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It is good that we should keep green the memories of the brightest lights of our Art when they have passed to "the great beyond." It is well that opportunity should be taken from time to time to recall to the younger generation something of the greatness of the men who, in the past, laid the foundations, broad and deep, upon which the great superstructure of our Exercise has since been reared. One of these men was Henry Johnson, who, among not a few brilliant contemporaries, like Henry Halev and John Cox, had no superior in the realm of composition, which he made peculiarly his own. He had many qualities which endeared him to his friends, not the least of which was his warm-hearted geniality. He was, as he has been described, "a fine old English gentleman," and his memory is cherished by all who were fortunate enough to enjoy his friendship.

Birmingham every year commemorates the life of Henry Johnson, who played a great part in the history of the St. Martin's Guild, and the annual event, in which ringers from all parts of the country delight to join, took place last Saturday. Never was there a more enjoyable gathering of its kind, and nothing was wanting to make it a success. The speeches were interesting, and one or two points were raised which are worthy of more than passing notice, and upon which ringers may well reflect. One matter was that of consideration of the feelings of those who live round the churches. Both the chairman (Mr. F. E. Dawe) and Mr. J. S. Prichett referred to the subject, and urged moderation in ringing in crowded centres, the former remarking that this was necessary to safeguard the interests of ringers themselves. The advice is wise, and we believe that ringers realise that there is need for moderation where a noisy belfry is situated in a populous or business area. Nothing should be done to jeopardise the privilege of using a tower.

Another matter concerning which a practical suggestion was made by Mr. W. H. Godden, was that of enabling ringers to ring with other associations than their own by the payment of a small fee, which would give them affiliation for this purpose to all the societies, in something the same way as is in vogue in connection with social clubs. Mr. Godden's idea is that this would save the pockets of men, who can sometimes ill afford to pay the subscription to an association, without interfering with the intercourse of the members. Whether, as he thinks, it would not seriously affect the finances of the ringing organisations is a matter which would have to be looked very closely into before such a scheme could be generally adopted, but the subject is one which the Central Council might thrash out when looking round for some practical subject of debate.

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

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

JOSEPH J. PRATT... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 7
GEORGE SPENCER ... 3	*ARTHUR HARDING ... 8
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 4	HARRY FLANDERS ... 9
RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 5	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters with a bob bell.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL Treble	*ARTHUR GILL 6
*PERCY J. JOHNSON 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
SAM THOMAS 3	*JOHN MCKELL 8
WILLIAM BURGAR 4	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ... 9
WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... 5	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to
W. Burgar.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*WILLIAM ESSERY Treble	FRANK A. SMITH 6
†GEORGE WATKINS 2	*ALBERT E. REEVE 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 3	ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN ... 8
HAROLD BURTON 4	HARRY MANCE 9
WILLIAM J. DEAN 5	*WILLIAM A. BROOKS ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and
Conducted by H. MANCE.* First peal on ten bells. † First peal away from treble on ten
bells.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	SAMUEL WESLEY 6
GEORGE DAVIES 2	JOHN C. DICKEN 7
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... 3	HENRY R. COBBIN 8
FRANK JACOBS 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 9
*FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 5	THOMAS W. GORE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Arthur Knights' 300th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN SIDDALL, Junr. ... Treble	†JAMES L. WRIGHT 5
FRED TRAVIS 2	†EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
†THOMAS WHITE 4	*GEORGE COOK Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

UTTOXETER.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

H. WILLISFORD Treble	E. ROBERTS 5
J. RICHARDSON 2	*W. LUNN 6
†S. J. KYNERSLEY 3	C. SMITH 7
A. P. COPE 4	E. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by S. J. KYNERSLEY.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell, and first as conductor.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*JAMES A. TOWNLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM E. LYNCH ... 5
*EDWARD W. LUTMAN ... 2	ROBERT S. F. MURPHY ... 6
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
RICHARD LYNCH 4	CHRISTOPHER MURRAY... Tenor

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN, and
Conducted by G. LINDOFF.* First peal. The composition is now rung for the first time and
the figures will appear in due course.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

†ERNEST TIGWELL ... Treble	CHARLES PAGE 5
JOHN FARRELL 2	JOHN MORLEY 6
HARRY ROBERTS 3	WILLIAM FITCHFORD ... 7
CHARLES BISHOP 4	*ALFRED BOWERS Tenor

Conducted by C. BISHOP.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. C. Bishop's first peal as
conductor, and rung on the 16th anniversary of his wedding day. It
was also a birthday peal for H. Roberts. Quickest peal on the bells.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs.

H. NEWMAN Treble	T. CLISSOLD 5
H. HOWE 2	W. AVERY 6
G. HOPKINS 3	W. SMITH 7
H. JEANS 4	M. JORDON Tenor

Conducted by T. CLISSOLD.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	EDGAR PEMBERTON 5
WILLIAM MOTTS... .. 2	JOHN C. J. HAGGAR... .. 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 7
WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM 4	FREDERICK DAY... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

William C. Gillingham, who was formerly a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, has recently returned to his native town after an absence of five years in Winnipeg, Canada, whither he hopes to return with his prospective bride. Frederick Day hails from Eye, Suffolk.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION QUARTERLY PEAL.)

On Monday, February 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE Treble	EDWARD W. BRAY 5
HENRY T. VERNON 2	JOSEPH SHARP 6
ARTHUR R. GOWER 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
GEORGE PENFOLD 4	CHARLES LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

The band wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. W. C. Streatfeild, M.A., R.D.) for the use of the bells.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT HUMPHREY Treble	ISAAC EMERY 5
ALFRED JAMES 2	*ARTHUR BYGRAVE 6
GEORGE DURLING 3	†SPENCER MARSHALL... .. 7
*FREDERICK SEAR 4	GEORGE HUXLEY Tenor

Conducted by SPENCER MARSHALL.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by a local band for 62 years.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN Treble	HARRY WRIGHT 5
*CHARLES PIDGEON 2	DENISON HAYWARD... .. 6
*CHARLES HARDING 3	FREDERICK PESTELL ... 7
EDWIN R. TODD 4	WILLIAM J. LEE Tenor

Composer unknown.

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.

* First peal with a bob bell.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD GOODSSELL Treble	JAMES BIRDFIELD 5
STEPHEN STONE 2	PERCY H. DOICK 6
*WILLIAM H. HOLMAN ... 3	WILLIAM STANFORD... .. 7
ALFRED GREENFIELD ... 4	HARRY J. DOICK Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(SAFFRON WALDEN COMPANY.)

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

FREDERICK PITSTOW... .. Treble	*ROBERT STRONG 5
*GEORGE SPARROW 2	JOHN F. PENNING 6
NATHAN J. PITSTOW ... 3	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... 7
ERNEST A. PITSTOW ... 4	ARTHUR JAMES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

* First peal in the method. The peal was rung in honour of Lord Howard de Walden's marriage with Miss Van Raalte.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WALTER WATTS... .. Treble	GEORGE TIPPETT 5
ERNEST GOLDSTONE 2	JAMES NISBET 6
FRANK W. MAY... .. 3	MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM 7
MISS MARY JUKES 4	WILLIAM GILLINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM.

* First peal. First peal of Major by all the band, and the first peal of Major rung on the bells by a local band.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER Treble	HARRY PRICE 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	ALBERT PRESTIDGE 6
HARRY HILL 3	ALFRED DAVIES 7
WALTER PRESTIDGE 4	RICHARD ROUND Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county of Worcester, and by the above Association. All the ringers are members of the Netherton Company, and this is the first time a peal in this method has been rung by a local band.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. H. ASH Treble	WILLIAM POWELL 5
*FRANK R. CUNDALE 2	JOSHUA WOODHEAD 6
*GEORGE A. JOWETT... .. 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7
*RICHARD H. HOWLAND ... 4	FRANCIS WOODHEAD... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed by the late Rev. H. E. BULWER, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANCIS SMITH ... ..	... Treble	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ...	5
GEORGE E. TURNER	2	ALFRED POTTER	6
ROBERT WALLWORK	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JOHN WELSBY	4	RICHARD NEWTON	Tenor

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

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Richard Ridyard, who was buried the same day.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles in the Fields,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BERRY ... ..	... Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
ALFRED W. GAIMES	2	*HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ...	6
FRANK I. HAIRS	3	ALFRED PYE	7
ISAAC EMERY	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	Tenor

Composed by JAMES PARKER, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Surprise with a bob bell.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS H. COLBURN ... ..	... Treble	SYDNEY R. ROPER	5
WALTER S. WISE	2	WILLIAM GROVES	6
DAVID WRIGHT	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	4	JOHN S. DANIELS	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and Mr. Edwin Horrex, of London.

PENDLETON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs.

GEORGE E. TURNER ... ..	... Treble	WILFRID J. MOSS	5
*HARRY WILSON	2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER	6
JOSEPH LOWE	3	JOHN T. BOTTRELL	7
JOSEPH RIDYARD	4	HARRY CHAPMAN	Tenor

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

* First peal on eight bells. Rung, with bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Richard Ridyard, of Worsley.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HERBERT SMITH ... ..	... Treble	ARTHUR K. GOWER	5
JOSEPH SHARP	2	ERNEST GOWER	6
GEORGE H. HOWSE	3	GEORGE PENFOLD	7
EDWARD W. BRAY	4	*FREDERICK G. WAYMARK	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibbs, and of Mr. Gibbs' 33 years' churchwardenship at Christ Church. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs for their hospitality after the peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES NUNN ... ..	... Treble	ALPHAËUS BERRY	4
EDWARD YOUNGS	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Major-General the Hon. Arthur Henniker-Major, whose remains were interred in the churchyard during the afternoon.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Tulip, College Exercise, Cumberland Exercise and College Pleasure.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

DAVID BARNES ... ..	... Treble	REUBEN W. ETHERINGTON	4
DAVID BRIGGS	2	JAMES WILLIAM RATCLIFFE	5
JAMES SMITH LOMAS	3	JOHN HENRY BARNES ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BARNES.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE DYKES ... ..	... Treble	HARVEY BOWCOCK	4
JOHN SEMPER	2	CHARLES SEMPER	5
EDWARD R. SEMPER	3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal. First peal in seven Plain Methods by the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment and farewell peal to H. Bowcock, who is shortly leaving the neighbourhood. This was the conductor's 50th peal.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE ... ..	... Treble	HERBERT PRATT	4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT	2	THOMAS CRANE	5
JOHN O'NEILL	3	CHARLES MOSS	Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung, with the bells fully muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. T. C. Read, for 50 years churchwarden of Chediston Church, who was interred on that day.

QUEENBOROUGH, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
ALBERT J. DAY 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This was the conductor's 150th peal.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*TOM SHAW Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
DAVID BREARLEY 2	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
†JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 3	GEORGE HILL Tenor

Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Mr. Tom Shaw was elected a member previous to starting. It is 43 years since the last peal was rung on these bells.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 6 Six-scores each of St. Simon and Old Doubles, and 10 Six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH MURREY Treble	HENRY BELLAMY 4
JOHN W. WRIGHT 2	WILLIAM H. DYKE 5
WALTER E. CLARKE ... 3	THOMAS W. GOLLING ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DYKE.

This peal was arranged as a farewell to Mr. W. E. Clarke who is leaving the village to reside at Syston, near Leicester. The ringers of 5th and tenor are the two churchwardens.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's in ten methods: (i) Double Court and Single Court, (ii) Double and Single Oxford Bob, (iii) Double and Single Bob, (iv) College Single, (v) Cambridge Surprise, (vi) Kent Treble Bob, (vii) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH LORD Treble	JOHN W. LAKE 4
*REGINALD SCOTT 2	JAMES OSBORN 5
ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in ten methods. First peal in ten methods as conductor. The above peal was rung on St. Matthias' Day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Single Oxford Bob, College Single, two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.

JOHN W. LAKE 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4
JAMES OSBORN 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witness: MRS. J. OSBORN.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. PERRY, "THE LOWLANDS," HILL TOP,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

In the following ten methods: Four six-scores each of Reverse Bob, Grandsire Bob, Reverse Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Clement's, Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles and Grandsire and six of St. Dunstan's.

JOHN PERRY 1-2-3
THOMAS PERRY 4-5-6

Umpire: R. PICKERING.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

FRANK I. HAIRS 1-2	MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	FRANK BENNETT 7-8

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Umpire: F. G. WOODISS.

Miss Bennett's first peal with a pair of bob bells. She is the first lady to ring two pairs of bells in any method, also the first lady to ring 5-6 to a peal of Grandsire.

By an error the peal at Bodmin, recorded last week, was given as Stedman Triples. It should have been Grandsire Triples.

LATE PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, February 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 7
PERCY O'LAFLIN 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	JOHN NEAL 9
FREDERICK DICKENS ... 4	FRANCIS E. DAWE 10
ALF PADDON SMITH 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
CHARLES DICKENS 6	HARRY DICKENS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

WINDSOR.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Smith 1, R. Flaxman 2, W. Welling 3, W. Henley 4, L. Stilwell (conductor) 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, A. R. Macdonald 7, A. Pither 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Fife. This was the first touch on the bells since being overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank the "go" of them now being excellent.

PRESENTATIONS TO RINGERS. OFF TO TORONTO.

The members of the Parish Church Society, Nuneaton, have presented Mr. Herbert Cure with an enlarged framed photo, suitably engraved, of the band, as a memento and an expression of their goodwill on his leaving the town to seek the smiles of Dame Fortune at Toronto.

Mr. T. W. Chapman, in making the presentation, expressed the regret of the Society at losing Mr. Cure, who had made good progress in the art of change ringing, was very reliable in a peal, and above all, was very regular in his attendance for ringing for the church services. His place would be difficult to fill, but he hoped Mr. Cure would succeed in his new sphere of life, and that they might all be spared to meet again at some future date.—Mr. H. Reader (Chilvers Coton) proposed Mr. Cure's health, and wished him every prosperity.—Mr. H. Argyle, having supplemented what had been said, Mr. Cure's health was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. Cure, in reply, thanked the company for their kindness and good wishes. He had, he said, spent many happy hours with them, and his thoughts would often be of them on Sunday morning. He hoped he might have the pleasure of meeting them again.—The rest of the evening was then spent in a social manner, several taking part in handbell ringing, while Messrs. Chapman and Martin contributed vocally, Miss Martin proving an efficient accompanist.

INSTRUCTOR'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

The members of the St. Martin's Guild, Caerphilly, have made a presentation to Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, as an expression of their esteem and gratitude for his services as instructor to the band. The gift took the form of a silver coffee pot and milk jug. The Rector (the Rev. Conop L. Price), who was supported by the churchwardens (Mr. W. M. Savours and Dr. K. Mackenzie) made the presentation, and thanked Mr. Jones for the pains he had taken to bring the ringers to the present standard.—Mr. Jones, in acknowledging the gift, expressed his thanks for the manner in which the Rector, churchwardens and ringers had shown their appreciation of what he had done. He assured them it was a labour of love, and he was quite proud of the Caerphilly ringers, who had made excellent progress, and promised to become a really first-class band.—During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. Brooks, Tucker and Rex, who also presided at the piano, and light refreshments were served.

PRESENTATION TO A CURATE.

The Rev. B. H. Field, who has been for ten and a half years assistant curate at Goldhanger, Essex, and who has taken great interest in the ringers, has, to the regret of the local company, left the parish for Tansor, near Oundle. Mr. Field had taken up the Art during the last two years, and made good progress. Before leaving Goldhanger, a gift was made to him by the parishioners. On the occasion of the presentation, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung at St. Peter's Church by H. Lewis 1, Rev. B. H. D. Field 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, J. Owers 4, G. H. Neville 5, A. Appleton 6. Afterwards, 720 College Exercise was rung by J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 1, G. H. Neville 2, C. Mann 3, F. White 4, J. Owers 5, A. Appleton 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. MANCHESTER BRANCH AT ASHTON.

On Saturday last the usual monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, where the bells have been recently rehung by Messrs. Warner. Members were present from Ashton, Oldham, Reddish, Pendleton, Stockport, Glodwick, and Huddersfield.—The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pughe-Morgan, M.A.) presided at the meeting, and gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors. He spoke of the duty and office of ringers, urging each one to do credit to his church and fellow members. He expressed pleasure at having been able with the help of the parishioners to place the bells once more in a ringable condition, and hoped the ringers would advance in the intricate art of change ringing.—Expressions of sympathy were passed at the loss of a very respected member of the Association, in the person of Mr. Richard Ridyard, of Worsley, and the secretary was instructed to convey the same to the family.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and wardens and local ringers for use of bells.—During the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major were rung.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Swindon Branch took place at Highworth last Saturday, and was attended by ringers from Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon and Wroughton. The company met at St. Michael's Church in the afternoon, and the bells were rung at intervals until five o'clock, when an adjournment was made to Mr. W. T. Avery's Refreshment Rooms, where an excellent tea was provided.—A business meeting followed, at which Mr. Ernest Bishop (Branch President) presided, supported by Mr. R. W. Hyner, hon. secretary. The following gentlemen were elected honorary members: Lieut.-Col. Sir Audley D. Neeld, Bart., C.B., M.V.O., Mr. J. I. Storrar, and the Rev. C. N. Wyld.—Five new ringing members were also elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Corsham in March.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Highworth (the Rev. J. F. D. Stephens) for his kindness in granting permission to ring the bells.—During the evening the belfry was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

NEW BELLS FOR TOWEDNACK. A CORNISH VILLAGE EFFORT.

Two new bells, to make a peal of six, have been added to the tower of Towednack, near St. Ives, Cornwall, and have been dedicated by the Bishop of St. Germans. For many years prior to November, 1905, the belfry contained three cracked bells, and for more than half a century these bells were not rung. Since Towednack has been made a separate ecclesiastical parish the Vicar (the Rev. W. Whitley) has effected several desirable improvements in the parish church, and in 1905 the Vicar, with his wardens, turned their attention to the bells, the result being that the old bells were recast and a fourth added. At the same time provision was made for two additional bells. This work was entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, London, who supplied an independent cast-iron frame, and the bells were hung upon entirely new fittings. A few months ago Mr. Hugh Dunstan (churchwarden) suggested that it was time they should complete the peal, and in a surprisingly short space of time enough money was collected to warrant the work being proceeded with, and Messrs. Warner have completed their task in a highly satisfactory manner.

The village was en fete for the dedication, and a large congregation attended the service. The Bishop preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from the text, "Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man" (Proverbs viii., 4).

Ringers attended from Penzance, Madron, Gulval, Lelant and Ludgvan, and the bells were rung under the direction of Dr. Symonds, of Penzance.

An excellent and well attended tea was held in the schoolroom, where the Vicar took the opportunity to thank the Bishop, Dr. Symonds, and the ringers for their attendance. The Vicar also eulogised his churchwarden (Mr. Dunstan) for the great interest he had taken in the matter—to him the credit was due for the additional bells.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

- Treble, Te Deum Laudamus, 1912.
- 2nd, Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Omnipotens, 1912.
- 3rd, W. Whitley, Vicar, H. Dunstan, W. J. Hollow, churchwardens, 1905.
- 4th, Anno Domini, 1667, R. P., recast 1905 by John Warner and Sons.
- 5th, W. Curnow, R. Baragwanath; churchwardens. 1744, recast 1905 by John Warner and Sons.
- Tenor: Sancti, Spiritus, Assit. Nobis, Gratia; recast 1905 by John Warner and Sons.

EGHAM BELLS.

EXTENSIVE RESTORATION SCHEME.

The Vicar and churchwardens of Egham, Surrey, have reported to the parishioners that they have accepted estimates upon the higher and more expensive scheme for the complete restoration of the old bells, and for the addition of two new bells, a tenor and a treble. The estimate provides for a new frame, upon the latest and most scientific principles, constructed of steel and iron, all upon one level to contain the eight bells; a new tenor and treble bell, recasting the six old bells, two new floors, re-fixing clock movement and hammer; reproducing the old inscriptions, and inscriptions on the new bells, etc., £552. The estimated cost of work other than contractors', £20. The contractors have agreed to complete the work by Saturday, March 30th next, and they guarantee to say that by recasting the old bells they will be by far the finest peal of eight in the county.

CREWE RINGERS AT CROYDON FOUNDRY.

On Saturday last, by the kind invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, nine members of the Crewe Society visited Croydon for the purpose of inspecting the new bells for Christ Church, Crewe.

The old bells, the fittings of which had got into a very dilapidated condition, had continually broken down, and the authorities at last determined to have them rehung in a more modern style. The tender of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to recast the old peal of eight bells, make them into a peal of ten, and rehang the whole with new frames and fittings complete, was accepted, and the bells are now ready to be returned to Crewe, and the ringers had the opportunity of seeing and hearing them. Unfortunately, Mr. C. J. B. Cooke, the L. and N.W. Railway Loco. Superintendent, who is a very keen ringer, and takes a great interest in the Crewe bells and ringers, was prevented by business reasons from accompanying the party. On arriving at Croydon, about noon, the ringers went to Mr. Johnston's residence, where lunch had been provided for them by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston. After doing full justice to the good things, which a four and a half hours' railway journey made very acceptable, a move was made to the works, where the new bells and framework were inspected. The bells, which have been tuned on the Simpson principle, were then chimed, and the ringers were greatly pleased with the improvement which had been effected. They also inspected the works, and saw many things of interest in the clock manufactory and bell foundry, Messrs. Johnston having arranged for a bell to be cast during the visit. At 4.30 tea was served to the visitors, and at 5.30 the ringers took their departure to spend an hour or two in London before returning to Crewe, which was safely reached in the small hours of Sunday morning. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and Mr. C. F. Johnston for their kind hospitality, and for the trouble they took to make the visit an enjoyable one.

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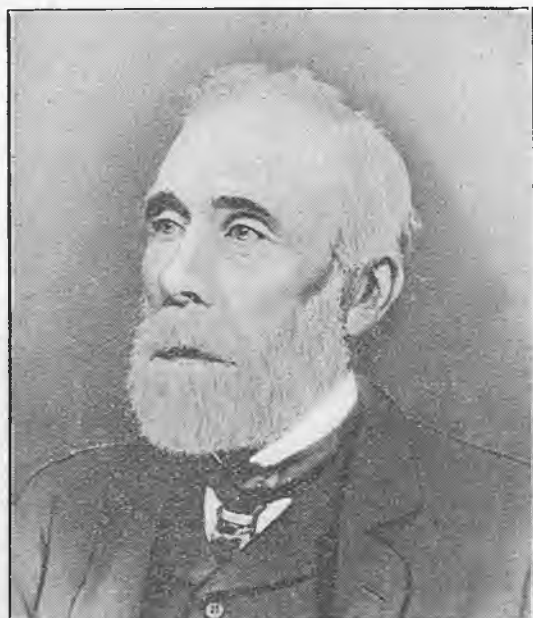
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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. WILLIAM BANISTER.

One of the "grand old men" to whom the Exercise owes so much celebrated the completion of his 88th year yesterday. Sixty years ago William Banister was one of the giants of the ringing world, and, although age has prevented him for some years from active participation in a pursuit which he once did so much to foster, he still follows the progress of the Art with interest. Obviously there are very few men to-day who remember Mr. Banister when he was among the foremost ringers in the country, and probably there are thousands who do not know the part which he played in the Exercise more than half a century ago. William Banister was veritably a pioneer, and it is most pleasing to find him enjoying satisfactory health in the evening of life. His 88 years seem to sit lightly upon his shoulders, and, while the frame has lost some of its



MR. WILLIAM BANISTER.

strength, the eye has lost little of its keenness, and the brain none of its power. Ringers everywhere will wish Mr. Banister "Many happy returns."

At his home at Fulham, where he resides with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. Banister the other day welcomed our representative, and chatted over the days that are past, of the difficulties which ringers in those early years had to contend with, and the men who were his contemporaries in the times now long gone by, of the terrible conditions which he found in many belfries of Devonshire, of his efforts, with other reformers, to improve the towers and the ringing, and to raise the status of the ringers. Full of reminiscence of those old days, Mr. Banister is one of the last links with a by-gone generation, for he was ringing peals in the "forties." A native of Woolwich, he was born on February 29th, 1824, so that a real birthday such as he celebrates this year is, with him, quite an event. He was born in a family of ringers, for his father and five brothers were all enthusiasts in the Art, and the seven of

them, with a tenor man, rang peals both of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. At St. Mary's Church they had an excellent company between the years 1843 and 1851, and they progressed through Double Norwich and Superlative and London Surprise. Mr. Banister composed and conducted many of the peals that he rung, including the London, which was only the second peal ever rung in the method, the first having been rung at Norwich. Mr. Banister's peal was a 5600 odd, and was longer than the one at Norwich. In order to get practice upon the higher numbers of bells Mr. Banister used frequently to walk to the City, and much of his 12-bell ringing was done at Cornhill and St. Saviour's, Southwark. Unfortunately he has no complete list of his peals, but the following from the peal book of Mr. Mat. Wood (the first which these two veterans rang together) is of much interest.

St. Saviour's, Southwark;
The Ancient Society of College Youths.
On Wednesday, December 19th, 1849,
In 4 hours and 9 minutes,
5146 Stedman Cinques.

Performers:

J. Cox	Treble	R. Haworth	7th
W. Cooter	2nd	M. A. Wood	8th
J. Mash	3rd	J. Bradley	9th
W. Banister	4th	E. Lansdell	10th
G. Ferris	5th	J. Dwight	11th
R. Jameson	6th	E. Sawyer	Tenor

Conducted by J. Cox.

What names, these! What memories of great performances of the past they conjure up! Only three now survive, William Cooter (who, we are sorry to say, is totally infirm), William Banister, and Matthew Wood, who delights still to listen to the merry pealing of the bells that were so long his special care, the bells of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.

In 1865 Mr. Banister was removed to Devonport, where he remained in the Government service until 1879, when he retired on a pension. With his advent in Devonshire his services were eagerly sought by Col. Trelawny and Col. Troyte in furthering the cause of scientific change ringing. At the invitation of the Rural Dean he reported upon the condition of the belfries, and found them in a state which was a disgrace to the church authorities. There was an accumulation of the dirt and rubbish of years, while the ringers were so much adverse to the introduction of any change that they, in most cases, put all the obstacles possible in the way of the inspection. It was not unusual to find a cask in the belfry, and the worse the bells went and the harder the work the better the ringers seemed to like it, for it afforded them the greater excuse for drinking the more. Thanks to the efforts begun in those days, this state of affairs has all been swept away.

When he first went to Devonport there were but six bells at the Dockyard Chapel, but Mr. Banister got them augmented to eight, trained up a young band, and in six months they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. Colonel Troyte, with whom he was associated, published his well-known work to further change ringing, and this was supplemented later by another publication by Mr. Banister, who carried on to eight bells the work which Col. Troyte had written for the instruction of ringers on five and six bells. By Mr. Banister's indomitable efforts, in face of difficulties and even open opposition, the cause of scientific ringing was spread in the rural parishes in Devonshire, and his work was carried as far as Penzance in Cornwall,

where a band, which he got together, opened the bells, and laid the foundations of the Art.

Mr. Banister and his brothers were of a great musical turn of mind, and upon a magnificent peal of over 70 handbells which they themselves manufactured they have delighted many audiences, and assisted in swelling the funds of many charities. After removing to Devonport he organised another handbell company whom he instructed, and their consummate skill was always a keen source of delight wherever they performed. Mr. Banister looks upon handbell ringing as one of the means of interesting the public in church bells, and believes if more were done in this direction it would be better for the Art itself.

After retiring from the Government service, Mr. Banister by no means sought complete rest. At the request of his old colleagues, he took up public work, and for 30 years represented the dockyard district on the Devonport Council, the last sixteen years being in an aldermanic chair. He interested himself particularly in educational work, being for six years on the School Board, and he was chairman of the Secondary Education Committee. While in this important office, Mr. Banister conducted through the Council, and saw completed, the scheme for building Devonport's fine Secondary and Art School. Beyond his Council work, Mr. Banister sat for twelve years as a Commissioner of the Poor, and afterwards as a member of the Board of Guardians, and was also a Justice of the Peace. He only severed his connection with public work when removing to Pembroke about seven years ago, and even then, so highly was he respected by his colleagues on the Council, that they kept his seat open for five years. Now, in the evening of his days, he is taking things quietly in the family circle at Fulham. Such a life of active labour in the service of the State, in the interests of the community and in the cause of our own Art, is seldom to be found, and what he did for ringing in those days now long gone by, will never be accurately appraised. William Banister is, as we have said, one of the grand old men of the Exercise, and we hope that he may still be spared long to enjoy the fulness of health and the memories of a life spent in the service of his fellow-men.

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ODD CHANGES.

In memory of the late Mr. Justice Grantham, the three bells at Barcombe Church, Sussex, are to be recast and three new bells added to make a peal of six. The work is estimated to cost £340, and already £300 has been promised, thanks to the generosity of about ten donors. It is hoped to open the bells at Easter.

"The pancake bell" was revived at Mortlake Parish Church on Shrove Tuesday, and was rung from 11.30 a.m. to noon.

It is refreshing to see old names cropping up again, and it does one good to read of the peal of Cambridge Surprise at Saffron Walden with the brothers Pitstow taking part.

The ringers of Middleham, Yorks, have formed a concert party known as the "White Rose Minstrels." They include several talented entertainers, and have given some successful performances.

Cheltenham, where two trebles were dedicated on Sunday, has now the lightest peal of twelve bells in any church in the country. The tenor is 22½ cwt. The only other lighter twelve is in the Waterloo tower, Quex Park, Kent, where the tenor is 15¾ cwt.

Last week we made a reference to the attempt for a peal of Doubles on handbells by two ringers, Messrs. J. Perry and T. Perry, of Brewood. This week we have to congratulate these two gentlemen upon having successfully accomplished the peal in ten methods, ringing three bells each. The peal is recorded in the proper column, and we can only repeat that it is a distinctly clever performance.

On Oct. 29th, 1910, at Etwall, Derbyshire, in a peal in three methods of Doubles, including 15 six-scores of Stedman, each called differently, were rung. Mr. A. P. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent, inquires if anyone can give any information as to whether this has been done before or not? He asks this as he finds it is not generally known that 15 six-scores are obtainable.

The 12 bells at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, have now been put in thorough going order by the rehanging of the front ten, the working having been carried out by Mr. Day, of Eye.

CHELTENHAM'S PEAL OF TWELVE.

NEW BELLS DEDICATED.

Cheltenham now possesses a ring of twelve bells, which were opened on Sunday, when the Bishop dedicated the two trebles which have been added to complete the apostolic number. Gloucestershire is now in the proud position of having no fewer than four peals of twelve, St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol; Cirencester, Painswick and Cheltenham. The latest twelve are the result of the generosity of Alderman and Mrs. J. B. Winterbotham, who have presented the two trebles. The work has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the whole peal having been rehung in a new steel and iron frame. The tenor is 22½ cwt., in E flat. Mr. W. T. Pates made the arrangements for the opening ringing, which was carried out by the Cheltenham and District Guild. The first touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by: W. T. Pates 1, G. Phillott 2, A. W. Humphris 3, W. Yeend 4, G. Pearce (Charlton Kings) 5, J. Ballinger 6, W. Dyer (Charlton Kings) 7, F. Musty 8, T. Pendry (Prestbury) 9, J. Parsons 10, E. Dean (St. Mark's) 11, R. Trigg 12. W. Townsend (Leckhampton) was present as spare man. Ringers from many neighbouring towers were also present, and took part in the ringing in the afternoon. The bells were rung for evening service, and then lowered in peal in order that during the service the chimes might be heard.

The two trebles make a splendid "splice," and the founders have much improved the tone of the whole peal, with the result that the beautiful quality of their harmonies is thrown out with much greater power than was the case before they were re-tuned. It has long been the ambition of Mr. Phillott (belfry custodian), and Mr. Pates (captain of the society) that before they retired from ringing the peal at the Parish Church would be made complete, and ringers throughout the district, as well as the public who love the silvery music of the bells, will rejoice with them that their hope has now been realised, thanks to the kindness of a much-esteemed local family, who have a long association with the parish and church.

RINGERS' SUPPER AT EDMONTON.

On Saturday week, the ringers of All Saints', Edmonton, were entertained to supper by the Vicar (the Rev. Preb. E. A. Sanders), who presided, the churchwardens and sidesmen. A company of about 30 sat down to a substantial repast.

After supper, the Chairman submitted the loyal toast, which was enthusiastically received.—After welcoming the ringers, on behalf of the churchwardens and sidesmen and himself, the reverend gentleman expressed his gratification at the growth of the society since he first came to the parish, 12 years ago. He then proposed the toast of "Our Guests, the Bell Ringers," to which Mr. J. Parker suitably responded.—After various other toasts, including that of "The Chairman," a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by some of the members, followed by a selection of tunes on the bells.—A very pleasant evening was spent.

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THE HENRY JOHNSON DINNER.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

INTERESTING SPEECHES.

No social gathering of ringers in the whole year excels that of the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham, whether it be in point of numbers, of its representative character, or of the enthusiasm and geniality displayed. This year's function held on Saturday last was no exception to the rule, and, indeed, is to be counted as one of the most successful of the series that have been held. The arrangements had been admirably made by the indefatigable hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. Alf. Paddon Smith, the tables in the banquetting hall of the Old Royal Hotel were sumptuously spread, and the large company, including representative ringers from far and near, spent a most enjoyable evening, under the genial presidency of Mr. Francis E. Dawe, who was on terms of intimate friendship with the veteran whose memory was being honoured. Mr. Dawe was supported by Mr. J. S. Prichett (Presiding Master of the Guild), the Rev. W. V. Chilwell, Messrs. Arthur Wade Edge, H. Mason, A. E. Parsons, W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), W. R. Heaton (Solihull), J. W. Tilley (Harborne), S. Reeves, W. R. Small, J. George



HENRY JOHNSON.

BORN FEBRUARY 28, 1809, DIED JANUARY 6, 1890.

From a hitherto unpublished photograph taken in 1883.

(Rugby), H. Knight (sec. of the Staffordshire Association), J. R. Newman (sec. of the Worcester Association), W. Painter, W. H. Godden, etc. The company numbered altogether over 100.

Among the Associations represented were the College Youths, the Worcester and Districts, the Staffordshire, the Dudley and Districts, the Gloucester and Bristol, the Yorkshire, the Winchester, the Salop, the Stoke Archidiaconal, etc.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. W. Taylor and Mr. C. H. Hattersley (who were indisposed), the churchwardens of St. Martin's, the Rectors of Sutton Coldfield and Handsworth, the Vicars of St. John's, Deritend; Bishop Ryders, and Aston, Sir A. P. Heywood, Messrs. R. A. Daniell, H. Chapman, W. T. Cockerill, W. Pye, E. P. O'Meara, etc. Before the dinner a flashlight photograph of the company was taken. Afterwards,

The Chairman, in proposing "The King, Church, and State," said it was with feelings of indignation and disgust that one heard and read that men who had been pitchforked into power would willingly take away from the Church our national monuments, such as the cathedrals were, and convert them into picture galleries, museums, and hay and corn stores.

SAFEGUARDING RINGERS' INTERESTS.

The Chairman next proposed the toast, "To the memory of the late Henry Johnson," and his interesting speech was full of reminis-

cences of great men of the past. First of all he made a strong appeal to ringers to do all they could to safeguard their position by avoiding unnecessary noise and annoyance to those living round the churches. Much could be done by shuttering up the louvre boards to stop the reverberating clang in the street. In the present day struggle for supremacy in the business world people could not be expected to stand an undue amount of noise from church bells. He remembered that on two occasions the matter had been raised in Parliament, in connection with the bells of St. Clement Dances. The question was asked how long the complainants had been there. "Six weeks" was the answer. "Well," was the reply, "the bells have been there 200 years; the people came to the nuisance and not the nuisance to them" (hear, hear). That position, however, was not going on for ever. Ringers had had their way up to now, but would they always hold it? The day must come when bell ringing would be curtailed in the large and crowded towns. Were 10,000 or 12,000 people to be annoyed for the amusement of twelve men? Bell ringers must safeguard themselves in this matter by considering the feelings of others. Scientific change ringing was one of the great sciences of the day, and the least appreciated by the public at large.

"THE GRAND OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN."

Passing on, the Chairman referred to the old school of ringers, among whom he received his ringing education, and to whom the striking was the essence of the ringing. Among ringers were men who had held the most responsible positions in life. A judge of the Irish High Court was a ringer, a man who drove the fastest train in the world for many years, the "flying Dutchman," was a ringer, the coxswain of one of the lifeboats was a ringer. Great indeed, too, were the intellects of some of the men in the realm of ringing, and they had met that night to do honour to the illustrious dead, to keep green the memory of an unseen but well-remembered guest, Henry Johnson. "Oh, for the touch of the vanished hand, and the sound of the voice that is still." Henry Johnson was born 103 years ago, in the city of Lichfield, and at the age of 17 began ringing. He joined St. Martin's Guild in 1833, and died in 1890 at the ripe old age of 81. He had rung about 150 peals, of which he called about 50. There never were two better chums than old Mr. Johnson and he (the speaker). He always received a warm welcome at Johnson's place, and he had in his possession some of his finest compositions. He (the Chairman) believed that Mr. Sam Reeves and himself were the only two in that room that had rung peals with Haley, Johnson, and Cox, the three most wonderful men that ever existed in one particular era. All three were gifted, but the grand old English gentleman was Mr. Johnson. He was a personal friend of men like Elijah Roberts, Shipway, Cooper, Day, Lates and Thurstans. Birmingham, continued the speaker, had produced many noteworthy ringers, and now, within the last few weeks, another bright star from St. Martin's company had been called away—Tom Reynolds, who was always full of life and fun. The Chairman, having made reference to the great abilities of another Birmingham man—John Carter—concluded by submitting the toast, which was drunk by the company, in silence.

THE LATE TOM REYNOLDS.

Mr. J. S. Prichett (whom the chairman congratulated upon being elevated to the aldermanic bench of the City of Birmingham Council) proposed "Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild." He paid a tribute to the memory of their departed friend Tom Reynolds, who was indeed a notable ringer. Probably, said the speaker, he established a record as being the ringer of more twelve-bell peals than any man who ever lived. They would long miss his familiar face. At every one of the annual dinners that had been held he was among them, but the time had come to him, which came to every man—he was with them no longer. One could not imagine a better type of ringer or a better type of man than he was. Just as Tom Reynolds had never missed a dinner, so he (the speaker) did not know that he had ever missed a practice. He never recollected going into St. Martin's tower without seeing Tom Reynolds there. In private life, too, he was entitled to every respect and every honour. He was a man who worked hard for his living, but he did so uncomplainingly. He did his duty to his family, he did his duty to the Guild, and they could ill spare him. Proceeding, Mr. Prichett welcomed again among them some who had been with them for many years past, including Mr. Painter, who was just recovering from a long illness; Mr. James George, who had distinguished himself by ringing the tenor in the record peal of Maximus on April 11th, 1911, at Ashton-under-Lyne; Mr. Wm. Small, Mr. Sam Reeves, and Mr. John Carter, whose invention—the change ringing machine—was worthy of standing side by side with the famous Babbage's calculating machine in the British Museum, and which they could read about, if they desired, in the Encyclopedia Britannica. There were two great inventors in the present age who would go down to posterity. One was Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, and the other was John Carter, the inventor of a machine that would ring any kind of changes, and would print them off at the same time. He was pleased also to welcome other old ringers with whom he had taken part in peals in by-gone days—Mr. James Groves, Mr. Thomas Russam, Mr. Tom Miller, and last, but not least, his old friend, Mr. Jimmy Jones.

THE GUILD.

They were, continued Mr. Prichett, losing the Rector of St. Martin's, who had been made Bishop of Sodor and Man. They congratulated him heartily upon his appointment, and he was glad to say that the gentleman appointed to succeed him, Canon Willing, was a

gentleman who was a good friend to ringers, and with whom they were not likely to have any trouble (applause). He endorsed what the chairman had said with regard to ringing that it should be practiced with due regard to the sensibilities to the public. To his mind, the best time for peal ringing was either a bank holiday or an early closing day, when there would be no annoyance to shopkeepers. The Guild, he was happy to say, was flourishing. The secretary told him that there were more members now than at any other period of the Guild's existence, and the ringing was going on in every way satisfactorily. There had been no notable performances in the way of peals in the course of the past year, and it was pleasing to find that perfect harmony existed among them. There never had been a time when there was a better feeling, or greater friendship and mutual esteem among the members of the Guild, which was one of the most prosperous and successful ringing societies in the country (applause). Long might it so continue. He coupled with the toast the name of the excellent secretary, Mr. Smith, who had proved in every way a worthy successor to their friend, Mr. Godden (applause).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Mr. Smith replied in a facetious speech. The work, he said, was a work of pleasure. He did not forget, too, that it was part of the secretary's duty to get well grumbled at, and he tried to fill the bill (laughter). If the band met one short for a peal, grumble at the secretary. If the parson preached too long a sermon, grumble at the secretary (laughter). If there was a fly in the soup, grumble at the secretary (renewed laughter). But he straightened his shoulders, and did not let it disturb his sleep o' nights (laughter and applause).

A SUGGESTION.

Mr. Godden submitted "Kindred Societies," the representatives of which he welcomed that evening. He threw out the suggestion that as in these days men belonged to so many different societies, which must make deep inroads upon their pockets, some scheme should be adopted, as was done by political clubs, whereby a member on payment of one small subscription became affiliated to all the similar political clubs in the kingdom. This, he thought, would be a great benefit to ringers, and would not interfere very much with the finances of any of the societies (applause).

Mr. Mason, in a felicitous speech, proposed "The Ringing Papers," to which the Editor of "The Ringing World" responded, paying a tribute to the work done in the past by the ringing journals, and stating that the objects in front of them all had been the extension of the Art and the advancement of the status of the ringers.

Mr. J. S. Prichett gave "The Health of the Chairman," which was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Dawe said he hoped at that dinner they would always have a man in the chair. He honoured the lady ringers for the wonderful performances they had achieved, but, at the same time, he thought church bell ringing was hardly an occupation for a lady. In conclusion, Mr. Dawe presented to St. Martin's tower a very fine photograph (framed) of the church, taken by himself, and the gift was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Smith.

This concluded the speech-making.

The speeches were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music and handbell ringing. Without doubt the tit-bit of the evening was the course of Stedman Caters which Mr. Harry Withers tapped upon his dulcimer. The performance was perfect, and a delighted audience would not be content until he obliged with an encore. This he did by giving a course of Double Norwich. His selection of tunes, including a beautiful rendering of "Killarney," also "brought down the house." A beautifully rung course of Stedman Cinques on handbells by Messrs. P. Laffin, J. Carter, T. Miller, S. Russam, J. E. Groves and A. Walker was fully appreciated, and the bells were also introduced for tune ringing, by Messrs. Starkey (2) and Wood, whose playing was admirable. Other instrumental items were introduced by Messrs. F. Banks (euphonium), C. Banks (baritone), and Mrs. T. Davies (piano), who contributed a couple of trios in good style. The Chairman gave a thrilling recitation, and the humorous element was sustained by Mr. D. Milligan, who sang comic songs.

A large number of ringers visited St. Martin's tower in the afternoon, where touches of Stedman Caters and Cinques, and a course of Cambridge Royal were rung.

LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY'S RECORD.

The following is a list of 720's which have been rung by the Little Munden Branch of the Hertford Association during the past eleven years, a record which reflects the greatest credit upon the band, and especially the conductor:—

Year.	No. of 720's.	Methods.
1901	108	9
1902	53	9
1903	56	10
1904	47	10
1905	113	14
1906	79	17
1907	62	17
1908	69	13
1909	33	13
1910	83	15
1911	70	12

Total 773

During this period the band has never missed ringing the bells for Divine Service twice every Sunday.

THE DEATH OF MR. R. RIDYARD.

FUNERAL AT WORSLEY.

The Lancashire Association has lost a valuable worker by the death of Mr. Richard Ridyard, of Worsley, whose demise was briefly chronicled in our last issue. He joined the Association in 1882, and was elected on the committee in 1890, an office which he held to the end, while for twelve years he was a member of the Central Council. He did a good deal of spade work for the Association, and no one but himself knew what it had cost him in time and money. He was always ready to help beginners, and not a few have him to thank for their first peal, and the practice which led up to it. He rang his first peal on November 14th, 1884, and his last on March 13th, 1911. It had been his ambition to ring 150 peals, but ill-health prevented him reaching this goal, although he came very near to it, scoring 148 altogether, of which he had conducted 83: Grandsire Triples 16 (conducted 4), Major 1, Caters 3, Cinques 1, Bob Major 6 (conducted 3), Kent Treble Bob Major 66 (including 10,176 and 12,000—Lancashire record), conducted 47: Royal 4, Maximus 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Royal 1, Stedman Triples 34 (conducted 23), Caters 4, Double Norwich Major 8 (conducted 6), Duffield Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 1. These peals had been rung in 28 towers in five counties.



THE LATE MR. R. RIDYARD.

THE FUNERAL.

The esteem and regard in which he was held by his ringing and other friends was manifested on Saturday, when the funeral took place at Worsley Churchyard. It was quite a ringers' funeral, for ringers assisted as bearers and in the choir, the officiating clergy were ringers, and over the grave the handbells were rung, and from the steeple the church bells pealed in muffled tones. Amid every manifestation of respect and sympathy, "Owd Dick," as he was affectionately known among his intimates, was laid in his last resting place. Before the service, the bells, half-muffled, were set going to Stedman Triples, and as the cortege drew near the church, the ringing changed to the whole-pull and stand. The bearers were picked from his fellow-workers from the Bridgewater Collieries, where he commenced work 40 years ago. At the church gate, the ringers took charge of the coffin, which was met at the door by the clergy and full choir. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Hulton), assisted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), and the hymns, "Jesu, Lover of my Soul," and "Peace, perfect peace," were impressively sung. During the procession from the church the "Nunc Dimittis" was sung, and after the committal prayers, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave. The oak coffin bore the inscription: "Richard Ridyard, died Feb. 20th, 1912, aged 52 years." The mourners included, in addition to the relatives, upwards of 60 ringers, and many fellow workmen, Buffaloes, and other friends. Among the ringers were representatives from Ashton, Bolton, Bury, Birch, Eccles, Flixton, Didsbury, Middleton, Macclesfield, Manchester Cathedral, Town Hall and St. John's, New Mills, Oldham, Pendlebury, Pendleton, Prestwick, Rochdale, Swinton, Stockport, Stretford, Walkden, and Worsley. While the mourners left the church Treble Bob was rung on the bells, the

two clergy taking part. Afterwards a muffled peal was rung, Mr. Harry Chapman, an old friend of the deceased, having charge of the arrangements.

The relatives of the late Mr. Ridyard desire to thank the ringers for the respect and sympathy shown in their bereavement, by the attendance of so large a number at the funeral.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

MEETING ADVOCATES MORE BELLS FOR BAGSHOT.

The result of the quarterly meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild, at Bagshot, will, it is hoped, be the addition of two bells to the tower, which at present contains a ring of six. During the afternoon some ringing was done on the peal of six at the Parish Church, but owing to the heavy "go" of the tenor, very little could be got through. The bells sadly need overhauling, and at the present time it is impossible to accomplish anything more than 300 of Minor on them. The Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Ford) presided at the tea, kindly provided by the local men, and business meeting, and was supported by Mr. Smerdon, one of the churchwardens. At the business meeting, the Ringing Master reported that three combined practices had been held, and six peals rung during the quarter. Eleven new members were elected, including the Vicar of Bagshot as an hon. member. The condition of the bells was discussed at some length, Mr. F. E. Dawe urging the authorities to have the peal of six recast into a peal of eight, and rehung in an iron frame.—Mr. Smerdon spoke hopefully of something being done in this direction.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the ringers concluded the business. A social then followed, which was much enjoyed. Those taking part were as follows: Mr. F. E. Dawe (recitation), Mr. Pierce (ventriloquist), Mr. H. Gould (piccolo solos), Messrs. W. G. Clark, T. J. Gould, F. Nye, Pierce, G. B. Edser, and W. Shepherd (songs). Mr. W. G. Clark ably presided at the piano. Thanks are due to the local band for making the tea and meeting an enjoyable one, the time passing all too quickly.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

Sussex possesses but two rings of ten bells, and whenever a meeting provides an opportunity of ringing at either of these towers a good muster of visitors is always assured. The Central Division held a meeting at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, the gathering being a very successful one. In the afternoon touches in various methods were rung, and a short service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. Harcourt S. Anson) gave an interesting address. Tea followed in the Church Hall, presided over by the Rector, supported by Mr. K. Hart and Mr. J. T. Glandfield, about 40 members being present from Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Uckfield, Lindfield, Eastbourne, Pevensey, Steyning, Heene, Shoreham, Waldron, Seaford, and Southover. After tea, the Rector having to leave, Mr. Glandfield occupied the chair. The following new members were elected: Messrs. Moppett and E. Hillman, Southover; Dendy, Gold and Jenner, Uckfield; Baigent and Gumbrell, Henfield; and the whole of the Balcombe band, comprising nine members.—A vote of thanks, proposed by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. J. Dawe), and seconded by Mr. G. H. Howse (the Hon. Secretary of the Eastern Division), to Mr. Glandfield for presiding over the meeting, and to the Rector for the service, and for the use of the bells, was passed.—The motion was acknowledged by Mr. Glandfield. In the evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich Major and Superlative were rung.

HELPING THE BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read with gratification your article in the last issue of "The Ringing World" re helping the beginners, and in spite of the fact that the experts are continually giving the denial to the charge levelled against them, their continued actions leave room for complaint. I think, that throughout the whole Exercise legislation, which will assist those who are more or less at the bottom of the ladder, is sadly neglected, and is absolutely contrary to the principle that we, as a body of Church workers, should have. As the strength of a chain depends upon its weakest link, so must the Exercise depend upon its weakest members, and by strengthening the beginners you are thereby strengthening the foundation upon which the future of the Exercise will rest.

There is a concrete example before the members of the Yorkshire Association, and to my mind, in deciding it, it will show us who are interested in the beginners and who are not. I refer to a notice of motion that, "The Association will not record in its books peals of Minor rung in less than seven different methods." I have no doubt that legislation of this kind tends to keep ringing at a higher standard, but is it not putting the heel on those who are down? At least there is not much of the spirit in it of helping the beginner.—Yours truly,
Goole. H. LUDKIN.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise: L. Price 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, F. S. Price 7, P. Price 8.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 2nd, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Samlesbury on March 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), and an address by the Rev. H. C. Burnett. Business meeting afterwards. All past and present members and other ringing friends of the Guild are cordially invited.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on March 2nd. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting (nomination) at the White Horse Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this Society is fixed for Doncaster on Saturday, March 2nd. Parish Church of St. George, 8 bells (tenor about 30 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 5th and 19th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 5th; at St. Mary le Bow, Cheap-side, on the 19th; and Southwark Cathedral on the 26th. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade and District Branch.—A branch meeting of the above will be held at Everton, near Sandy, on Thursday, March 7th, 1912. Meeting at 6.30. Bells ready 6 p.m.—F. Blood, Honorary Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 6.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Sawbridge-worth on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30.—W. Waffs, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.

—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at the Queen's Head at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Kendal, on Saturday, March 9th, 1912. The Parish Church bells (10) available from 3 p.m., meeting in the School at 5 p.m.—William Robinson, Branch Secretary, Thom Fold, Smithy Brow, Ambleside.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Borden, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 16th, 1912. Bells available from 3 p.m. Half rail fares up to 2/- allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due. It is hoped that all members who possibly can, will attend to discuss the proposed Benevolent Fund.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Saturday, March 16th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. at 6d. per head for those who notify me not later than the 14th inst.—William H. Hotten, Hon. Sec., 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. There will be a committee meeting on the same day.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton, on Saturday, March 16th, 1912. Meeting at the Lamb Hotel, at 3.30 p.m., tea to follow. Service in the Parish Church, at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday. Notice has been given of a resolution affecting the latter part of Rule 1 (*re* Central Council).—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—Llandaff Association. — On Sunday, Jan. 28th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Page 1, G. Cross 2, J. Cross 3, W. Page 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Wines 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, S. Weaver 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

NEWCHURCH.—Lancashire Association. — On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for Divine service, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins.: J. Taylor 1, L. Taylor 2, J. Ashworth 3, J. Baron (Haslingden) 4, O. Eastwood 5, W. Taylor (conductor) 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Ormerod 8.

LEICESTER. — On Sunday, January 28th, at St. Martin's, for the Assize service, 617 Stedman Caters: *G. Holmes 1, S. Cotton 2, *G. Pilmore 3, L. Allen 4, C. Fowler 5, A. Pettitt 6, L. Allen 7, F. Dexter (conductor) 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10. * Longest length of Stedman. In the evening, 829 Stedman Caters: L. Allen 1, P.C. H. Jenney 4th, others as before.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering: L. J. Cordell (first 720) 1, W. Morris 2, H. Bottrill 3, G. Dent 4, J. Cordell 5, J. Smith 6, J. Wheeler 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 28 mins.: W. Payne 1, J. Rookwood 2, B. Wilson 3, C. Wing 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Shepherd 6, H. Walker 7, A. King (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method on the bells by an entirely local band.

NORWICH.—On Monday, Jan. 29th, at the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in the tittums: B. Fry 1, A. Hubbard (composer and conductor) 2, W. Hempel 3, W. Goodbourne 4, J. Freeman 5, W. Mayers 6, W. Curtis 7, G. Cross 8.

KENWYN, TRURO. — On Jan. 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Caurse 1, F. Mitchell 2, H. M. Smeath 3, B. Knight 4, E. C. Freund (first as conductor) 5, W. P. Trestain 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, J. F. Gully 8.

ANSDELL.—The Lancashire Association, Fylde branch. — On Jan. 30th, at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Ansdell, Lytham, a date touch of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins., being the last 1912 changes in peal No. 70, C.C. collection: C. H. Kerr 1, R. Johnson 2, R. Cardwell 3, W. Gillett 4, F. Gillett 5, W. Cardwell 6, W. Tomlinson 7, G. Maries (conductor) 8. This is a new ring of eight from the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Staibank, and were rung for the first time on Dec. 13th. The "go" and tone of the bells is very fine, and is a great credit to the firm. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

NOSSLEY.—On Jan. 30th, at St. George's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Jackson 1, *S. Winstanley 2, *F. Welham 3, J. Welham 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, H. Manns 6. * First 720 of Kent.

KENNINGTON, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: *A. Webb 1, *T. Wenham 2, *C. W. Everett 3, A. C. Kay 4, T. Tabrett 5, G. Lindgridge (first as conductor) 6. * First 720.

BRADFIELD.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Jan. 31st, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Duke of Fife: F. Wigmore 1, W. Yarelett (first in the method) 2, J. Abery 3, S. Chapman 4, G. Parsons (first as conductor) 5, G. Abery 6.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Guild, on Sunday morning, Feb. 4th, for service, 1264 Bob Major, in 50 mins.: E. H. Cook 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Stevens 3, E. F. Cole 4, E. R. Mackrill 5, G. C. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. F. W. Hunt 8.

HOLLOWAY, N. — On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the 24 6-7s: A. Hart 1, A. Turner 2, J. Cornford 3, H. Brookes 4, A. J. Baynes 5, W. Pateman 6, G. Charge (conductor) 7, L. Perry 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280): *W. Hotten 1, *H. Dains 2, *H. J. Ranzetta 3, *A. Hart 4, A. W. Coles 5, *A. J. Baynes 6, G. Charge 7, H. Flanders (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: C. H. Hughes 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, H. T. Gowllett 3, W. Smith 4, J. Milner 5, J. B. Lovell (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, T. J. Hardy 7, F. J. King 8.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): *H. F. Akers 1, H. Mansfield 2, H. J. Gray 3, W. Irons (first as conductor) 4, *V. Neale 5, *A. E. Creasey 6, G. Gray 7, *A. H. Akers 8. * First quarter-peal of Triples.

PASSENHAM.—Towcester and District Association. — On Sunday, January 14th, at St. Guthlac's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins.: P. Grant (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Hurst 2, H. Ridgway 3, E. Wyatt 4, L. Smith (conductor) 5.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Jan. 15th, 1248 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Church 1, E. Tingey 2, W. Lightfoot 3, H. Harlow 4, H. Tysoe 5, H. Sharp 6, C. Chasty 7, J. W. Barker (conductor) 8. This is the longest length rung in the county, and by all the band.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Caters: F. Edwards 1, A. Cutmore 2, J. Hayward 3, G. B. Edser 4, A. B. Bennett 5, A. E. Bradley 6, W. A. Garrard 7, C. Charge (conductor) 8, W. E. Garrard 9, E. G. Stibbons 10.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Wednesday, Jan. 31st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins. (1260 changes): J. White 1, A. B. Badcock 2, J. Weakley 3, W. Thomas 4, Alf. Thomas (conductor) 5, C. Thomas 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. N. Day, of Court Farm, Worle, and Miss Amy Bragg, of Milton Farm.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Thursday, Feb. 1st, 1440 Bob Minor: L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, J. O'Neill 3, T. Crane 4, J. Howard 5, R. Ruth 6. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. S. Aldwell) for his hospitality before and after the ringing.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evensong, at St. Botolph's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: Chas. Fisher, conductor (Ufford) 1, Arthur Andrews (Billingborough) 2, J. Last (Grundisburgh) 3, Geo. Ablitt (Burgh) 4, D. Leggett (Woodbridge) 5, W. Burrows (Woodbridge) 6. Arranged for Mr. Andrews, of Billingborough, Lincolnshire, a visitor to Woodbridge.

1911 RECORDS.**SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.**

Sixty 720's of Minor have been rung by the band at Shipley, Sussex, in the following methods: Carlisle and Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single, and Plain Bob. J. Howell and T. Adams head the list of ringers, with 55 each, and the conducting was shared by A. Cripps, W. Denman, senr., R. Howell, and G. Lucas.

LEYTONSTONE.

During 1911, 39 720's were rung by the St. John the Baptist's Society, Leytonstone, in the following methods:—Surprise: York 6, London 5, Cambridge 4, Lincoln 3, Ipswich 1, Norwich 1, Wells 1, Durham 1, Chelsea 1, Carlisle 1, Chester 1; Treble Bob: Oxford 1, Kent 1, Plain Bob 12. The following members and friends took part: W. Miller, 34 (conducted 23); W. Theobald, 31; H. Torble, 29 (conducted 5); G. A. Black, 24 (conducted 6); G. Dawson, 22; J. Moule, 17 (conducted 3); S. Goodenough, 15; G. Hayden, 14 (conducted 2); W. Doran, 12; F. Doran, 8; A. Fiddes, 8; L. Green, 6; A. Prior, 3; S. Bird, W. J. Nevard, W. Truss, T. Beedon, G. Merton, D. Brunning, F. Squires, R. Saunders, F. J. Newman, B. Marks, A. E. Lebbon, 1 each.

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FARNINGHAM, KENT

At Farningham, 48 720's were rung, viz., Bob Minor 25, Grandsire Minor 14, Doubles 9. A. Bates 48 (conducted 38), S. Mason 48, F. Mason 47, J. Couchman 44 (conducted 6), W. Wingate 39, A. Mantle 33, L. Rutter 10, A. Bailey 5 (conducted 2), W. Weatherby 5, L. Smith 4, E. Bates 2 (conducted 1), T. Booker 2, T. Groombridge 1 (conducted 1).

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