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MODERN WORK.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND PROPOSAL.

We return to the question of the Benevolent Fund proposal again this week, and for more than one reason. We are anxious that some steps for the formation of a fund of this kind should be taken by all the associations, because we are convinced that there are occasions when it may be of incalculable benefit. As has been pointed out before, even the Insurance Act does not do away with the value of a fund of this kind, and only when it is in working order will its advantages be fully appreciated. That a benevolent fund appeals to the majority of the ringers is proved by the fact that at a number of association meetings up and down the country the subject has been discussed. It is a matter, however, that cannot be hurried, and opinion must be given time to ripen. Two instances of taking practical steps are however before us.

The scheme put forward by the honorary secretary of the Kent County Association we have already referred to, and by the acceptance it has met with at the district meetings where it has been debated, there is little doubt that it will be adopted when it comes before the annual meeting of the Association on Whit-Monday. Sussex is also taking up the subject, and a proposition is to be put forward at the annual meeting at Brighton to-morrow by which a benevolent fund shall be established. This Association has thus the opportunity of being the first to set up a scheme of this kind, and we have little doubt that the members will readily adopt the proposal. And when schemes are actually established in Sussex and Kent we believe that, the ice once broken, other associations will quickly follow suit. The tendency is evidently in one direction; that of each Association managing its own funds, instead of having one centralised fund. It must be said that, while small associations will be to some extent handicapped, this mode of procedure is likely to be the best for the general success of the proposals, as we believe it is impossible to expect the Central Council to do anything in such a matter. But whatever course is to be pursued, the first step is the important one, and, when Kent and Sussex have given the proposal a trial, others will be able to profit by their experience. In regard to the Sussex scheme, it is not to be run on an additional contribution from the members, the idea being to build up the fund from the subscriptions of life honorary members, interest on a fixed reserve fund, and such sums as may be voted from time to time from the general fund. By this means all the benefits of the fund can be obtained without the slightest extra demand on the pockets of the members, and in the case of many large Associations, doubtless, this course could be pursued.

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February 19th, 1912.

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Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TEN BELL PEALS.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 6
*ARTHUR CHAMBERS 2	JOHN WITHERS 7
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 8
WILLIAM SHORT 4	OLIVER JAMES 9
GORDON CHECKITTS 5	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

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

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wulfram,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*J. FRANK PROCTOR Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE 6
JOHN C. WHETSTONE 2	*ERNEST NIDD 7
DAVID B. OVERTON 3	ALBERT C. DARNELL 8
HARRY THORPE 4	†SIDNEY PROCTOR 9
*WILLIAM CAWTON 5	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters as conductor.
First peal of Caters on the bells, in the county and for the Guild
by an entirely local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

J. PALLISTER Treble	G. H. TAYLOR 5
H. LENTON 2	J. SMITH 6
*W. H. WILSON 3	W. KINGDON 7
G. W. PEVERELL 4	E. TITT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. W. PEVERELL.

* First peal and first attempt.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... Treble	REV. E. V. COX 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE ... 7
REV. C. CAREW COX 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first Surprise peal by a clerical band, and was rung at
the first attempt.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... Treble	ROBERT C. HUDSON 5
*WILLIAM H. DENTETH 2	†JOHN PICKERING 6
JOHN F. BIRD 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
ROBERT W. FALCONER 4	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal in the method
as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. W. H. Denteth, who
leaves for Australia next month.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WILLIAM PARDOE Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
EDWARD HORTIN 2	RALPH BAKER 6
*FRANK WARD 3	CHARLES BEECH 7
EDWIN J. TYLER 4	JAMES ADAMS Tenor

Composed by JAMES BRUERTON, and
Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of
respect to the late Mr. Tom Day, who was a member of the local
band, and was interred at Coalbrookdale on the above date.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-the Great,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

SAMUEL EELES Treble	THOMAS BULL 5
ALBERT BROOKS 2	JOHN MONK 6
GEORGE CLARK 3	JESSE BROOKS 7
ERNEST BROWN 4	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

*WALTER SEAR Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
GEORGE N. PRICE 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
CHARLES W. SMITH 3	HENRY HODGETTS 7
*FRANK T. MARTIN 4	CHARLES N. LEMAN Tenor

Conducted by HENRY HODGETTS.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half muffled as a
last tribute to those who perished at sea in the "Titanic" disaster.

SCARBOROUGH.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN R. FRYIRS Treble	HARRY GIBSON 5
†ALBERT COATES 2	JOHN R. BARTON 6
HERBERT MILLNER 3	JAMES DIXEY 7
FRANK HODGSON 4	THOMAS COLE Tenor

Conducted by J. DIXEY.

* First peal. † First in the method.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JARROLD HAYWARD Treble	ERNEST G. STIBBONS 5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 2	HENRY G. MILES 6
ALBERT N. SELBY 3	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 7
JAMES R. MACKMAN 4	WILLIAM E. GARRARD Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDELENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

P.C. W. G. DARLINGTON Treble	P.C. WILLIAM BOTTRILL	5
P.C. ERNEST BRETT ... 2	P.C. CORNELIUS CHARGE	6
P.S. ARTHUR W. BARKUS ... 3	P.C. GEORGE CHARGE ... 7	
P.C. CHARLES G. JANE ... 4	P.C. ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor	

Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

The above are members of the Metropolitan Police Force, and it is believed to be the first peal ever rung by a band of policemen.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE ... Treble	WILLIAM T. COX ... 5
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 2	FRANK E. PERRIN ... 6
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7
HAROLD D. ARGYLE ... 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

First attempt for peal in the method by Messrs. Vallance, Cox and Smallwood. This peal is No. 35 Central Council's Peal Collection, Section 3.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE B. SELBY ... Treble	HENRY J. SELBY ... 5
ARTHUR J. LEWIS ... 2	EDWARD J. HOAD ... 6
ALBERT BELTON ... 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 4	JOHN W. STEDDY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

This peal was rung with the bells fully muffled (except the tenor, which was open at back-stroke) as a last token of respect to the late Lieut.-Col. C. A. M. Warde, of Westerham, who was a life member of the Association, and was buried that day.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*JOHN ALDIS, junr. ... Treble	HENRY GARNHAM ... 5
EDWIN WHITING ... 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
ALFRED SMITH ... 3	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 7
WILLIAM STEELE ... 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY, and Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL, ALBERT SQUARE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 52 cwt.

ROBERT DAVIES... Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 5
*JOHN T. BOTTRILL ... 2	FREDERICK PAGE ... 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 4	†RICHARD NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

* 50th peal. † 70th peal. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. This is the heaviest peal of bells yet rung to Triples by eight men only.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN ... Treble	JONATHAN THOMPSON ... 5
*HARRY GREAVES ... 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 6
WILLIAM DAFFIN ... 3	W. HENRY TURTON... 7
FREDERICK E. PARSONS... 4	JOHN R. BROOKS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. CRAVEN.

* First peal on eight bells.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK DAY ... Treble	WALTER LAST ... 5
WILLIAM ROSE ... 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 6
WILLIAM CLOVER ... 3	FREDERICK BRUNNING ... 7
HUBERT DAY ... 4	ERNEST F. POPPY ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by ERNEST F. POPPY.

Arranged for Mr. Naunton, of Wrentham.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT V. MOORE ... Treble	WALTER ROBINSON ... 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 2	JOHN FLINT ... 6
*CHARLES MASON ... 3	JESSE J. MOSS ... 7
EDWIN ROBBINS ... 4	GEORGE W. MOSS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. G. W. Moss' 100th peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER ... Treble	FRANK BLONDELL ... 5
CHARLES GILES ... 2	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
ERNEST MENDAY ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER ... Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 5
REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 2	FRANK BLONDELL ... 6
CHARLES GILES ... 3	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 7
ERNEST MENDAY ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR TEMPLE... .. Treble	WILLIAM HOLMES 5
ROBERT STEPHENSON 2	JOHN GEORGE HALL 6
JAMES BAXTER 3	WILLIAM NEWTON 7
THOMAS BECKWITH 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY GOODALL Treble	JOHN F. CLAYTON 5
WALTER KNOTT... .. 2	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 6
WILLIAM CLARK... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
GEORGE STEEL 4	WILLIE BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by J. FIRTH, and Conducted by SIDNEY GOODALL.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lbs.

FRANCIS A. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7
THOMAS R. SCOTT 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by FRANCIS A. SMITH.

First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES WATERS Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
WILLIAM SPICE, Senr. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was rung half-muffled by the entire wish of the local band, in memory of Mr. A. J. Day who died on the 10th April and who had been instructing them in change-ringing. The ringer of the treble belongs to the local company.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

*WILLIAM DENMAN, Junr. Treble	GEORGE LUCAS 4
THOMAS ADAMS... .. 2	JAMES F. BOWELL 5
RICHARD H. BOWELL 3	ALFRED CRIPPS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED CRIPPS.

* First peal. The band, who belong to Shipley, take this opportunity of thanking the rector, the Rev. F. C. Campion, for granting permission to ring, and Mr. H. Tourle for having everything in readiness.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble	HERBERT PRATT 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 2	THOMAS CRANE... .. 5
HARRY BARTON 3	JOHN PUNCHARD Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a welcome home to Captain and Mrs. Balfour, of Wissett Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. Colvert, of Spexhall Manor, after their recent visit to South Africa. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, called differently, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs., in A.

*WALTER EMMETT Treble	HENRY C. CHANDLER 4
THOMAS J. BARKER... .. 2	ERNEST R. GLADMAN 5
*CHARLES S. BIRD 3	SYDNEY CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

* First peal of Minor. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Miss Macdonald.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Norwich Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

JOHN FARRELL Treble	ERNEST TIGWELL 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON... .. 2	HENRY WHITEHURST 5
CLEMENT POINTON 3	DANIEL PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by E. TIGWELL.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the first anniversary of what was believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

BERNARD FISHER... .. Treble	PEARL INSKIP 4
WILLIAM JACQUES 2	CHARLES A. ROBINSON 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(GROBY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Grandsire, College Single, Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES SPENCER Treble	JOHN W. SPENCER... .. 4
FRED BALL 2	GEO. H. GEARY 5
VICTOR GEARY 3	EDWARD GEARY Tenor

Conducted by GEO. H. GEARY.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the heroes that went down with the SS. "Titanic."

WICKHAM SKEITH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

REGINALD LAST Treble	*GEORGE BAILEY 4
LEONARD LAST 2	*ARTHUR BAILEY 5
THOMAS DAVY 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal in seven methods.

WOLVERLEY, KIDDERMINSTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WOODBERRY Treble	ERNEST J. BROOKES... .. 4
GEORGE DAVIES... .. 2	CHAS. H. WOODBERRY ... 5
WILLIAM SMITH... .. 3	JOHN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect for those that lost their lives at the sinking of the SS. "Titanic."

HANDBELL PEALS.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 1—2	ERNEST PYE 5—6
GEORGE R. PYE 3—4	WESLEY WATSON 7—8

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

Umpire: A. CHAPLIN.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

W. R. JOHN POULSON ... 1—2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5—6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS... 3—4	*CHARLES VARO 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal on handbells by C. Varo, to whom it was rung as a farewell peal on leaving Chelsworth, with the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, for Burstow, Surrey.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, April 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS; TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trinity College) 1—2	*REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON (Trinity College) 5—6
*E. MAURICE ATKINS (S. Cath. College) 3—4	*WILLIAM D. JAMES (Pembroke College) 7—8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (Trinity College), and

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpire, G. G. BELL.

* First peal of Double Norwich in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT 1—2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL 9—10	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire, S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

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

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This composition in No. 10 on the Broadsheet.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Bedworth, on Saturday last, and a representative gathering was present. Members turned up from Nuneaton, Stoke Golding, Lutterworth, Coventry and Stratford-on-Avon, and some of the local men also put in an appearance. The bells are a light ring of eight, and go fairly well, but at present good striking on them is not the easiest thing to obtain, principally owing to the unwieldy nature of the ropes. These, it is hoped, will be removed in the near future, and more modern ropes substituted. Bedworth lies between Nuneaton and Coventry, in the mining district, and at first sight does not give an encouraging impression, but it is evidently one of those places which must not be judged on first impressions only, for the Rector assured the meeting that "it is the best place in the world."

A substantial tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, and this over, a little formal business was transacted, the Rector, Canon F. R. Evans, vice-president of the Guild, taking the chair.—The place for the October quarterly meeting was discussed, and Rugby met with general favour. It was decided that, failing Rugby, Stratford-on-Avon should be applied for, and failing the latter, Boldmere.—Two new members were elected, one of whom had cycled twenty-five miles to get to the meeting.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for the arrangements he had made for the tea, and then more ringing was indulged in, the methods rung during the afternoon and evening including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

KENT ASSOCIATION MEETING AT LEE.

The experience of the Lewisham District of the Kent Association, on Saturday, when they visited St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., for their quarterly meeting on Saturday, was not altogether successful. Several touches were brought round, but although the Rector had been asked to arrange a special service and give an address, nothing had been done. Short evensong was said in the Lady Chapel by the curate, and was attended by half-a-dozen ladies, and about 30 ringers, but there was no music and no address. The members, in the absence of any explanation, felt somewhat slighted at the action of the Rector, who, they were informed, had discharged the local ringers without giving any reason for the action.—At the meeting held in the Kingswood Hall, Mr. W. J. Jeffries presided, and Eynsford was selected as the place for the next meeting, on the third Saturday in July.—The Chairman expressed a hope of seeing a bigger muster on that occasion, as the meeting at Lee was the smallest for a considerable time.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells.

BLACKMORE, HANTS.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild (Guildford District).—At St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: A. Prior (first attempt) 1, H. Prior 2, E. Prior 3, G. Chiverton 4, W. Read (conductor) 5, J. Norris 6.

SOUTHWARK.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, 649 Stedman Cinques: R. Sanders 1, A. W. Grimes 2, J. A. Trollope 3, W. Pye (conductor) 4, F. Hairs 5, J. Howes 6, F. Bennett 7, W. Hewett 8, J. H. B. Hesse 9, T. Langdon 10, E. Pye 11, G. Spencer 12. Also two plain courses, with T. Cranfield 5, G. Spencer 8, and J. N. Frossell 9.

CLERICAL RINGERS' VISIT TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE FIRST SURPRISE PEAL.

With a view principally to reversing the result of the clerical ringers' visit to High Wycombe last October, a three days' tour had been arranged, with headquarters at Cheltenham. The difficulty of bringing together just those clergy most accustomed to twelve-bell ringing was once more experienced, writes one of the clergy.

This time the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was unable to join the party, owing to an engagement with his Bishop, which could not be cancelled. It would be simply a truism to say that he was sorely missed. On Monday, April 22nd, eight of us were kindly entertained to tea at Prestbury Vicarage previous to an attempt for the first clerical peal of Surprise. This proved successful, after 3hrs. and 10 mins. good ringing, and will be found recorded elsewhere. It was a distinctly gratifying success, as it was achieved at the first attempt. The second start for the peal proved abortive in a very minutes, owing to one of the band showing in a practical but involuntary manner his desire to keep cool, a desire which had the result of causing the other seven to be convulsed with laughter, with which the intricacies of Superlative had no sympathy.

The Vicar (the Rev. Urling Smith) placed us under a deep debt of gratitude by allowing us to ring through festal evensong. The trap-door in the floor of the ringing chamber had been left open, and towards the end of the peal we became aware of a delightfully sweet odour permeating the ringing chamber, which soon made us realise that a service was proceeding, and that the fragrant incense was rising upward. It was our first experience of ringing in such an atmosphere, as it was also the assistant priest's first experience of preaching a sermon to the harmony of the bells. From what he said afterwards, we believe the bells had the best of it. Next morning saw twelve clergy at Painswick, bent on recording the first peal of clerical Stedman Cinques. But alas! it was not to be. A more delightful spot in such ideal weather as we experienced throughout the tour one could hardly want. The Vicar most kindly entertained us to a substantial dinner, for which we are very grateful to him. In the evening, through the kindness of Messrs. G. H. Phillott and W. T. Pates, we visited St. Mary's, Cheltenham, where a course of Stedman Cinques was rung with some of the local men. This is an ideal place for peals on twelve bells, but unfortunately the spire is said by the architect to be unsafe for much ringing.

On Wednesday, an early start was made for Stroud, where Grandsire Caters was on the programme. Again, we were disappointed, for after 1 hr. and 20 mins. ringing the peal came to grief. Hardly had we come away from the tower than who should meet us but the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who had come from Bath to hear the ringing. Although our attempts did not meet with the success we should have liked, we all, nevertheless, had a thoroughly enjoyable outing, and we desire to thank those incumbents who so kindly placed their bells at our disposal, and the respective steeplekeepers who had everything ready for us. Further, our best thanks are due to the Cheltenham band for the loan of their handbells during our stay in the town. The Cinques band stood as follows: Revs. E. V. Cox, C. W. O. Jenkyn, E. B. James, A. T. Beeston, H. Law James, F. J. O. Helmore, C. D. P. Davies, C. Carew Cox (conductor), C. A. Clements, G. F. Coleridge, H. A. Cockey, W. W. C. Baker; while the Caters band was the same, with the exception of the Revs. E. B. James and W. W. C. Baker, who stood out. Nothing daunted, arrangements will be made later on for another attempt to place Stedman Cinques on the list of clerical peals.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The fifth meeting of the year of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Rye, on Saturday, representatives attending from Appledore, Hawkhurst, Idon, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower. Capital practice in Grandsire Doubles, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples was indulged in, many touches being successfully accomplished.—The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) presided at the business meeting, which was held in the belfry.—It was unanimously resolved to hold the next meeting at Stone-in-Oxney, on the third Saturday in May.—The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Mr. H. S. Humphery, who stated he would be pleased for the Guild to attempt a peal at New Romney.—The Chairman proposed that the offer be accepted, and that a peal of Grandsire Triples be attempted at that tower on the second Saturday in May.—This was agreed to. Two new members (Messrs. H. G. Ticehurst, of Rye, and P. Nash, of Idon) were admitted in the society. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. G. Kenward, and seconded by Mr. A. Daw, was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Howes) for the use of the bells.—Subsequently further ringing was indulged in.

GUILDFORD.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on Sunday, March 24th, 1201 Stedman Caters: E. Etheridge 1, J. Hunt 2, E. Raddon 3, C. Willshire 4, W. Loader 5, R. Wood 6, M. Smither 7, C. Hazelden 8, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 9, S. G. Steer 10. Longest length on ten bells by E. Etheridge and R. Wood. Rung by five members of the Holy Trinity Society (4, 6, 7, 8, 9), and five of St. Nicolas'. Mr. Wood left Guildford for Lee, Kent, on the 25th, with the best wishes of all the band.

MERROW, SURREY. — On March 22nd, 720 Oxford Bob Treble Minor: A. Bridger 1, *G. J. Nichols 2, J. Goacher 3, W. Day 4, *A. J. Boniface 5, H. Stovell (conductor) 6. * First 220.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PROGRESS OF THE DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The first annual meeting of the Dorchester branch of the above Guild was held at Dorchester on Thursday week, and proved to be most successful. Representatives attended from Bournemouth, Charminster, Fordington St. George's, Hilton, Milton Abbey, Puddletown, West Lulworth, Wyke Regis, and the local band. The fine peal of St. Peter's (8) and Fordington St. George's (6) were at the disposal of the ringers, and both peals were fully utilised. The members, numbering 60, were entertained to high tea at St. Peter's by the Rector and Churchwardens, a kindness which was much appreciated. The Rector (the Rev. A. Medcalfe) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. W. P. Schuster (general secretary of the Guild), the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary) East Dorset branch), and the churchwardens of St. Peter's, Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch), Mr. Pouncey, Mr. Godwin, and the hon. secretary of the branch.—At the close, the Rev. W. P. Schuster proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and his churchwardens for their kindness in providing such an excellent tea, for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. A. Medcalfe for the service which was afterwards to take place. He congratulated the branch on such a good meeting, and said he knew how well it must have been worked. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. R. G. Bartlott for the use of his bells.—The Rev. C. A. Phillips seconded, and said that the sub-division of the branches which Mr. Beams had worked to bring about had proved a great success, especially from what he had seen of such a gathering that day. The East Dorset branch had not yet been divided, but he had no doubt it would in the future, although at present it was going on well.—The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation, and the Rector, in replying, said he was pleased to welcome the Guild to St. Peter's, and to give them the address. There were considerably more members present than on the last occasion, when a meeting was held at Dorchester.

The business meeting was then presided over by Mr. R. N. Dawes.—The Rev. A. L. Helps wired his apology for absence, and apologies were also received from the Rev. A. B. Dobie and Mr. Martin Stewart (Master of the Guild). The Charminster band (nine in number) were elected members of the Guild, and welcomed by the chairman and secretary.—The Chairman was re-elected, on the motion of Mr. Jennings, who said it would be impossible to find a more hard-working chairman than Mr. Dawes. Mr. White was re-elected as Ringing Master, and Mr. Bengier, Deputy Ringing Master. Mr. Jennings was re-elected as hon. secretary and treasurer, and the Chairman paid a high tribute to the way in which he had carried through his first year's work.—The thanks of the meeting were given to the hon. secretary, who, in returning thanks, said that although the West Dorset branch had only been sub-divided just over twelve months and the Dorchester branch started with five towers and 48 members, it now had seven towers, and the membership had increased to 67 (ap- plause).—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Puddletown in July, Mr. W. Hewlett, on behalf of the Rev. A. L. Helps, giving the branch a cordial invitation.

Afterwards the members attended the special service of the Salisbury Guild, at St. Peter's Church, the Rector giving a most suitable address, taking his text from the 89th Psalm, 15th verse. The service proved that the ringers could sing as well as ring.—After the service, another visit was paid to the two towers, and the bells were kept going till 9 o'clock to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire, Messrs. White and Bengier conducting.

RINGERS' CYCLE RUN.

As the result of a cycle run in connection with the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, a capital meeting took place at Norton Canes on Saturday last. Beside the local band, there were twelve ringers present, representing Bloxwich, Bradley, Haughton, Rushall, Tamworth, Tettehall, West Bromwich (All Saints'), Wolverhampton (St. Peter and St. Luke). Several touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. We believe that as an outcome of this meeting, the local band will rejoin the Society. The next run will take place on May 18th, to Church Eaton.

GRANDSIRE COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to your paragraph in the issue of April 26th, stating that the six-part published in Mr. Lindoff's article on April 5th was originally composed by Mr. James Parker in 1888, and is to be found in the Central Council's Collection over his name, I have the Collection before me as I write, but fail to see the peal your correspondent refers to. May I, therefore, ask him, through your columns, to be good enough to point out more exactly the composition he has identified with that published by you on April 5th? Thanking you in anticipation for the favour of publication.—Yours sincerely,

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. WILLIAM KEEBLE.

One of the men who have helped to make history in peal ringing is Mr. William Keeble, who, particularly in conjunction with the Brothers Pye, raised handbell ringing to a higher plane than it had ever before reached. He was one of the quartet who rang the first peals of New Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise ever rung on handbells, as well as peals of Superlative, performances which for all time will rank among the greatest achievements in the realm of change ringing. And, like many other great ringers, Mr. Keeble has done not a little in helping others up the campanological ladder.

Born March 29th, 1878, Mr. Keeble began ringing at his native place, Kelvedon, Essex, at the age of 16, when the bells were a peal of five. In March, 1895, however, a new treble was added, and on this bell he rang his first 720 in May, and his first 5040 in February of the following year. His next peal he conducted from an inside



MR. W. KEEBLE.

bell, and followed this by calling 5040 in seven methods. Not content with six-bell ringing Mr. Keeble, shortly after this, made frequent journeys to Coggeshall, where, under the able tuition of his friend, Mr. David Elliott, he soon mastered Major ringing, and eventually took part with the local company in peals of Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Bob Major. Leaving home in 1899, Mr. Keeble joined the Leytonstone company, who were just then advancing as a good Surprise Minor band. With them he found scope for his abilities, and came into contact with the Brothers Pye, with whom he was not long in securing his first handbell peal—this was Kent Treble Bob Major rung on June 2nd, 1901. With Messrs. G. R., W., and E. Pye, Surprise methods were assiduously practised, and peals of Superlative, New Cambridge, London and Bristol followed in due course, including the only non-conducted Surprise peal ever rung "in hand." Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques were also added.

In 1907 Mr. Keeble removed to Bolsover, Derbyshire, where he remained for three years, helping the local company to score their first peals of Superlative, New Cam-

bridge and London Surprise. He also formed a handbell band, and rang peals of Bob Major, Treble Bob Minor, Major and Royal, Superlative, Double Norwich and New Cambridge. Having now returned to his native place, he hopes to see once more a good company at the tower where he first learnt his ringing. Mr. Keeble's 311 peals have been rung in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, in 26 counties and 101 towers, under 16 Associations and Guilds and with 276 ringers. The peals are as follow, and, as will be seen, include the 14,112 London Surprise record at King's Norton :—

	On Tower Bells		On Handbells	
	Rung	Cond'd	Rung	Cond'd
Minor 1 Methods	3	2		
Minor 2 Methods	1	1		
Minor 7 Methods	26	20		
7 Treble Bob Minor Methods			1	1
Bob Major	4	2	14	11
Bob Royal			2	1
Double Norwich Major	23	12	4	4
Double Norwich Royal	1			
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2		2	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	13	8	15	12
Kent Treble Bob Royal	8	2	4	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1			
Cambridge Surprise Major	3			
New Cambridge Surprise Major ...	20	9	4	1
New Cambridge Surprise Royal ...	3			
Superlative Surprise Major	55	21	9	4†
London Surprise Major	48*	17	5	1
Bristol Surprise Major	9	3	3	1
Stedman Triples	11		1	
Stedman Caters	10		2	
Stedman Cinques	3		1	
	244	97	67	38

*Including record, 14,112.

†Including the only "silent" Surprise peal on handbells.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We have received from the Hon. Sec. of the Central Council a copy of the report and the analyses of the peals rung during 1911, but it reached us too late for publication this week.

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Last Saturday was the 51st anniversary of the peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, a record length in the method, which stood for over 20 years, until broken by Mr. Henry Johnson's 72nd birthday peal at Birmingham. Of the band that rang at Cornhill, only one remains with us to-day, Mr. Matthew Wood.

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The story of this peal, of course, has been handed down in the famous verses by James Dwight, the lines referring to Mr. Wood being the following :—

Now, who is that that rang the ninth
 With so much ease and grace ;
 From the treble to the tenor
 He is never out of place.
 Young ringers all take my advice,
 Study him you should,
 Copy well his attitude
 'Tis famous Matthew Wood.

Saturday also was the anniversary of the 15,840 Kent Treble Bob rung at Bethnal Green in 1868. Only four of this band, Messrs. M. Wood, E. Horrex, W. Cooter and J. Pettitt, are alive, and, while all are well past the allotted span, it is with regret that we have to say that the two last-named are quite invalids. Mr. Pettitt, who is well known as the conductor at St. Paul's Cathedral for so many years, and called the first peal there, celebrated his 78th birthday on Thursday of last week. He is, unhappily, confined to a bed of sickness.

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The policemen of London have rung a peal—a "peelers" peal we are tempted to remark. The Force have made many captures in their time, but never before have they captured a 5040 of Grandsire Triples. There were two separate "Charges" in this case, Cornelius and George.

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Ringers do not often get their services publicly recognised, but at the Vestry meeting of St. Mary's, Rye, Sussex, the Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Howes) proposed, and the Vicar's Warden (Mr. F. W. Biddle) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the bellringers for their services during the past ecclesiastical year. The motion was carried unanimously. Two of the ringers (Messrs. G. J. Youngs and J. B. Bennett) have been re-appointed sidesmen by the Vicar and churchwardens for the ensuing year. These gentlemen have served in the ranks of the sidesmen for several years.

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The ring of five bells that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank took away from Saltwood, near Hythe, Kent, are ready to be placed back in the tower. Several have been recast, and a treble, the gift of the Right Hon. Laurence Hardy, M.P., in memory of his wife, has been added. Although the bellhangers have everything in readiness, the work will have to remain at a standstill for a time, as repairs have to be done to the tower, and the floor of the bell chamber lowered slightly.

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A noteworthy performance appears in our peal columns this week. It is the record of a peal of Double Norwich Major rung on handbells by the Cambridge University Guild. Double Norwich "in hand" is not so frequently rung as to place the achievement in the common ruck, and this peal is the more interesting inasmuch as it is the first peal of Double Norwich on handbells by the Guild since the famous one in 1891, which was the first ever rung.

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The claim of the Midland Counties Association to the first double handed peal of Minor in seven methods will not, apparently, stand. Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, informs us that the Lancashire Association rang a peal on September 18th, 1897, the ringers being Messrs. Isaac Whalley 1-2, Charles Sharples 3-4, Robert Parkinson (conductor) 5-6. The time occupied was 2 hrs. 6 mins., and the methods were Merchant's Return, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Some few years previously, on June 3rd, 1891, to be exact, a peal of a similar character was rung at St. Albans, by Messrs. J. C., S. E., and E. R. Mitchell. Unfortunately, however, among the seven methods was included Yorkshire Court, which Mr. J. J. Parker, a few years afterwards, conclusively proved to be false.

The announcement made in another column that Messrs. Warner and Son have secured the contract for the restoration of Shoreditch bells indicates that the work on this famous peal is now within measurable distance of being put in hand. More than ordinary interest is being taken in this big scheme, because so many ringers throughout the country have contributed their mite to the restoration fund, and because the bells of this famous peal are so well known even to the children by reason of the old nursery rhyme "Oranges and lemons."

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Curiously enough a manuscript has recently been discovered by Messrs. Warner and Sons giving both the words and the score of these lines, and they reproduce the old print on another page. Are there any of our readers who can supply information of the origin of the words and the music?

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It is rather an unique experience, we think, for a man to ring his first peal of Caters at the age of 66 years, and that, too, after being a ringer at the same church for over 40 years. This, however, is the fortune of Mr. William Cawton, who last Saturday rang his first peal of Caters at Grantham with the recently formed local band. And in the peals this week also, we notice Mr. Tom Salter's first of Grandsire Caters. The late Master of the Worcester-shire Association has waited some time for this, for his 250 odd peals include most things worth ringing from Minor to Stedman Cinques, and Bob Major to London Surprise.

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Mr. H. W. Abbott writes that for the present the bells of All Saints', Loughborough, are not available for peal ringing, owing to severe illness near the church.

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Stedman Triples on the back eight at Manchester Town Hall is a pretty big order, but it was successfully accomplished on Saturday. The tenor is 52 cwt., and this is the heaviest ring of bells rung to a peal of Triples by eight men only.

THE CAMPANILE OF ST. MARK'S.

THE STORY OF ITS BELLS.

On Thursday of last week, the rebuilt Campanile of St. Mark, Venice, was opened. Ten years ago, the original structure, erected a thousand years before, fell down, and its reconstruction is undoubtedly one of the most wonderful achievements of modern times. The new Campanile is not merely a copy of the old one, but practically a perfect reproduction of it. Every fragment of the old tower, which was 322 feet high, however small that could be saved has been used again, and the original design has been faithfully reproduced in every detail. The cost of the rebuilding has been over £80,000.

Out of the five historical bells of the Campanile four were irrevocably destroyed with the fall of the tower; but the fifth one was undamaged. The Pope has replaced at his expense the four destroyed bells, which were cast with great care, and tuned exactly like the original ones, of which they are perfect reproductions. The bells have been blessed and given their original names. One is called the "Marangona," or carpenter's bell, and it was sounded to regulate the hours of work at dawn and sunset when the carpenters in the dock-yards of Venice began and ended their work. The second bell is named "Nona" (ninth), and it rings at noon, the ninth hour. The third one is named "Mezza-terza" (half-third), and it announced the meetings of the Senate. The fourth bell, named "Trottiera" (trotter), was rung to summon the nobles to the Grand Council, and derived its name from the trotting mules of the nobles who hurried to the palace. Finally, the fifth bell, named "Maleficio" (crime), was sounded when a prisoner was put to death.

The different intonations and methods of ringing the bells had different meanings, but they are only rung all together at the Feast of St. Mark, or to announce a great victory.

St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.

ORANGES & LEMONS

Oran-ges and le-mons, says the bells of 'St. Clemen's'; You owe me five farthings, says the D.C. When will that be? says the bells of Step - ney; I do not know, says the bells of St. Mar-tin's; When will you pay me, says the bells of Old Bai - ley; great bell of Bow.

D.C.

When I grow rich, says the bells of Shore - ditch; Here comes a can-dle to light you to bed, And here comes a chop-per to chop off your head.

(Reproduced from an ancient print.)

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

PROTEST AGAINST WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln, on Saturday. During the day ringing took place at St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's. After evensong, Bishop Hicks addressed the members in the morning chapel at the Cathedral.—The Dean of Lincoln (who is president of the branch) presided over the business meeting of the Guild, which was held in the Co-operative Society's Hall. He was supported by the Rev. Reginald Bond (general secretary), the Rev. H. Law James (Master), Mr. F. F. Linley (hon. treasurer), together with the branch secretaries and officials.

The Dean observed that this was a day when Churchmen must stand resolutely together (hear, hear). He had just finished an analysis of the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, and he thought he had never read through a Bill so mean (hear, hear). He was a Liberal Churchman, in favour of a minimum wage and a number of other things, but he was not in favour of the Welsh Disestablishment measure. Under that measure the graveyards that had not been closed, which were part and parcel of the Church's heritage, were going to be handed over to the Urban District Councils and Parish Councils of the neighbourhood ("Shame"). Could they conceive anything more calculated to wound the deep and abiding sentiment of all who loved the Church? In future, if a Churchman wanted to be buried in the churchyard, leave would have to be obtained through the Parish Council, or the Urban Council, as to time, hours, and so forth.

Mr. R. Mackman, of Spalding, moved a resolution, strongly protesting against the proposal to dismember the Church, by cutting off the four Welsh dioceses, and to despoil it, by confiscating to secular uses, endowments created to the service of God, and urging all Christian people, irrespective of political party, to unite in uncompromising resistance to any Bill embodying such proposals.—Mr. F. F. Linley (Gainsborough) seconded.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

All the officers of the Guild and the representatives on the Central Council were re-elected.

Over 200 members and friends sat down to tea, and Mr. Linley presided at the branch meeting, when the report presented showed a total membership of 344, a net gain on the year of 24. The financial statement disclosed an increase in the balance of £3 8s. 2d., which was considered very satisfactory.—The report was adopted, and the officers were re-elected.—Votes of thanks to the various incumbents for the use of the bells during the day concluded the business.

A well-tapped touch of Stedman Triples by Mr. C. Glenn, and a course of Caters by Mr. W. Allwood were loudly applauded.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

One of the most pleasant and successful meetings of the Southern branch of the Worcester and Districts Association took place on Saturday last at Eckington, a pretty village which lies on the west side of Bredon Hills. Ringers were present from Worcester, Evesham, Pershore, Malvern, Wolverhampton, Upton-on-Severn, Strensham, etc., and ringing took place during the afternoon. The service was well attended, the Vicar (the Rev. W. Ismay) giving a most eloquent address on bell ringers and bell ringing, pointing out that the bell ringing of to-day was very different to that of the past.

After service, a substantial tea was served in the Institute, kindly provided by the Vicar, and Mrs. B. and Mrs. P. Smithin. The Vicar and Mr. White, churchwarden, were present, and the ringers' wants were attended to by Mrs. B. Smithin, Mrs. P. Smithin, and Miss Ismay. The number present was 45.—A business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. One honorary member and several performing members were elected, and it was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Eckington, with Mr. H. Salisbury as conductor.—Overbury was selected for the next meeting, subject to no invitation coming from another place.—A resolution was passed sympathising with the Rev. C. J. Hunt, of Fladbury, who has recently undergone a serious operation, the members wishing him a speedy recovery.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, for presiding, for the use of the bells, for his most eloquent address; and to Mrs. B. Smithin, Mrs. P. Smithin, and Miss Ismay.—The Vicar briefly replied, and said he would convey the vote of thanks to the ladies. He hoped at some future time to welcome them to Eckington again.—A move was made to the belfry, where further ringing took place. Bredon's Norton bells were available in the evening, and were utilised by some of the visitors on their way home.

MR. G. W. MOSS' 100 PEALS.

Doubles for seven Methods, 1; Minor for three Methods, 3; Grand-sire Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 2; Bob Major, 11; Kent Treble Bob Major, 14; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 20; Superlative Surprise Major, 18; Cambridge Surprise, 4; London Surprise, 4; Norfolk Surprise, 2; Forward Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 3; Stedman Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 5; Forward Royal, 1; Double Norwich Royal, 1.—On handbells: Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5.—Total, 100.

JUBILEE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

COLLEGE YOUTHS ENTERTAINED.

Mr. Francis E. Dawe, who celebrated his 50th birthday by calling a peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells of his native village of West Meon, and a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, invited his friends of the College Youths, who took part in the peals, and in the recent attempt at St. Paul's, to supper at the Coffee Pot on Wednesday week, to further commemorate the event. The ringers, augmented by a few friends, numbered a couple of dozen, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. At Mr. Dawe's request, the chair was taken by the Master of the College Youths (Mr. T. H. Taffender), who was supported by the host, the veteran Mr. Ted Horrex, Mr. Challis Winney, Mr. E. Gibbs, Mr. H. R. Newton, Mr. A. B. Peck, and other well-known London ringers.—The toast of the King and Church was honoured and the Chairman then proposed "The Health of Our Host." He recalled the fact that Mr. Dawe was, formerly, for six years Master of the College Youths, an honoured position which no one else has held for so many years. He had also devoted efforts to ringing peals on Cathedral bells, and had succeeded in ringing and calling peals at 14 different Cathedrals, and in ringing in every Cathedral tower except Truro. Only recently he attempted to call a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, but through an unfortunate incident the attempt failed. They were greatly indebted to Mr. Dawe for the manner in which he had entertained them that evening. There had been no stronger supporter of the Society than he had been, and they wished him long life, health and happiness (applause).—The toast was drunk with musical honours.

A PROUD RECORD.

Mr. Dawe, in replying, said he supposed his career in regard to ringing had been as varied as anyone's. They read of marvellous performances being done, but, looking through his collection of peals and the circumstances under which they had been accomplished, he would not change it for that of anyone he knew (hear, hear). One great thing was that the vast majority had been rung in all parts of the country under the name of the Ancient Society of College Youths (hear, hear). Thirty years ago he called a peal on his 20th birthday, and he called another on his 21st. It reminded them of the passing years, and among the old ringers he missed many faces. Of those who took part in the peals 29 and 30 years ago many were no longer in existence. He missed the dear old faces of Pettitt, Wood, Cooter, Jameson, Dorington, Hayes, and others, men who were the backbone of that Society, when they were not so numerous as they were at present. With regard to the performances on his 50th birthday, he thought he was safe in saying that no bell ringer had ever before celebrated his jubilee in such a fitting manner. But whatever his ambitions may have been, he could not possibly have achieved these ambitions without the able and united support of his oldest and best friends. He thanked them for all their kindness and consideration, and for the trouble they put themselves to oblige him.

A VETERAN RINGER.

It was very gratifying to have his old friend Mr. Horrex in one of the peals.—Mr. Horrex was in his first peal 33 or 34 years ago—and if he (the speaker) lived as long as Mr. Horrex, he hoped his arm would be as strong, his eye as clear, and his nerve as steady as Mr. Horrex's were. Having referred to the great disappointment he experienced in losing the peal at St. Paul's, he made a sympathetic reference to the "Titanic" disaster. Passing on, he mentioned that he regretted the absence of two or three friends that night, including Mr. Cockerill and Mr. Arthur Hughes, the latter that evening being engaged in celebrating the 21st birthday of his youngest son. He wished to bestow his very best thanks, he continued, on his friends for helping to bring his 50th birthday celebration to a successful issue; Mr. Winney, who had helped him to the best of his ability over his difficulties; Mr. Langdon who had also assisted very materially; but above all, Mr. Taffender, whose business-like efforts had been largely responsible for solving the difficulties.

Mr. Dawe afterwards presented to each one present a handsomely executed record of the peals rung on his birthday, together with a splendid photograph, taken by himself, of the tower of St. Michael's.—For these gifts he was thanked by Mr. Winney, who was in Mr. Dawe's 20th and 21st birthday peals, as well as in his 50th. He congratulated him on his ability as a bob caller, and expressed the hope that he would some day complete his ambition of calling a peal at St. Paul's (applause).

The remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, songs being rendered by members of the company, and a course of Stedman Caters rung on handbells.

CAERPHILLY.—The Llandaff Association.—The first touch by members of the St. Martin's Guild was rung on Easter Monday, when they brought round 336 Grandsire Triples. This is a new band of ringers, who have only learnt to ring during the last twelve months, having been taught by Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport. The ringers who took part were: E. Phillips 1, W. Dare 2, D. Stephens 3, W. Kathro 4, G. Cooke (captain) 5, F. Garrard 6, D. Coleman 7, S. Tucker 8.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

'When I grow rich said the bells of Shoreditch.'

It has now been decided to have a new steel frame to carry the top five bells at Shoreditch Church, and brace up the lower frame which carries the back seven, to have modern cast iron headstocks and new fittings to all the bells, and have the bells themselves cleaned and tuned. The work is to be carried out by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, the well-known founders of Spitalfields, who have recently carried out some excellent work. When this is completed, it will again enable Shoreditch to boast of one of the finest peals in London. The cost will run into some hundreds of pounds, far more than was at first anticipated, and ringers and their friends are earnestly asked to support the scheme to the fullest extent, as the effort to raise the necessary money in a poor district like Shoreditch is well-nigh impossible. The order is to be placed and the work commenced as soon as two-thirds of the necessary money has been raised, which means that the authorities must have another £50 in sight before action can be taken. Subscriptions, however small, will be most welcome, and so that the smallest sums may be got in, subscription cards may now be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. J. Bradley, the Parish Church, Shoreditch, to whom also subscriptions should be sent.

**THE LATE MR. T. W. DAY.
FUNERAL OF A YOUNG RINGER.**

Mr. Tom Watson Day, to whose death we referred last week, was born at Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, and commenced to ring when he was a chorister at Holy Trinity Church. He was taught to handle a bell by his father, Mr. Joseph Day, a ringer at Coalbrookdale, and at the age of 14 rang his first peal (Grandsire Doubles), and his first peal of Grandsire Triples a few months later, conducted by Mr. W. Short. He was an excellent striker, and a sure ringer, and had rung three peals of Grandsire Doubles, and 14 peals of Grandsire Triples. On coming to Willenhall, he joined St. Giles' band, and took part in the first peal on the bells by a local band, he being the youngest of the company. He took a keen interest in Stedman, and was looking forward to ringing a peal in that method. He was taken ill last Christmas, and died on April 18th, 1912, at the age of 18 years. He was a member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Herefordshire Association, and the Salop Guild.

The funeral took place on Tuesday week, the first part of the burial service being at St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, and the interment at Holy Trinity Churchyard, Willenhall. On the departure of the coffin from St. Giles' touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells deeply muffled, and the organist played the "Dead March." At Willenhall the coffin was met by the ringers, wearing white ties and gloves, who acted as bearers, and after the committal prayers, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by: H. Aston 1—2, J. L. York 3—4, F. S. Downing 5—6, W. Saunders 7—8. Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the ringers of Coalbrookdale and Willenhall, and his fellow workmen. In the evening the tower bells were rung, muffled, and on Sunday, April 21st, 504 Stedman Triples (the first by a local band), by: J. Hanley 1, H. Aston 2, H. Bailey 3, F. S. Downing 4, J. L. York 5, W. Jones 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, A. Gorbett 8.

**BELL RESTORATION AT WEST CHARLTON.
CHANGE RINGING SPREADING.**

Travellers on the G.W.R. new line, between Castle Cary and Taunton, will have noticed the small station of Charlton Mackrell. The church, seen from the railway, is in the Parish of Charlton Adam, Charlton Mackrell, or West Charlton Church, being a short distance further on towards Somerton. Friday, April 19th, was a red-letter day to the parishes, as on that day the bells of West Charlton were reopened, after being thoroughly overhauled.—The Ven. Archdeacon Brymer, who is in charge of the parish, conducted the service of dedication.

After the local ringers had rung the bells, some of the visitors were invited to have a pull; and a 120 Grandsire Doubles was tapped off by: T. Doble (conductor) 1, W. S. Doble 2, S. Hawkins 3, H. Hillburn 4, E. Creed 5, M. S. Welshman 6. Other six-scores were rung during the evening, the general opinion being that the "go" of the bells was excellent, and reflected great credit on Messrs. Doble and Son, of Taunton, who were entrusted with the work, which consisted of strengthening the cage by putting in long tie bolts and corner plates, recasting the 3rd (which was done by Messrs. Taylor), quarter turning the others, and adding new fittings to all. The tenor is 14 cwt., in F.—Tea was kindly provided for all by the Archdeacon and Mrs. Brymer, in the schools; and during the repast, 120 Doubles on handbells was rung by: S. Hawkins 1, E. Dabbinett 2, G. H. Head (conductor) 3, E. Creed 4, T. Doble 5—6.

Members of the Association attended from Castle Cary, Kingweston, Kingsdon, Street, Taunton St. James', and West Lydford. There are promising signs that change ringing is "taking on" in this part of the country; and there are several rings that have been put in repair during the past few years. It is hoped the local men will back up the Archdeacon, by becoming members of the Bath and Wells Association.—The thanks of the ringers are due to the Archdeacon and Mrs. Brymer, Mr. Butler, and Mrs. and Miss Tribbick, who attended to their wants at the tea.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**A "SIX BELL" MEETING.**

In beautiful weather a meeting of the North and East District was held at Monken Hadley on Saturday last, when the pretty peal of six was at the disposal of the members for the afternoon and evening. About 30 ringers from Barnet, Northaw, Finchley, Southgate, Stanmore, Hornsey, Hatfield, Wanstead, Walthamstow, Tottenham, and Stamford Hill attended, and some capital ringing was indulged in, touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob being rung. Tea was partaken of in the open, almost a record, we should think, for April. The popular Master of the district, Mr. J. Armstrong, presided at the meeting, supported by Mr. F. A. Milne, hon. treasurer, and the hon. secretary. Five new members were elected, and votes of thanks were cordially passed to the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Stubbs), for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their kind welcome.—The Hon. Secretary said that he was very pleased to be able to arrange a meeting at Hadley, and was glad to see such a good attendance, especially of six-bell ringers, who should not be lost sight of when meetings were being arranged. He had an idea that, at no very distant date, two new trebles would be added to the existing six at Hadley. He trusted that this was so.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hornsey, some time early in June. The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where ringing continued until late in the evening in a number of methods, including Oxford Bob, College Single, Double Oxford, and Cambridge Surprise.

**THE RE-BUILDING OF ST. GEORGE'S,
LEICESTER.**

An important event, in the history of St. George's Church, Leicester, took place on St. George's Day, when the memorial stone of the new nave was laid by Earl Howe. This is the first stage in the task of reconstructing the church, which was demolished by the great fire in October last, when the whole edifice was reduced to ruins. The total cost of the scheme will be £16,200, of which £10,220 has been paid by the insurance company. In response to an appeal, £2,000 has been received by the Vicar, but another £4,000 is required.

The ceremony last week extended over the day, and commenced with a celebration of Holy Communion in the chancel of the church. Later on there was a service in St. Martin's Church, three courses of Stedman Caters being rung before the service, which was largely attended, the congregation including the Mayor and members of the Town Council. Canon Scott Holland was the preacher. Four courses of Stedman were rung immediately after the service, which was followed by a dinner in the old Town Hall, Earl Howe presiding.

After this, the assembly journeyed to the site of the new church, and here in the nave the ceremony was performed by Earl Howe. As the stone was laid a flag was hoisted on the tower, which was a signal to the ringers at St. Martin's, and four courses of Stedman Caters were brought round in excellent style. The longest touch of the day was prior to the evening service, 1008 of Stedman Caters being rung by: G. Holmes 1, F. H. Dexter 2, G. Pilmore 3, H. Jenney 4, A. Pettitt 5, L. Allen 6, J. Morris 7, C. H. Fowler (conductor) 8, A. Martin 9, E. Morris 10 (longest length by 1, 3, 4). In addition to the above, the following rang in various touches during the day: J. Buttery, J. S. Needham, E. E. Smith, T. Taylor, W. H. Inglesant, and H. Argyle (Nuneaton).

The original church, it may be stated, was erected in 1823 from a grant by Parliament, as a national acknowledgment of the victory of Waterloo. It is interesting to note that the stone was laid by Lord Howe of that day, an ancestor of the present Earl who performed the corresponding office on St. George's Day.

SHOREDITCH SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held on Friday, April 19th, the Vicar and President (the Rev. E. R. Ford, M.A.), presiding.—The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer gave the state of finances, showing receipts amounting to £8 9s. 6d., and expenditure to £7 5s. 6d., leaving a balance of £1 4s., which, considering it was the first year of the society, was thought good. The whole of the expenditure was on the repairs to the chiming lines, ringing chamber, and necessary appliances. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: The lay clergy, Rev. A. A. Duffield Harding and Rev. P. E. Boswell; Mr. Howard Wall and Mr. W. Field, vice-presidents; Mr. A. E. Bradley, hon. sec.; Mr. H. J. Bradley, steeplekeeper and foreman; Messrs. W. Bradley, F. Barber, W. White and B. Hunter, committee.—Mr. H. J. Bradley, the hon. sec. to the fund to repair the bells, gave a short account of the proposed work to be done, and the financial position of the scheme, and urged the members to do all they could in obtaining subscriptions.—It was asked that the society should be allowed to send a representative to the Church Council, and this was referred to the Vestry meeting.—The Rev. A. A. Duffield Harding moved a vote of thanks to the retiring secretary, Mr. F. K. Sallaway, who was one of the founders of the movement for bringing the bells into action.—The vote was heartily carried.—The Vicar, in closing the meeting, congratulated all members of the society on the excellent work they had already done, and offered his best wishes for the future.

NOTICES.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting, Horsell, May 4th. Visitors gladly welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Saturday, May 4th. Tea at the Parish Institute 5.30 p.m., 9d. each, will be provided for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, May 4th. Church tower open during the afternoon and evening. Tea in Vicarage garden at 5.30, if weather unfavourable in Parish Room.—Jas. W. Elkins, 20, Culvin Villas, Winchester.

SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Market Drayton on Saturday, May 4th. There will be ringing in the afternoon in the Parish Church, followed by a meeting in the Vestry.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, M.A., Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, May 4th, 1912, at 6.30 p.m. It is expected the bells at Mytton Church will be available during the afternoon.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Secretary.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Chesterfield Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints; 10 bells (tenor 24½ cwt.), available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. The business meeting will be held about 6 p.m. either in the vestry, or (if numbers warrant it) in St. James' Mission Room, Vicar Lane. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secretary's report, etc., and a good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Bird) at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Ringing will be held at Heston on the second Sunday afternoon of each month from 2 till 3, when all ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 4th, St. Peter's tower open from 11 to 1 and from 6 to 8 p.m., St. Nicholas' from 6 to 8 p.m. Luncheon at Unicorn Hotel, North Street, at 1.30. Members' tickets 1s. 6d. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside at the luncheon and at the business meeting which follows. Ringers' service at St. Nicholas' Church at 4 p.m. Preacher Canon Southwell. Half railway fares with a

maximum of 2s. will be allowed members attending the meeting, but it is hoped that if possible they will avail themselves of the cheap fares.—G. Watson, St. Leonards, Honorary General Secretary.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 4th. Business meeting in Parish Room 3.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Howard's Rooms 5 p.m. Members of kindred societies heartily welcome.—B. Darley, Honorary Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—The annual festival will be held at Devizes on Monday, May 6th (King's Accession). Service by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. P. W. G. Filleul) in St. John's Church at 12.30 p.m. The sermon will be preached by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Luncheon at the Bear Hotel at 2s. each, at 1.45 p.m. By the courtesy of the incumbents the following towers will be offered: Peal of 8, St. John's, Devizes; peals of 6, St. Mary's, Devizes; St. James', Southbroom; St. Mary, Potterne; St. Matthew, Rowde.—W. P. Schuster, Honorary Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 9th and 23rd; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 14th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 15th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—James H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 11th. The bells of St. Stephen's (8) and St. Dunstan's (6) will be available from 3 till 9 p.m.; of St. Alphege (6) from 3 till 4 p.m., and of the Cathedral (10) after 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 3d. each will be made, will be taken in St. Peter's Parish Hall at 5 p.m. The usual business meeting will be held after tea. Will all members who intend to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, May 8th. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid before the meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Chorley, with Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, May 11th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Magor, Mon., on Saturday, May 11th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., Caerphilly; John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Honorary Secretaries.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—

A special invitation meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 11th, for the purpose of opening a new peal of eight. Ringing will commence at 3.30. A dedication service will be held at 5 o'clock, the Rev. W. Templeton King, the Rural Dean, officiating. The authorities have kindly offered to provide tea, and all those who intend to be present are asked to notify me not later than Tuesday, May 7th. Provision will only be made for those so doing. Members and friends will be heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley, on May 11th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Sun Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

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, May 18th, at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at the Half Moon at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. G. Swindell. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Scorton on May 18th. Conveyances will be arranged for from Preston if desired. All ringers heartily welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 18th, 1912. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Business meeting after the service. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Whitsun-Monday, May 27th. At this meeting four representatives on the Central Council of church bell ringers are to be elected. Candidates must be nominated by two members, and their nomination papers forwarded to the honorary secretary before May 13th. For dinner tickets, etc., apply to Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, The Precincts, Canterbury.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual report of the above Guild for 1911 is now ready. Members under Rule XI can have them by sending three penny stamps to the Secretary, Albert E. Reeves, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

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DEATH.

WILLIAMS.—On Thursday, April 25th, 1912, at Droxford, Hants, Mrs. Sarah Williams, aged 93 years, mother of George Williams, West End, near Southampton.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION.

On Wednesday week, Mr. J. Summersall, the conductor of the Pateley Bridge band, among whom he has worked assiduously since the opening of the bells 19 years ago, entertained his brother ringers, their wives and friends, to a substantial repast at the Crown Hotel, to celebrate his silver wedding. After supper, the Rev. Rogerson proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Summersall, in felicitous terms, and to this Mr. J. Sherwood added a few appropriate words.—In reply, Mr. Summersall thanked the ringers for the gift of a solid silver cruet, which they had previously presented to him to commemorate the event. He remarked that at the beginning of his career as a ringer he was often tempted to give it up, and he probably would have done had he not been encouraged by his wife, who was always ready to welcome ringers.—Among the other gifts which Mr. and Mrs. Summersall received were a silver teapot from Mr. and Mrs. Broader (who catered so admirably for the supper) and their family, and a silver hot-water jug from Mrs. Ann Summersall and family.

There was just one touch of sadness about the pleasurable gathering, opportunity being taken to say farewell to one of the band, Mr. John Raw, who is leaving for Canada.—On behalf of the ringers, the Rev. Rogerson presented him with a case of pipes, tobacco jar and pouch, a pocket wallet, and a gold-mounted walking stick.—Mr. Raw suitably acknowledged the gifts, which, he said, would always remind him of the happy hours he had spent in the belfry at Pateley Bridge.—The remainder of the evening was spent with games and dancing, interspersed with songs.

RINGER'S FUNERAL.

The first break in the band at Holcombe Rogus (Devonshire Guild), which was established about five or six years ago, has been caused by the death of Mr. Lewis Warren, who passed away at the age of 51. Although he got no further than ringing the tenor, he was very regular in attendance, and will be greatly missed. The funeral service at the church was fully choral, the "Dead March" being played by the organist (who is also a ringer). The remaining eight ringers acted as bearers, and carried the coffin with bell ropes. They also provided a floral bell, which was placed on the grave. The bells were rung deeply muffled for the whole pull and stand; and for some Grandfire Doubles. It may be interesting to note that the last the deceased did was to assist in lashing the bells for "dummy" practice during the last days in Lent.

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It was reported at the Easter Vestry meeting at Northiam, East Sussex, that £45 had been obtained towards the restoration of the church bells. The question of raising the remaining necessary capital was discussed, and the Vestry unanimously resolved that a public meeting should be convened shortly to decide what methods should be adopted to secure the required amount.

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