHAVE ... 4	†P. C. JOHN COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK B. STEDMAN.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. † First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, the Rev. E. Edwards, for the use of the bells and getting everything in readiness.

## TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Correspondents should bear in mind that reports of peals, meetings, etc., should reach the Editor's Office by first post Tuesday morning to ensure insertion in the following Friday's issue.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

JAMES WARD ... Treble	JOHN MAWBY ... 5
ALFRED EVERITT ... 2	*PEARL INSKIP ... 6
FRED CAUSBY ... 3	ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 7
ANDERSON TYLER ... 4	ARTHUR CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by H. PRICE, and

Conducted by ANDERSON TYLER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. Davidson, who is leaving the parish for Woodford, Northants.

WORTLEY, NR. SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAM THOMAS ... Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 5
DAVID BREARLEY ... 2	FRANCIS WARD ... 6
*GEORGE LEWIS ... 3	*JOHN DRONFIELD ... 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

\* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

SAMUEL PEARCE ... Treble	SAMUEL BAKER ... 5
ARTHUR BAKER ... 2	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ... 6
WALTER GRINSELL ... 3	HORACE BELCHER ... 7
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter Grinsell. A. E. Blundell comes from Wednesbury, J. Goodman from Dudley, H. Belcher from Darlaston. The remainder belong to the local Parish Church.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	GEORGE ROBERTS ... 5
*JOSEPH A. FENTON, Junr. ... 2	THOMAS BLOORE ... 6
ALFRED J. HESSIAN ... 3	JOSEPH B. FENTON ... 7
EDWIN STRINGER ... 4	GEORGE PARSONS ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

\* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged by the Ringing Master (Mr. James George), who, unfortunately, found at the last moment that he could not attend.

FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.  
THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. TROUGHTON ... Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 2	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 3	SEDDLEY J. COLLINS ... 7
LOUIS ATTWATER ... 4	JAMES W. DRIVER ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells since Feb. 3rd, 1883.

EWELL, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES E. READ ... Treble	ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... 5
JOHN HOWES ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. ... 6
Dr. A. B. CARPENTER ... 3	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... 7
THOMAS COLBURN ... 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, and

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

First peal in the method by all the band, by the Association, and in the county.

WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and one Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE H. GALE ... Treble	JOHN WINSOR ... 5
FREDERICK ILEY ... 2	LEWIS MOORE ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
JOSEPH CAPLE ... 4	ARTHUR C. RUMBLE ... Tenor

Conducted by GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

GEORGE BESTER ... .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 5
JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 6
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 3	JOHN E. MILLER ... .. 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... .. 4	ERNEST PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

This is the Conductor's 150th and R. Sanders' 100th peal for the Association.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Being two 720's each of Reverse College Single and Oxford Bob,  
and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lbs.

RICHARD W. PORTER... .. Treble	CHARLES ELSE... .. 4
*CHARLES W. BAINES ... 2	JOSEPH NORTH ... .. 5
*CALEB L. SIMCOCK ... 3	GEORGE SCOTT... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

\* First peal.

TIBENHAM.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Being 720 each of Netherseale Surprise, Sandiacre Pleasure,  
Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single and Double  
Court. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH ... .. Treble	FREDK. MANSER ... .. 4
JOHN SNELLING ... .. 2	GEORGE SNELLING ... .. 5
BERTIE TURNER ... .. 3	FREDK. SEAGER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. MANSER.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court,  
Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs.

PERCIVAL J. STOKES ... .. Treble	*GEORGE SCOTT ... .. 4
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 2	JOHN CRAGG ... .. 5
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;**

*ROBERT H. YOUNG ... .. Treble	GEO. F. WILLIAMS ... .. 4
RICHARD BOLTON ... .. 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. 5
FREDERICK BOLTON ... .. 3	JAMES BLACKMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO F. WILLIAMS.

\*30th peal. First 5040 Treble Bob on the bells.

ASHILL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

ERNEST FISHER ... .. Treble	HERBERT FISHER ... .. 4
HARRY CROOK ... .. 2	EDGAR HUNT ... .. 5
JOHN MURRELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM ADCOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ADCOCK.

This is the first peal on the bells.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob, each  
called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN PEAL ... .. Treble	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... .. 4
ARTHUR DRURY ... .. 2	ARTHUR PALMER ... .. 5
REGINALD SCOTT ... .. 3	JOSEPH LORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Barrowby,  
the Rev. C. C. Nation. First peal on the bells since being rehung by  
J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The "go" is splendid.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Being seven 720's:—i Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure,  
and Kingston Treble Bob; ii Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; iii  
Reverse Hereward, Double and Single Court; iv Plain Bob and  
Double Bob; v Hereward, Double and Single Oxford; vi College  
Single; vii Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON ... Treble	C. WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 4
Rev. H. LAW JAMES ... 2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 5
Rev. C. J. STURTON ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first time that seven true and complete 720's have been  
rung in sixteen methods. Rung for the conductor's birthday.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SURPRISE MINOR, 5760 CHANCES**

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, London  
Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford  
Treble Bob, and College Bob IV. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES CLARKE, JUNR. ... Treble	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY... 4
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 2	WALTER J. HORTON ... 5
EDGAR VALLANCE ... .. 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by the Warwickshire Guild, First  
in eight Treble Bob methods by the Midland Counties Association, by  
all the band and on the bells.

ALLSELEY, COVENTRY.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Bob Minor.  
Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... Treble	WILLIAM T. COX ... 4
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 2	FRANK PERVIN ... 5
JOSEPH H. WHITE ... 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. H. Kettle for their hospitality after the peal.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Canterbury.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

*CHARLES E. WILCOX ... Treble	*CHARLES RIMMER ... 4
*JAMES GRIFFITHS ... 2	WILLIAM WILCOX ... 5
*HAROLD ROGERS ... 3	†SMITH WOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WILCOX.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Rogers.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 9¾ cwt.

EDWIN LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	THOMAS COOPER ... 4
GEORGE POWNALL ... 2	JOHN YATES ... 5
ARNOLD NUTTER ... 3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Tenor

Conducted by JOS. LEATHERBARROW.

First peal by the local band, and second peal on the bells. This peal was attempted on November 3rd, but owing to a shift course near the end of the sixth 720 the attempt was lost.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes  
AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 5—6
MAURICE SMITHER ... 3—4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

C. Willshire's 60th peal on handbells and the conductor's 100th peal of Stedman.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF S. NICOLAS' CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANCES ;**

MAURICE SMITHER ... 1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 7—8
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 9—10	

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

## A SOMERSET TRIP.

The four following peals, rung during five days in Somerset, were arranged by Mr. E. C. Spencer, of Winsham :—

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

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

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	EDGAR E. BURGESS ... 5
THOMAS DOBLE ... 2	*GEORGE H. YENDELL ... 6
*ALFRED J. WYATT ... 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 7
JOSEPH MADDOCK ... 4	EBENEZER PRIDDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

\* First peal in the method.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	WILLIAM D. WHITE ... 5
THOMAS DOBLE ... 2	EDWARD J. WYATT ... 6
FRANK MILLARD ... 3	JOSEPH MADDOCK ... 7
PERCY MERSON ... 4	HENRY BOSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

WINSHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	FRANK MILLARD ... 5
THOMAS DOBLE ... 2	PERCY MERSON ... 6
ERNEST C. SPENCER ... 3	EDWARD J. WYATT ... 7
JOSEPH MADDOCK ... 4	WILLIAM D. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs., in D flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	PERCY MERSON ... 5
ERNEST C. SPENCER ... 2	EDWARD J. WYATT ... 6
JOSEPH MADDOCK ... 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 7
*WILLIAM S. DOBLE ... 4	THOMAS DOBLE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

\* First peal in the method.

[The Rev. H. Law James' "Analysis of a Slow Six" is unavoidably held over until next week.]

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## OUR ILLUSTRATION.

### THE NEW MASTER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The honour of the Mastership of the College Youths for the ensuing year has fallen upon Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, one of the ablest of London's younger ringers, whose enthusiasm for the Ancient Society has been equalled only by the work which he has done in extending the operations of the old St. James' Society, now known as the London County Association. Mr. Taffender, who was elected to the principal office of the College Youths last week, was born on St. James' Day, July 25th, 1877, in the parish of St. Mary, Newington. He first learnt to pull a bell at the end of the year 1892 in the adjacent parish church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, under that able and experienced 12-bell ringer, Mr. Fred Bates, who was at the time the steeplekeeper. He advanced to round ringing at Holy Trinity, Newington, under the instruction of Mr. E. P. O'Meara, but, after a time, little ringing was done at either of these two churches. Mr. Taffender was elected a member of the College Youths on December 2nd, 1893, and rang his first peal, on the tenor, behind, at St.



MR. T. H. TAFFENDER.

John's, Waterloo, on December 14th of that year, the band including that veteran, Mr. C. F. Winney, whose ever watchful eye was on the young ringer, and who at the present day is one of his strongest supporters and staunchest friends. Mr. Taffender afterwards went to St. John's, Waterloo, where he first learnt to ring Grand-sire Triples under the Waterloo Society. He well remembers his first touch inside, with Mr. Fred G. Perrin standing behind him.

Mr. Taffender helped to found the present St. Margaret's, Westminster, Society, in April, 1894. He holds advanced ideas on society and association working, and in the year 1893 was elected hon. secretary to the St. James' Society. His activity soon extended the interest in this old society. He was chiefly instrumental in enlarging its sphere of work, so that under its new title the organisation has now attained to the dignity of a county association. In this work Mr. Taffender received the cordial support and valued assistance of Mr. R. A. Daniell. The increase in the secretarial work, however, forced Mr. Taffender to resign that office, owing to lack of time, but this year he again undertook the position temporarily, while he pushed forward and saw carried into effect the scheme of dividing the Association into districts.

Only a few years ago he had the great honour of being elected a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, on the resignation of that veteran, Mr. W. Cooter. A vacancy seldom occurs in this company, and is much sought after. For many years previously, however, he was a regular substitute there in the place of Mr. J. R. Haworth. At St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, one of the few London churches with a local band, Mr. Taffender, who is the Master, first teaches the young ringers Stedman, and in February last they rang their first local peal—Stedman Triples. It was Carter's odd-bob composition, and it was, we believe, the first time this composition has been rung, conducted from a non-observation, on tower bells in London. The peal was scored at the first attempt. Until recently Mr. Taffender's irregular hours of business prevented him taking part in many peals, and unfortunately he has not kept a complete record. He has, however, conducted more than 50 peals of Stedman Triples, and has taken part in some notable performances.

The first peal he ever attempted to call—Thurstans' one-part—was rung at the first attempt without any other conductors in the band. He was the third person to accomplish the feat of calling that peal from every bell, and he also arranged and took part in the same composition when it was rung unconducted on tower bells at St. George's, Southwark, on October 31st, 1901. He took part in the first Surprise peal in the City of London, Superlative, rung at All Hallows, Great Tower Street, on October 22nd, 1898. He conducted the "Thomas" peal at St. Thomas' Church, Brentwood, on St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, 1901, when eight Thomases rang Thomas Thurstans' one-part peal of Stedman Triples. He also conducted the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by a band of the same Christian name at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on May 14th, 1905. He also took part in the first peal on the bells at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, which was rung for the Coronation of the late King Edward VII. He was in the 11,008 practice peal of Double Norwich at South Wigston on April 4th, 1904, and in the record peal in the same tower, 17,104 on December 27th, 1904, which is still the record length in any method on eight bells. He rang in the 6048 Treble Bob Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on January 23rd, 1909, and this year has taken part in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on January 28th, and on March 22nd achieved the distinction of ringing the tenor at St. Mary, Whitechapel, the second and longest peal of Major on the bells, while a few weeks ago he was in the peal of Treble Twelve at Southwark Cathedral.

He is a member of the London County Association, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Sussex County Association, Yorkshire Association, the Waterloo Society, the St. Margaret's, Westminster, Society, and the St. George-the-Martyr Society, Southwark.

### LITTLE HORSTED BELLS.

The bells of the Parish Church of Little Horsted, Sussex, have been rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, to commemorate the Coronation of King George V, the cost of the work having been defrayed by Mr. Francis Barchard. At the dedication, special psalms and hymns were sung, and, after a few rounds had been rung by the local band, a short address was given by the Rector. Subsequently a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Doubles was rung by W. Pierpoint 1, A. J. Pierpoint 2, A. Cosham, junr., 3, A. Cosham, senr., 4, J. A. Hart (conductor) 5, E. Montgomery (longest length) 6. Afterwards the ringers were kindly entertained to supper by Mr. Barchard, whom the ringers wish to thank for his kind hospitality.

## ODD CHANGES.

### Collected from all Quarters.

There is a point of more than passing interest in the peal of Minor at Surfleet last Saturday. It is the first time that seven true and complete 720's have been rung in 16 methods, and what is more remarkable is that one of the 720's was actually rung in four methods, viz., Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; two others were rung in three methods and two in two methods. The Rev. H. J. James is certainly giving six-bell ringers the lead in what he advocated at the Central Council meeting.

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At the annual meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held on Tuesday week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; treasurer, Mr. A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. T. Faulkner; junior steward, Mr. E. G. Fenn; trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Prime; honorary secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

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November 12th is the birthday of Messrs. Harry Chapman, of Pendleton, and J. Barratt, of Eccles, and the event has been annually celebrated by an attempt for a peal since 1888. This year arrangements were made for a peal at Eccles, but at the last minute it had to be transferred to Pendleton. The band was made up of the two gentlemen whom it was sought to honour and Messrs. J. Ridyard, R. Newton, S. Greenhalgh, G. and J. Turner and W. Holbrook. An attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but the ropes would not stand it, and one came down after 2 hours 10 minutes good ringing.

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It was naturally a disappointment, but the good wishes were just as hearty, and the hope was expressed that the band would meet annually "for the next fifty years," with better luck. It was regretted that the conductor of several of these birthday peals, Mr. R. Ridyard, was ill, and unable to take a rope in the attempt, and his speedy recovery is looked forward to. The band represented Manchester Town Hall, Didsbury, Eccles, Worsley and Pendleton. It is interesting to note that the attempts made since 1888 have resulted in eight peals of Kent Treble Bob, one of Stedman and one of Superlative being rung.

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We are asked to say that any half-pull ringers visiting Torquay will receive a hearty welcome at Cockington. Practice night is Thursday.

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A society of voluntary ringers has been formed for Truro Cathedral, and will be affiliated to the Diocesan Guild. In due time they will aspire to change ringing. Instruction has been commenced without delay, and there is every hope that the ten bells may, after a while, be worthily handled.

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Among those who took part in ringing for Mayor's Day at Wednesbury, Staffs, was Mr. Jos Bates, who, though 81 years of age rang the 7th for a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Caters. Another "youngster" who "took a rope" in a touch was William Smith, who has passed his 70th birthday.

A correspondent sends us some peals in methods new to us. There is "Triples Bod Mazor" and "Bod Mazor." We wonder if he is "pulling our leg."

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John Peal has rung his first peal, *vide* the report from Barrowby.

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Mr. E. M. Atkins writes to point out that the number of changes in the handbell peal at Cambridge published in the last issue was 5120, not 5088 as stated. He adds that the mistake has arisen through a misprint in Snowdon's "Treble Bob," Part II., page 85, and thinks it well to point this out, because, he hears, it is not the first time the mistake has been made.

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What about this for a noteworthy performance: "On Monday, at Brewood, Stafford, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1260 changes) in 35 minutes, being 120 in each of the following methods: Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Clement's, Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, Grandsire, St. Dunstan's, Reverse Plain Bob, Reverse Grandsire, and Grandsire Bob, and a plain course of Stedman. J. Perry (conductor) 1-2-3, T. Perry 4-5-6." Not a "soft job" this.

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A combined practice of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Hurst on Saturday last. Owing to the bad state of the weather only eleven members turned up, representing Binfield, Easthampstead, Sandhurst, Wokingham (All Saints) and Hurst. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was also present. Some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

## STEDMAN THEORY.

MR. PARKER'S REPLY TO MR. JAMES.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I would not have troubled you but for the fact that Mr. James, in your last issue, endeavours to mislead your readers. He would have them believe that I am indebted to him for efforts to hide my alleged mistakes. Certainly I am grateful to him for his good intentions, but he has unconsciously been acting contrary to them, and this leads him to make statements which are incorrect.

He states that instead of saying directly that I was mistaken regarding the internal bobs, he asked me a question. Now, his first letter in reply to me, in your issue of August 25th, is wholly devoted to show me in the wrong, and no question is asked. The question came later, and I said Mr. James could not be serious when he considered an answer necessary to show the existence of bobs, and on this he bases the irresponsible statement that I failed to see the question had anything to do with the matter. But when I said that Erin Doubles is not a new principle, Mr. James got such a shock that he quite forgot his kindly intentions regarding me. After a delay of two or three weeks, due to the loss of his paper, not to the shock, he has said in effect that I am unable to understand the Central Council's definition of a principle. Whether this is so I leave to the judgment of your readers. Mr. James interprets the definition to mean that all regular methods of connecting rows, which have all the bells doing the same work, are necessarily new principles in producing changes. I disagree!

One wonders if it can have occurred to Mr. James that he may be the mistaken party. He assumes infallibility and talks a lot of my mistakes, but is he justified? Let us see! He says the idea that there are three bobs within a slow six is a fallacy. Then this shows that he is not infallible, for, as I have before pointed out, he proved in 1909 that there are three bobs in it. This being so, and assuming that his teaching at that time influenced the thoughts of some members of the Exercise, is it not due to them that he should show where the method he then adopted of deducing course order and the presence of bobs is wrong? Until he can show the flaw in the proof that the bobs are there, it is useless falling back on the "Glossary" and "Rules and Decisions" to show their non-existence. In doing so he is in his turn wasting your space, and being unfair to all of us.

Had you the following in your mind when you inserted the heading, "Rev. H. L. James' problem for the thoughtful":—If there were three bobs in a slow six in 1909, and none in 1911, how many will there be in 1913?

JOSEPH W. PARKER.



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Edw. Smith, Esq.

*to Sir John Lubbock, Bart., President of the Council*



**LITTLE STEDMAN.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have perused the Rev. E. B. James' letter in your issue of Nov. 10th, and I observe the Stedman slow work as pointed out. On examining this slow work, I note the treble is a quick bell in every quick 6, and thus all bells are not doing the quick and slow work in the usual way. I also note two sets of imperial places are made in every section. I, therefore, submit to the author the query: Is this Stedman? Upon further consideration of these "Little" methods, I have arrived at the conclusion that they are but innovations. I, therefore, submit another query to the author, viz.: Are these methods within the meaning of all our rules, regulations, and working custom? HY. DAINS.

P.S.—I fail to find the Stedman in Mr. Pagett's innovation, either bob or otherwise.—H.D.

Mr. Dains sends with his letter the following method:—  
IMPERIAL OR STEDMAN MAJOR.

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BOB.
1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7
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This method is built upon the lengthening lead plan, and plenty of touches are thus obtainable for practise from the Treble Bob scale of course ends. Every lead of it contains four of the Stedman quick sixes. The treble, being a plain hunt bell, is a quick bell in half the number of these sixes, and compositions may be made upon the lines of Treble Bob previously mentioned.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Replying to the Rev. E. Banks James' letter, as to the title of my new method, I take it Mr. James thinks the name more worthy to be adopted for his method. Whilst agreeing that his method contains the full slow work of Stedman, I maintain any name may be given to it, irrespective of what may be most appropriate to the method. I am sorry Mr. James did not publish his method earlier, and thus claim "Little Stedman" as its title. My only course, then, would have been to choose another name for my method, or to adopt Mr. James' suggestion, let those who first ring the method christen it.—Yours truly,  
JAMES PAGETT.  
107, Abbey Street, Derby.

**MR. G. E. WILSON'S 50 PEALS.**

The peal at Prittlewell, Essex, published in our last issue, was Mr. G. E. Wilson's 50th peal. His total is made up of Grandsire Triples 5 (conducted 1), Bob Triples 1, Stedman Triples 10, Bob Major 7, Kent Treble Bob Major 10, Double Norwich Major 6, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Caters 4, Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3.

**CORONATION BELL AT CHEDISTON.***THE KING'S MESSAGE.*

A new treble, cast and hung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, has been added to Chediston Church, Suffolk, as a Coronation memorial, mak-

ing a peal of six. The cost has been defrayed by subscriptions of parishioners, friends, and ringers of the neighbourhood, supplemented by a grant from the funds, in the hands of the Vicar and churchwardens, left by the late Misses Tuck. Over 60 ringers of the Norwich Association assembled for the dedication, which was performed by the Bishop of Norwich in the presence of a large congregation. Ringers were present from Norwich, Beccles, Bungay, Ipswich, Southwold, Halesworth, Wenhamston, Wrentham, Chediston, Wissett, Westhall, Rumburgh, Huntingfield, Bramfield, Wingfield, Kelsale and Saxmundham. After the dedication ceremony the bells were rung by H. Hopson (Beccles), aged 81, treble; F. C. Lambert 2, A. Bowell 3, H. Pratt 4, T. Crane 5, R. Ruth tenor. The Bishop delivered an appropriate address, and read the following letter from Buckingham Palace:

"Dear Sir,—I am commanded to thank you for your letter of the 6th November, giving an account of the bell erected in the tower at Chediston Church in celebration of the Coronation, which is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Norwich on Saturday next. I am further commanded to convey to you and the people of Chediston the expression of their Majesties' thanks for the good wishes contained in your letter.—Yours very faithfully,  
STAMFORDHAM."

After the service the clergy, ringers and other friends were entertained to tea in the schoolroom, and the Bishop expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many ringers present, proving the great interest they took in this branch of church work.—The Rev. Upcher, on behalf of himself and the churchwardens, thanked all who by their subscriptions had made it possible to complete the peal of bells, especially mentioning the liberal donations which had been received from the ringers of the various towers in the neighbourhood.

After tea ringing was resumed, touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire, being brought round on the tower bells, and courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on the handbells. The bells of Halesworth and Wissett were also rung in the evening, and the gathering proved a most happy and enjoyable one to all those present.

**THE WILLIAM V. NEWMAN APPEAL.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The appeal which the Irthlingborough company have been making privately amongst ringers, on behalf of Mr. William V. Newman, has now been closed, with very satisfactory results. Mr. Newman has been suffering from cancer for twelve months, and his many friends will be sorry to hear that he is very ill. On behalf of the Irthlingborough company I have to tender our hearty thanks to all subscribers and those gentlemen who so kindly took charge of lists, to each of whom a receipt has been sent for the amount collected. The total sum handed to Mr. Newman, after deducting the necessary expenses, was £20 19s.—Yours truly,  
W. PERKINS.

The following is the list of subscriptions: Higham Ferrers, per Mr. J. B. Martin, £3 4s. 8d.; London, per Mr. J. D. Matthews, £2 9s. 6d.; London, per Mr. R. Sanders, £1 10s.; Irthlingborough, per Mr. W. German, £1 7s.; Wilby, per Mr. E. Hitchcock, £1 5s.; Sharnbrook, per Mr. A. J. Barcock, 17s.; Earls Barton, per Mr. F. Jones, 15s.; Great Bentley, per Mr. W. J. Nevard, 14s.; Irthlingborough, per Mr. R. Featherstonehaugh, 13s. 3d.; Wellingborough, per Mr. W. Wood, 10s. 6d.; Fowcester, per Mr. F. Hopper, 10s. 6d.; Twywell, per Mr. F. Wilford, 10s.; Bedford, per Mr. C. W. Clarke, 10s.; Northampton, per Mr. R. Howard, 10s.; Finedon, per Mr. A. Smeathers, 10s.; Kettering, per Mr. D. J. Nichols, 8s. 6d.; Ipswich, per Mr. J. Motts, 8s. 6d.; Bolsover, per Mr. J. Flint, 8s.; Northampton, per Mr. F. Wilford, 7s. 6d.; Olney and Emberton, per Mr. T. J. Mynard, 7s. 6d.; Burton Latimer, per Mr. W. B. Meadows, 7s.; Harrold, per Mr. H. Gayton, 7s.; Northampton, per Mr. F. Hopper, 6s. 6d.; Isham, per Mr. E. M. Atkins, 6s. 6d.; Easton Manditt, per Mr. E. Jones, 6s. 6d.; Northampton, per Mr. W. Fairy, 5s. 6d.; Doddington, per Mr. F. Gibson, 5s.; Cranford per Mr. J. Saddington, 3s. 6d.; Northampton, per Mr. J. W. Metttherall, 3s. 6d.; Mr. G. Dent, 5s.; Mr. E. D. Taylor, 5s.; Mr. W. J. Hazell, 5s.; Mr. D. Hayward, 2s. 6d.; total, £21 5s.

**MR. NEWMAN'S THANKS.**

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to express my gratitude to the large number of ringers who have so kindly helped the subscription list promoted on my behalf by the Irthlingborough ringers. I am extremely grateful for the help thus rendered, and wish it were in my power to thank each subscriber individually.—Yours sincerely,  
W. V. NEWMAN.

**MR. A. P. WAKLEY 50 PEALS.**

Doubles in 3 methods, 1. conducted, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 1; Minor in 5 methods, 1. conducted, 1; Minor in 6 methods, 1; Minor in 7 methods, 6. conducted, 2; Grandsire Triples, 1. conducted, 1; Stedman Triples, 21. conducted, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; Duffield Major, 4. conducted, 1; Superlative Surprise, 4; Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cambridge Major, 1; London Surprise, 3; Stedman Caters, 2; total, 50, conducted, 9. Rung in 16 towers and six counties.



## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

## MEETING AT CROYDON.

The quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association was held at West Croydon, on Saturday week, after the interesting visit to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's bell foundry. Over 170 guests were kindly entertained to tea by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and afterwards, on the motion of Mr. Cyril Johnston, seconded by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicars and churchwardens of St. John's and St. Peter's churches for so kindly allowing members and friends the use of the bells.—The Rev. Canon White-Thomson, in replying, offered a cordial welcome to the ringers to Croydon.—The Rev. A. A. Reeve, Vicar of St. Peter's, who was then voted to the chair, said he had received a letter from the Bishop of Croydon regretting his inability to attend the meeting, and sending his greetings to the members.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Cyril Johnston) reported that five peals had been rung since the last meeting. The election of Messrs. Wise and Loven as members was ratified, and Messrs. Harry Taylor (Ashted), F. Canning and R. Gomme (Cheam), and H. C. Chandler (unattached) were elected performing members, while Mr. Goad (Cheam) was elected an honorary member, and Mr. H. G. Rowe, of Cheshunt, a non-resident life member.

The Hon. Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting he would, on behalf of the committee, bring forward a proposition to give effect to the committee's recommendation as to the formation of a South Surrey branch with separate secretary and management, similar to the arrangements prevailing in other ringing societies.

Mr. J. A. Lambert (Mitcham) gave notice that at the next meeting he would move for an alteration in Rule X., so that it shall read, "otherwise peals shall not be recognised as Association peals," instead of "otherwise peals will not be entitled to entry in the peal book of the Association."

Mr. E. L. Miles thanked the members for their response to the appeal on behalf of Mr. Harry Brookes, and asked that any further outstanding amounts might be remitted so that he could close the fund.—Dr. Carpenter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Reeve for presiding, to which the chairman replied.

Hearty cheers were accorded Mr. A. A. Johnston and his family in recognition of the unsparing pains they had taken during the afternoon and at the tea to entertain their many visitors who had apparently thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Croydon.

The remainder of the evening was given up to some capital ringing at the two towers named.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Central Committee was held at the house of the hon. secretary, The Precincts, Canterbury, on Saturday, the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke, Master of Eastbridge Hospital, and Rector of St. Alphege, Canterbury, being in the chair. It was decided to hold the annual meeting on Whitsun Monday, May 27th, 1912, at Westerham. Messrs. P. Hodgkin (Headcorn) and J. Willis (Canterbury) were re-appointed to serve on the committee for three years.—From the Belfry Repairs Fund grants of £5 5s. were made to St. Mary Magdalene's, Gillingham, and St. John's, Deptford; £3 3s. to All Saints', Eastchurch; and £3 3s. to St. Margaret's, Rainham, to be increased to £5 5s. if the scheme to add two trebles to complete the octave be carried out.—An interesting paper was read by Mr. C. H. Drake (Ospringe) on the subject of "Divine Service at District Meetings." The committee decided to recommend, that, where convenient, a short service should be held on the occasion of district meetings, and authorised the chairman and hon. secretary to draw up a "Form of Service" for use on such occasions, "to be approved by the Ordinary." The question of an address at the service was left to be settled locally.—After tea, short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal, and a course of Superlative Major, were rung on the Cathedral bells.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South Eastern district was held at Brentwood, on Saturday, and in spite of the wretched weather, ringers turned up from Gt. Totham, Braintree, Bentley, Boreham, Romford, Widford and Galleyswood. The members attended service at St. Thomas' Church, part of the Association's form for such occasions being added to the usual evening service. The members afterwards partook of tea, and at the subsequent business meeting, Mr. Howard presided, and Mr. Edwards, the Master, and Mr. Cooper, the hon. secretary, were unanimously re-elected to their posts. Springfield was selected for the next meeting place.—The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Newton) for the use of the bells and for the service.—Mr. Howard seconded, and also thanked Mr. Harris for having the bells ready, and urged him to make an effort, together with his fellow ringers, to take up the art of change ringing. If a combination of South Weald, Bentley, Brentwood, and, later on, Shenfield, could be arranged, he could not see

why change ringing should not become popular in the district.—Mr. Harris, replying, assured those present he would do his best to entice his fellow ringers to take up the art, and join with the towers mentioned, so that change ringing might be introduced into his own belfry.

## SHOREDITCH BELLS.

On Saturday last, a concert in aid of the funds to repair the bells of Shoreditch Church was held in the parish room, and was a splendid success. The Royal Cumberland Youths brought a course of Grandsire Caters and a course of Bob Major to a successful issue, and the house was "brought down" by the tune ringing of Messrs. Frank Hall and G. B. Lucas, who had to respond to three encores. Thanks are also due to Messrs. Tom Malkern, Frank Flook, J. P. Stevens, and Misses L. Batten, Rosie Le Roy and N. Barnett, who kindly supplied the vocal part of the programme; also to Mr. Shirley Beckley, who raised roars of laughter with his wit.

The Vicar, from the chair, explained the close connection of the Royal Cumberland Youths with Shoreditch, for it appears that the Cumberlands were practically born in this tower. Tradition says that the London Scholars in 1746 were ringing to welcome the Duke of Cumberland on his entrance into London, after quelling the Jacobite rising. The Duke afterwards presented the badge to the society, and turned its name to that of the Royal Cumberland Youths.—Interesting remarks were also made of the keen controversy that then existed between the Cumberlands and College Youths (as the peal boards, which were on exhibition in the room, showed). Representatives were present from the Cumberland Youths, College Youths, London County and Middlesex Associations, and the Bishopsgate, St. Sepulchre's and other Guilds.

A vote of thanks was moved by the Vicar to the Cumberlands and artists for kindly helping with the programme, and the Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews), in replying, said it was a great pleasure to him and his society to be there. They could promise substantial help to the fund, and it would be a great pleasure to hear these historical bells once again ringing at, he hoped, a not far distant date.

The singing of "God save the King" brought a very successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

The fund is gradually growing, but subscriptions are still earnestly asked for. In a neighbourhood like Shoreditch (where there are only too many poor people) money to any extent is very difficult to raise.

Sums, however small, will be welcomed by H. J. Bradley, Secretary, Parish Church, Shoreditch, or the Vicar, the Rev. E. R. Ford, M.A., The Vicarage, Shoreditch, E.

## DEATH OF THE VICAR OF BOLNEY.

A gloom was cast over the village of Bolney, Sussex, on the morning of Sunday, the 12th inst., when it became known that the Vicar, the Rev. T. Austen Holcroft, had suddenly passed away during the night. The deceased gentleman, who was 63 years of age, had been Vicar of the parish for nearly 15 years. He was a life member of the Sussex County Association, was very fond of the church bells, and a generous supporter of the local band of ringers. He had been troubled with a throat affection during the last few years, which had necessitated his taking a rest on several recent occasions. In August last, while on a holiday in Hampshire, which had apparently done him good, the news came that his only son, aged 21, had died at Seaford, after only two days' illness. From this heavy blow the Vicar never recovered, and although he had resumed his duties at the church for a few weeks previous to his death, he had felt that he could not go on, and had already tendered his resignation of the living.

The funeral took place on Tuesday week, amid sincere manifestations of respect and sympathy from all classes and denominations. The Bishop of Lewes officiated. Numerous floral tributes were placed on the grave, including one from "the ringers." Immediately after the funeral (which was attended by the choir and ringers), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, by the following, in 46 mins.: W. Vincent 1, W. Wheeler 2, J. Newman 3, F. Stoner 4, T. Gasson 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Walder (conductor) 7, W. H. Packham 8.

The bells remained half-muffled until after Sunday, when touches of Grandsire Triples were rung previous to both morning and evening service, in which the following took part, in addition to the above-named: J. King, G. Packham, G. Weller, A. Absalom and G. Walder, junr. The deceased leaves a widow and three daughters to mourn their loss.

## MR. J. C. ADAMS 100 PEALS.

The 100 peals rung by Mr. J. C. Adams, of Bloxwich, are made up as follow: 5 Minor methods, 1: 7 Minor methods, 1: Grandsire Triples, 23 (conducted 10, one non-conducted); Grandsire Major, 2 (conducted 1); Grandsire Caters, 15 (including 11,563); Bob Major, 13 (conducted 4); Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Triples, 20 (one with conductor blindfolded); Stedman Caters, 13; Double Norwich Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge, 1; Bristol, 2; Double Oxford Bob Royal, 1; total, 100, conducted 15.

**WINCHESTER GUILD.**

The annual district meeting of the Basingstoke District took place at Basingstoke, on Saturday, at the Church Cottage, kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar, who is also the president of the district. The weather was unfavourable, but 34 members turned up, including the President, and representatives from the towers of Basingstoke, Bramley, Deane, Heckfield, Sherfield, Overton, Oakley, Rotherwick, Whitechurch and Woolton Hill, and a visitor from North Stoneham. The ringers attended service in the church, and afterwards partook of an excellent knife and fork tea. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. Dr. Boustead was unanimously re-elected president; and the Rev. F. G. Hume, hon. secretary and treasurer; Miss Alice White, representative on the Central Committee; and Mr. H. White, auditor. The absence of Mr. White, through illness, was a source of unfeigned regret to all. His interest and knowledge make him indispensable to the meetings; and, without his ability as conductor, ringers are quite at sea in the belfry. Everyone secretly or openly hoped that this, as it was the first, so it would be the last time that the district would hold an annual meeting, at any rate, without their "Ringing General."—Three new members were elected. Touches were rung or attempted in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles; Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples, both tower bells and handbells being used.—The next (quarterly) meeting was fixed for Thursday, January 11th, at Whitechurch, when the accounts will be submitted, in readiness for the annual Diocesan meeting, and promise to show a substantial credit balance.

**BELFRY ETIQUETTE.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—On opening my "Ringing World" this week, I was interested to see the defence of the Alfriston ringers to the paragraph which appeared in your paper of the 6th October last, and your comments thereon. Some time ago my brother and I were in the neighbourhood of Manchester, when we met with an experience similar to that of the visitors to Alfriston, and can, therefore, quite understand their annoyance. Being competent ringers on 8 and 10 bells in about a dozen methods, we thought we would like to visit a belfry in the neighbourhood and have a pull with the local ringers. We, therefore, got an early tea and hurried off to the church—a mile or so from where we were staying—and waited for the arrival of the ringers. We were asked by one of them what methods we rung and what we would have, and were invited to take a rope, but, to our great surprise and annoyance, on the arrival of the conductor, we were more or less politely told by him they were going to ring a method which we did not then understand, and were informed that if we wanted to ring we must come again. Naturally, of course, this "generous" offer was declined. Your opinion, I see, coincides with mine that this treatment of visitors was a gross breach of belfry etiquette.—Yours, etc.,  
OBSERVER.

**WEIGHTS OF TENORS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I notice in the account of a peal of Grandsire at Bradford-on-Avon, on November 11th, the tenor is given as 33 cwt. Her exact weight is 30 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. If she were 33 cwt. she would be the heaviest bell in the county, whereas Westbury, which is 31 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs., is the heaviest.

When at Taunton a few days ago, Mr. Doble showed me Mears' list, which states the tenor at St. Nicolas', Bristol, was cast in 1804, and that her weight is 33 cwt., not 36 cwt., as is generally supposed.—Yours truly,  
W. W. GIFFORD.  
Salisbury.

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**THE BELLS OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON.****AN APPEAL.**

It was found necessary, some months back, to cease ringing the bells of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on account of the great movement of the frame, which, naturally, endangered the fabric of the tower. It has now been decided to have the frame strengthened with wrought steel angles and bolts in the joints, and the whole eight bells rehung in new fittings. It is also proposed, owing to the numerous complaints hitherto received, to take some step to prevent the sound crashing down upon the immediate neighbourhood, and thus allow more peal attempts to be made than has previously been possible. The device used, however, depends upon the money available, and an appeal is made to ringers generally for contributions towards the restoration fund. An appeal is also being made to the parishioners, but, unfortunately, there is coupled with this an appeal for £600 to repair the organ, and this will, of course, make it a much harder matter to get the money for the bells than would otherwise have been the case. Contributions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to the Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Dawson, St. Matthew's Vicarage, Upper Clapton, N.E., who is taking a great interest in getting the bells put into ringing order. The work will be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

**DEATH OF A THORNBURY RINGER.**

The death has taken place, at the residence of his father, Mr. Frank K. Howell, Moreton, Thornbury, Gloucestershire, of Mr. Henry Evans Howell, a promising member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The deceased, who was a victim of that dreaded disease, phthisis, was ill for only a few weeks. He was 22 years of age.

The interment took place in the Thornbury Cemetery, amid many expressions of sincere sorrow and deep respect. The service was impressively conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Cornwall, M.A.), and, in addition to the family mourners, there were also present ringing representatives from the towers of Thornbury, Wotton-under-Edge, Stone, and Berkeley. The floral tributes were many, and the appropriate inscriptions showed how deeply this young man had endeared himself to all he had been associated with.

The deceased, who was an only son, was a very promising young man, his future being assured, as he had become an almost indispensable asset in the carrying on of his father's business. As a ringer he was an esteemed and valued member of the Thornbury Parish Church Guild of Ringers, and had shown his interest by having mastered the ground work of change ringing and made himself proficient in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, while he often visited Bristol to take part in touches on the higher number of bells, but he had not been successful in ringing a peal. His brother ringers of Thornbury contributed a handsome floral device, representing a bell, and they also rang muffled peals on the Parish Church bells after the funeral service.—R.I.P.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—I see that the Leeds and District Society are to ring a peal at their next meeting. Would it not be better for the others who are members if the idea was let go by so that some of the rest could get to practice. Every month it is the same, "peal attempt at 2.30," and nobody else can get a chance. There is grumbling enough at the meetings; it is time somebody took it up. E.B.B.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, October 22nd, at St. John's Church, Deritend, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 46 mins., to celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the 5th: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, E. Large 3, J. T. Perry (conductor) 4, J. Porter 5, W. Webb 6, J. T. Collett 7, W. E. Ellis 8.

**WILLENHALL.**—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Hortin 1, H. Ward 2, C. Beech 3, T. Day 4, L. Williams 5, R. Baker (first as conductor), G. C. Wollater 7, J. Adams 8. L. Williams' first quarter-peal away from the tenor.

**LIMPSFIELD CHART. SURREY.**—On Sunday, October 22nd, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (from Thackrah's work): W. Collins 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, P. Tidy 3, S. Heath 4, E. Hoad 5, L. Tidy 6. On handbells, on Wednesday, October 18th, two 720's of Bob Minor (16 bobs, two singles and 22 singles) respectively: E. Hoad 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, A. A. Jarrett 5—6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob.

**MINCHINHAMPTON.**—Gloucester and Bristol Association.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Harris 1, E. Jeffries 2, G. Packer (conductor) 3, F. Ponting 4, J. Roberts (first 720 in the method) 5, H. Cleverly 6.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—The Lancashire Association.—On October 22nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Burrows 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. H. Dennison 3, T. Stuart (conductor) 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, W. S. Forshaw 6. Also for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure: J. Huddleston 1, J. T. Thompson 2, T. Medcalfe 3, T. Stuart (conductor) 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows 6.

**LEICESTER.**—On Sunday, October 22nd, at St. Martin's Church, 252 Stedman Triples, and in the evening seven courses of Stedman Caters: G. Cleal 1, A. Pottitt 2, L. Allen 3, C. H. Fowler 4, T. L. Allen 5, J. Buttery 6, S. Cotton 7, F. H. Dexter 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10. Also two courses of Stedman Triples, with G. Pilmore.

**BATH.**—The Bath and Wells Association. — On Sunday, October 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 45 mins.: A. E. Seers (composer) 1, \*R. E. Waterson (Norwich) 2, \*A. E. Alexander 3, \*F. Hogsflesh 4, J. Odey 5, H. E. Lewis 6, R. J. Cousins (first in the method as conductor) 7, C. Densley 8. \*First quarter in the method.

**CANNING TOWN.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, October 22nd, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: J. Waits 1, G. L. Joyce (first away from treble) 2, A. Playle 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6.

**PENARTH.**—The Llandaff Diocesan Association. — At St. Augustine's Church, on Sunday, October 22nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: C. O. Hobbs 1, D. Thomas (conductor) 2, W. B. Biss 3, S. Cox 4, F. Bartlett 5, S. Dawe 6. Also 720 Plain Bob: C. O. Hobbs 1, D. Thomas (conductor) 2, W. B. Biss 3, T. Cox 4, A. J. H. Boyton 5, S. Dawe 6.

**MARSHFIELD, MON.**—On Monday, October 23rd, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples: T. Pembroke 1, J. W. Jones 2, H. Pitman 3, H. Edwards 4, L. Brown (conductor) 5, W. Edwards 6, W. Waters 7, G. Williams 8. Longest length in the method for all except the ringer of the 2nd.

**LUDLOW, SALOP.**—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Monday, October 23rd, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. D. Acton (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Humphries 2, F. S. Wilson 3, W. Short 4, W. Peachy 5, G. Acton 6, W. R. Nash (conductor) 7, A. Nasen 8.

**NEW CROSS, LONDON, S.E.**—The Kent County Association.—On Tuesday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, on handbells (1259 changes): Miss E. L. Bennett 1—2, W. Shepherd (conductor) 3—4, F. Bennett 5—6, F. G. Woodiss 7—8, F. J. Hairs 9—10. First quarter-peal of Caters in hand by all except the conductor, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Bennett, who is the first lady to score a quarter-peal of Caters on a pair of changing bells.

**SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.** — On Tuesday, October 24th, 1008 Double Norwich Major: J. Aldis, senr. 1, J. F. Wilson 2, R. Baldry 3, F. Whitham 4, J. Aldis, junr., 5, A. Funnell 6, G. Poyntz 7, W. Steele (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor.

**WHITCHURCH.** — At St. Mary's Church, on October 24th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: T. Middleton (first 720) 1, D. Thomas (conductor) 2, W. Biss 3, Joe Bailey 4, F. Chamberlain 5, S. Dawe 6.—720 Kent Treble Bob: S. Dawe 1, D. Thomas (conductor) 2, W. Biss 3, J. Bailey 4, T. Cox 5, F. Chamberlain 6. Also 360 Plain Bob, L. Wright taking part.

**RAINFORD.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild. — On Thursday, October 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): R. Woods 1, H. Hesketh 2, J. Schofield 3, T. Ellard 4, R. Smith 5, S. Cadwallender 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, R. Hall 8.

**ST. KEA, TRURO.**—On October 26th, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: E. Ham 1, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 2, W. Davey 3, P. A. Harfoot 4, E. C. Freund 5, H. C. Harris 6, J. Thomas 7, C. E. Gallehawk 8.

**BATH.**—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, October 28th, at St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: R. E. Waterson 1, R. C. Cousins 2, C. Densley 3, A. E. Alexander (conductor) 4, J. H. Odey 5, H. E. Lewis 6, A. E. Seers 7, E. J. Alexander 8.

**WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.**—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Thursday, Nov. 9th, at the Parish Church, in honour of the Mayoralty of Alderman A. E. Pritchard, the following quarter-peals and touches were rung: 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: T. Burkitt 1, Tom Hughes 2, Wm. Fisher 3, W. E. Brittan 4, A. E. Blundell 5, H. Belcher 6, Jos. Bates 7, Geo. Hughes 8, Ben Gough 9, T. Myatt 10. Great credit is due to Mr. Jos. Bates, who is 81 years of age, for the way he rang the 7th through this quarter-peal. 1260 Erin Triples, in 45 mins.; 1360 Bob Major, in 55 mins.; 210 Court Bob Triples, in which W. Smith (70 years of age) rang the treble; and 420 Stedman Triples. The ringing was conducted by Mr. Geo. Hughes. Messrs. Fisher and Gough belong to Coseley; Messrs. Belcher and Smith to Darlaston, and the remainder to the Parish Church.—On Sunday, Nov. 12th (Mayor's Sunday), for morning services, touches of Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples, were rung.

**NUTFIELD, SURREY.**—On November 11th, 720 College Exercise: S. Killick 1, W. Cheeseman 2, F. Bashford 3, T. Leeson 4, E. Snelling 5, W. Bashford (conductor) 6. Rang with the bells muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Walter Hawkins, who was for many years a ringer and chorister at the above church.

## NOTICES.

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**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James's Society, established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burlington-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Horninglow on Saturday, November 25th, next. Bells ready at three o'clock. Business meeting at 5 p.m.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Central Division.—Next meeting to be held at Aldrington, November 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock; tea at the Railway Hotel at 5.30.—Robert J. Dawe, Divisional Honorary Secretary, "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Duffield on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—Bart Mitchell, Honorary Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—District meeting at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on December 2nd, at 4 p.m. Meeting for practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, November 28th.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wem, on Saturday, December 2nd, 1911. Ringing at the Parish Church at 2.45 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT S GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, December 2nd. Tea (6d. each to members) will be provided in St. Peter's Parish Room at 5.30 p.m. for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.** — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, at Barnsley, Church of St. Mary, 8 bells (tenor about 14 cwt.) available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. — J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary.



**THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.**—The next meeting will take place at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held immediately afterwards in the vestry. —Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on December 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Newington, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, Dec. 9th, 1911. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck on December 9th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Leonard Bullock has removed from Burton-on-Trent to 7, Albion Street, Newark-on-Trent.

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