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

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

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

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

MODERN WORK.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

Disputed claims to the authorship of peals are not infrequent, and this week we publish a letter signed by three well known composers, Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, C. H. Hattersley and H. Dains, setting forth the contention that they are entitled to the authorship of certain peals of New Cambridge Surprise Royal and the peal of so-called London Surprise Royal which have been rung and published as the compositions of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. Everyone who succeeds in obtaining an original peal which he has been the first to publish, or which has been rung, ought certainly to be able to claim the authorship, and in this case the claim, by the three gentlemen named, to the figures of the New Cambridge Royal is made on the strength of the fact that they were but curtailed lengths of Superlative Surprise Major published some years before the Royal was thought about.

The Central Council have laid it down that "the earliest ascertainable true composition on any definite plan in any method, which is not a reproduction or colourable imitation of the same composition in another method, is entitled to be termed the 'original' composition on that plan. Subsequent compositions on the same plan, which are not demonstrably reversals or transpositions or colourable imitations of a previous composition in the same method, may be considered as 'distinct' compositions on the plan, and allowed the claim of 'originality.'" There is thus a pretty broad law governing the question at issue.

But if the claim of our correspondents be a good one, it must not be assumed for a moment that the author whose name was appended to the peals of Royal was guilty of piracy. It is quite easily possible for the same composition to be got by two or even more individuals working quite independently, and one man may quite innocently obtain a peal, which he believes to be original, years after another has composed it. In fact, it is well known that although young composers are still figuring, it is practically impossible to get anything "original" in certain methods. One of the difficulties is that it is impossible for a man to know all that has been obtained in the way of peals in the past, and that, in all probability, may be explanation of the incident which is now brought to light.

The point, however, at which we are most surprised is the length of time that has been allowed to elapse before the originality of compositions has been disputed. Some of the peals of Royal whose authorship is questioned were rung and published as long ago as 1903, yet it is nearly the end of 1912 before the matter is taken up. Why is this, we wonder? There must be some explanation. It is very late in the day to set up the claims. We should have thought them almost, if not quite, debarred by a statute of limitations.

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Broomfield Vicarage,
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February 19th, 1912.

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I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS J. BRATTON Treble	*JOHN CORRIGAN... .. 6
ALFRED T. HYLAND 2	†WILLIAM SAUNDERS... .. 7
JAMES JONES 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS... .. 8
JOHN JENNINGS 4	JOHN CARTER 9
PERCY O. LAFLIN 5	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Caters. This peal has the 6th behind the 8th or 9th throughout, and is the 500th peal on the Broadsheet.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TAUNTON,
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

H. J. FOOTE Treble	G. H. YENDALL 5
T. DOBLE 2	E. E. BURGESS... .. 6
*J. MATTHEWS 3	J. MADDOCK 7
F. MILLARD 4	H. BOSLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT... .. 5
*ARTHUR HART 2	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON... .. 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE... .. 3	ALBERT TURNER 7
*JOHN W. CORNFORD 4	*WALTER W. PATEMAN Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 19½ cwt., in E.

ALBERT LONGLEY Treble	FREDERICK WHIBLEY 5
†HARRY HARRINGTON... .. 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
ARTHUR WILES 3	ERNEST EVEREST 7
ARTHUR MAYNARD 4	*HARRY COOMBER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight and first attempt. H. Harrington hails from Penshurst, H. Coomber from Hever, and A. Maynard from Speldhurst. Rung as a farewell to F. Whibley, who, to the regret of all, is leaving the neighbourhood. He has been a member of the present band almost since its formation.

DOVER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(St. Mary's Society.)

On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*RICHARD H. STEVENS Treble	HERBERT C. SAYWELL 5
CHARLES R. MILLWAY 2	*GEORGE SAUNDERS 6
*ARTHUR H. ROBERTS 3	CHARLES TURNER 7
HERBERT J. SAUNDERS 4	*WALTER CORTEEN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal. This is the first peal in the method ever rung by an entirely Dover band. R. Stevens was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 10. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

JOHN POTTER Treble	*WILLIAM GRUNWELL 5
JAMES HENRY RIDYARD 2	PERCY DERBYSHIRE... .. 6
GEORGE PINCOTT 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
JOHN WELSBY 4	†JOSEPH H. RIDYARD, Junr. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal in any method; aged 16 years. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The company think it reflects great credit on the bellringers when a youth of 16 years of age can ring a peal on a tenor of over a ton weight without being unduly exhausted.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 1, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS WATTS Treble	WILLIAM WATTS 5
WALTER PRIOR 2	THOMAS JORDAN 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
FRANK M. BUTLER 4	GEORGE JORDAN... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the Festival of All Saints.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
JOHN CAPP 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
RICHARD STREDWICK 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

FRANK SMITH Treble	HARRY SHUKER... .. 5
GEORGE E. TURNER 2	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	SAMUEL GREENHALGH 7
ARTHUR PETTITT 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Arranged for A. Pettitt, of Leicester, and it was his first peal of Superlative.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

MICHAEL F. HARRISON Treble	THOMAS METCALFE... .. 5
ROBERT W. LOVIE 2	CECIL O. SAYER 6
ROBERT STEPHENSON 3	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 7
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4	S. T. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. ROBSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Robert Stephenson. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for kindly allowing them the use of the bells.

ROSS-ON-WYE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At the Church of the Ever Blessed Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

REV. E. V. COX... ..Treble	JOHN CLARK 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	JAMES H. SHEPPERD ... 6
R. W. HYNTER 3	JAMES E. GROVES 7
H. J. GARDINER... .. 4	CHARLES L. SADLER ...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This is the first peal of Treble Eight on the bells. It was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rector of Ross (the Rev. T. R. Money-Kyrle), being the first 5000 on the bells during his incumbency. Messrs. Austin and Gardiner were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDSTreble	ALFRED TARBUN, Senr. ... 5
FREDERICK W. EDWARDS... 2	HENRY HEAD 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
FREDERICK G. RADLEY ... 4	ARTHUR HEADTenor

Composed by J. B. FENTON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Rung for the Dedication Festival of All Saints.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. James, Clerkenwell,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSETreble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	WILLIAM THEOBALD ... 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
*HARRY FOWLER... .. 4	BERTRAM PREWETT ...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on eight bells.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINSTreble	JOHN GRANSBURY 5
JOHN WEST 2	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE... 6
ROBERT H. YOUNG 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. 7
HARRY HOWARD 4	CECIL C. MAYNETenor

Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

* First peal. This peal was specially arranged for W. R. Melville, of Tring, Herts.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM S. NIPPER... ..Treble	WILLIAM J. PERRY 5
FRANCIS W. NIPPER ... 2	EDWARD J. ANDOW 6
FRED G. MAY 3	GEORGE H. COLLINS 7
*DUBRIC WOOD 4	ANTHONY LANE... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal. First peal of Triples and of Grandsire on the bells.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

JOHN RAYTreble	HARRY JEAVONS 5
WILLIAM MILLS, Junr. ... 2	HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 6
FRED EVANS 3	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ... 7
THOS. GRIFFITHS 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

Rung for the Festivals of All Saints and All Souls.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., in G.

GEORGE PINCOTTTreble	HARRY ALLRED 5
*BENJAMIN ALLRED 2	JOHN T. ALLRED 6
ROBERT ALLRED 3	HERBERT ALLRED 7
JOSEPH RIDYARD 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by HERBERT ALLRED.

* First peal in any method. First peal as conductor. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and also to the conductor.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*PHILIP INNSTreble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
ALFRED KNIGHT 2	ALFRED KING 6
MATTHIAS HOBBS 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ...Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal in the method. This peal is now rung for the first time by the Northants Association.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS,
AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., in E flat.

*ALBERT BOXALLTreble	*RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 5
THOMAS KING 2	FREDERICK A. NUNN ... 6
ALFRED HOWELL 3	†JAMES W. TRAPPITT ... 7
*WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ...Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and

Conducted by W. J. NUDDS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. A. Boxall was elected a member of the Royal Cumberland Society before starting.

NEW MILLS, STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

THOMAS JACKSON... ..Treble	GEORGE D. WARBURTON... 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 2	ALLEN S. GORDON 6
WILLIAM JACKSON 3	HAROLD JACKSON 7
HIRAM MEAKIN 4	GEORGE MARSHALL ...Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD JACKSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George D. Warburton.

BEDWORTH.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PRYCE Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
†OSWALD J. HUNT 2	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 6
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7
JOSEPH H. WHITE 4	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Composed by A. T. KING, and
Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of the Church. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Randle for having everything in readiness.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

WILLIAM BERRY Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HAROLD BURTON 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by W. ESTCOURT, and
Conducted by THOMAS BANCROFT.

This peal was arranged for H. Thorpe, of Grantham, who was elected a member of the Association before starting.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWIN DEAN Treble	ARTHUR S. BOAR 3
JAMES PUGH 2	JOHN PARSONS 4

JOHN F. BALLINGER ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN PARSONS.

Umpire: J. HARPER.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Sindrey, of Sidney House, St. Marks. The ringers wish to thank, through the "Ringing World," the Rev. C. Neill for kindly granting them the use of the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*FOSTER DEACON Treble	ALFRED TAILBY 4
†FREDERICK KILBORN 2	*BERT KILBORN 5
SAMUEL BURDITT 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor by the local band.

ROCKLAND ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 26 Six-scores of Grandsire and 16 Six-scores of Plain Bob,
Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST FISHER Treble	JOHN MURRELL 3
EDGAR HUNT 2	WILLIAM ADCOCK 4

HERBERT MASON Tenor

Conducted by H. MASON.

The Grandsire was rung with ten different callings and the Plain Bob with four.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Woodbine called differently and one of New London Pleasure. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM K. SHARPE ... Treble	JAMES W. WHITE 4
†HENRY C. GILLAM 2	GEORGE A. STEELE 5
†ARTHUR H. WHITE 3	FREDERICK W. STEELE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. W. STEELE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. All the above are members of the local band.

BROUGHTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores.

GEORGE HOLLAND Treble	ALBERT E. WYKES 3
PERCY J. LENTON 2	FREDERICK C. WOOLLEY ... 4

HORACE W. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day, and as a farewell to Fred Woolley. First peal on the bells. All the ringers belong to the Cransley Company.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of two 720's of Kent and two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt., in D.

*JOHN CHANCE Treble	EDMUND HOBBS 4
EDWARD WHITE 2	ERNEST HERBERT 5
CYRIL HERBERT 3	†HORACE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HORACE SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

RANGEMORE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 5 Six-scores each of Stedman, New, St. Simons, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Old, and Plain Bob, and 7 Six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY WAKLEY Treble	WILLIAM SHERCLIFF 3
CHARLES SANDERS 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 4

JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

First peal on the bells.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE DINHAM... ..Treble	ARTHUR WHEADON 4
THOMAS LLOYD 2	GERALD LOCK 5
TOM W. CREED 3	W. TOM JEANESTenor

Conducted by THOMAS LLOYD.

First peal on the bells by a local band.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*HARRY LEWISTreble	ALFRED SOUTH... .. 4
*CHARLES J. MANN 2	*GEORGE H. NEVILLE 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 3	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ...Tenor

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and London Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD J. LASTTreble	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... 4
EDWARD W. YOUNGS... .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	LEONARD E. LASTTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

TICKENHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK SHEPHERDTreble	HERBERT HURDMAN... .. 4
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 2	JOHN HOUGH 5
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	DAVID COTTONTenor

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

This is the first peal on the bells.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST STONETreble	WALTER J. HORTON 4
E. HARRY STONELEY... .. 2	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY... 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ...Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung in honour of the Festival of All Saints.

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHARLES W. BRETT... ..Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 4
CHARLES TRIE 2	*EDWIN G. BUESDEN... .. 5
*REV. F. J. O. HELMORE... 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

* First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANK TURKTreble	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 4
JIM BEACH 2	RICHARD HOPE... .. 5
EDWIN LAMBERT 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT...Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and one of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANK MOSSTreble	HERBERT JORDAN 4
RAYMOND YOUNG 2	JAMES HEMMING 5
THOMAS EDWIN... .. 3	FREDERICK JORDANTenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Jordan.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single. Tenor 8 cwt.

ANDREW LAYTONTreble	DAVID HORNE 4
ERNEST GIBBS 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
CHARLES LAYTON 3	GEORGE JORDANTenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. W. Radford.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. RALPH NARBOROUGH, "YORK VILLA,"

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

THOMAS BANHAM... .. Treble	THOMAS HAINEs 4
HORACE BANHAM... .. 2	ARTHUR W. WENLOCK 5
STANLEY ANDREWS 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Witness: H. STIMPSON.

First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Andrews and S. Collison, a late member of the above band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

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

Composed by C. CHARGE, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: T. W. RADFORD.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANCES;

JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3-4	*CHARLES SAMSON 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: E. H. BAILEY.

* First peal on handbells.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

ARTHUR HAGUE 1-2	JOHN THORPE 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: JOSEPH ATKIN.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. F. CROSS, 39, WINTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK J. CROSS ... 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
ALBERT G. WARNES ... 3-4	WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM A. HEMPEL.

Umpire: BERTIE FRY.

First peal as conductor. The conductor has now rung each pair to a peal in this method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3-4	*CHARLES SAMSON 7-8

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: GEORGE WILSON.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

LATE PEALS.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, November 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt., in F.

WILLIAM PIERCE Treble	JOHN O'NEILL 5
*JAMES SPALDING 2	JAMES HOWARD 6
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 3	ARTHUR H. TOOK 7
HARRY BARTON 4	JOHN LARTER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and

Conducted by H. BARTON.

* First peal of Bob Major. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Packer) for the use of the bells and for his kindness in providing tea previous to the ringing, and also the courteous tower-keeper (Mr. J. Adams) for having everything in readiness.

PONTEFRAC T.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR GILL Treble	FREDERICK MOODY 5
WILLIAM P. BROOK 2	JAMES JACKSON 6
JOHN H. LENTON 3	ARTHUR WALKER 7
HARRY C. WALTERS ... 4	THOMAS M. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ARTHUR WALKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FINCHLEY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and College Single and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE WEBB Treble	WILLIAM WEBB 4
WILLIAM H. TUBB 2	BERTRAM TUBB 5
*FREDERICK S. TUBB ... 3	*FREDERICK A. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on his 21st birthday. Also as a birthday compliment to W. H. Tubb on his 68th.

ST. HILARY'S, WALLASEY.

The ring of six bells of St. Hilary Church, Wallasey, Cheshire, have just been rehung by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, who have received a letter which speaks for itself.

"36, Leasowe Road, Wallasey, October 16th, 1912. Being responsible for the restoration of St. Hilary's Church bells, I would like to acknowledge your splendid and effectual work. On Sunday, the 6th October, for harvest festival, I conducted four different 720's, so I think I have given them a fair test, and, in writing this letter, wish to convey the opinion of all concerned to the fact, that in the way the work has been carried out, both by you at the works and Mr. Frost in fixing them up, nothing further could be desired. Enclosed please find cheque.—Yours faithfully, GEO. R. ROGERS."

NEW BELLS AT TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.

On Sunday week, the Ditchling branch of the Sussex County Association journeyed to Twineham, at the invitation of the Rev. E. Cresswell Gee to try the bells, which have recently been rehung and two new ones added. The visitors were successful in ringing the first 720 Grandsire Doubles on them: J. Standing 1, W. H. Horney 2, E. E. Bish (conductor) 3, J. Parsons 4, J. Feist 5. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the result is very satisfactory, the celebrated Whitechapel firm having made a very pretty peal of five, the tone and "go" of which is splendid. The Rector is naturally very proud of the bells, and he heartily thanked the Ditchling ringers for their services at the close.

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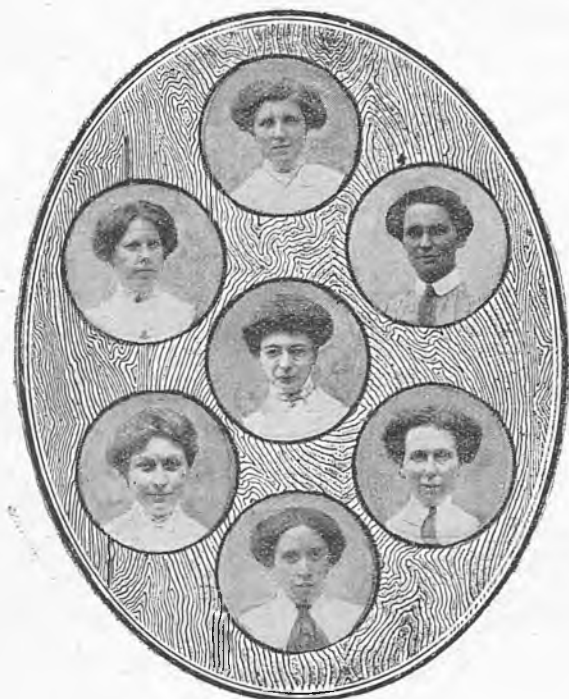
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THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

Contributions to the fund from members of the Exercise, for erecting a suitable tablet to record the peal rung by ladies at Cubitt Town, are coming in from all parts of the country, accompanied by expressions of admiration for the very fine performance. We give this week the first list of subscriptions, and would remind ringers that contributions should be sent at once, so that the fund can be closed at an early date. In order that as many as possible may participate, the contribution asked for is only one penny each, and secretaries of bands are requested to collect the sums and forward them to the Editor of "The Ringing World," who is acting as honorary treasurer.

The following contributions are acknowledged: Little Munden ringers, 9d.; Workop, 1s.; Ludlow, 6d.; Duffield, 1s. St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, 11d.; Cranleigh and Dunsfold, 1s.; St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, 1s.; St. Mary's, Uttoxeter, 1s. 7d.; Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., £1; Hadleigh, Suffolk, 7d.; Litchfield, 1s.; Ewhurst, 4d.; St. Kea, Cornwall, 1s. 1d.; St. James', Poole, 1s.; Wisbeach, 4d.; Rotherwick, Hants, 9d.; St. Giles', Reading, 1s.; St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale, 6d.; Mr. C. H. Hattersley, 2s. 6d.; Calverley ringers, 8d.; Immanuel 9d.; Workop, 1s.; Ludlow, 6d.; Duffield, 1s.; St. Matthew's, Upper Church, Oswaldthistle, 1s.; Irthlingborough, 1s.; St. Andrew's, Grimsby, 6d.; Portsmouth, 10d.; Clapton-in-Gordano, 9d.; Chatham, 1s.; total, £2 2s. 7d.

ODD CHANGES.

The ring of eight bells of St. Mary's Church, Chilham, near Canterbury, Kent, are to be retuned and rehung in a new steel frame, with all the most modern fittings, and the fifth bell is to be recast. The work of restoration is to be carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

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Marston Magna, Somerset, has come into possession of a peal of six bells, which were dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells last week. The original four bells have been augmented by two trebles, one the gift of Mr. E. D. Marden and family, in memory of the late Mr. Montagu Marden, and the other by public subscription. The peal has been hung in a new frame. Next week we shall be able to give some further details of the dedication.

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Not long ago the staff of the Whitechapel Foundry rang a peal of Grandsire; this week we record a peal of Bob Major by employes at the Spitalfields Foundry, who have formed themselves into a Guild.

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We are informed that the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Oldham on October 22nd, was first rung by the Yorkshire Association on January 12th, 1889.

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We understand that the order for the restoration of Shoreditch bells has now been placed, and that Messrs. Warner and Sons, who secured the contract, will begin work about the middle of the month.

TO ENCOURAGE SERVICE RINGING.

A CUP OFFERED.

Sunday service ringing, the importance of which is being more and more recognised, has been encouraged in some districts by associations making awards for the best returns from their affiliated towers. This encouragement is now to be extended by a more general scheme, in which the whole of the churches throughout the country will be able to participate. Messrs. John Warner and Sons, who recently gave a very handsome silver cup for the encouragement of peal ringing, are taking a similar action in regard to Sunday service ringing, and are giving a trophy of similar design for the purpose of encouraging this important branch of ringers' work.

Details of the scheme are under consideration, and will be published at a later date. We understand, however, that it will be on the basis of points for touches of quarter-peals rung before morning and evening service on Sundays, and that the cup will be held by the association whose towers make the highest aggregate of points according to the number and method of the quarter-peals rung.

As we have pointed out on a former occasion, the importance and privilege of the ringer's duty should be ample stimulus to any band, but at the same time there can be no reason why voluntary and regularly-performed duties should not be recognised, for recognition of one's efforts does sometimes add just that extra bit of stimulus required to keep a man up to a standard. Probably some of our readers may have views to express on the subject, and our columns are open to them for the purpose.

THE OXFORD GUILD TOUR.

SOME INCIDENTS OF AN ENJOYABLE WEEK.

(Continued from page 302).

[By W. H. F.]

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL SCREEN.

With reference to the amended proposals for the Robinson Memorial Screen, in Drayton Church, which we visited on Sunday, October 13th, I might just say that the new position across the tower arch, opening into the nave, appears to me to be far more appropriate, after all, than the chancel arch: it will enclose the ringing room. The screen is practically the gift of Church ringers, in loving memory of a departed ringer, and, standing as it will do, side by side with the numerous tablets on the tower walls, all bearing the well-known names, it must, as the years roll on, greatly enhance the value of the whole tower and its past history and associations.

Driving from Abingdon to Drayton, just after crossing the canal bridge, there is a small modern house with a bold gable end standing out to the road. The only relief to the surface of the bare wall is a carved stone figure head, rather more than life-size, clean shaven, and wearing an affable smile upon its plump round face as it continually gazes up the road towards Drayton, as much as to say, "I wish you success." I've never gone to Drayton without involuntarily looking at this face, it seems to impel one to look at it even after you have passed by. I rather think it must have been an old relic of the ancient Abbey ruins of St. Helen's near, and built into this gable by a modern local builder. Could it speak it would tell us of a certain lonely old gentleman wending his homeward way, at all hours of the night and day, and in all weathers, for well-nigh half a lifetime. Could it speak, it would tell us of the many fruitless, peal-less journeyings, and what a list that would be? One case in point I know of, the late Master made five journeys to Farnham Royal for peal attempts about the year 1903, and that three of the attempts lasted well into the third hour, yet still there was no true peal to record. The stone smiling face is now in my mind's eye, looking down on the passers-by as much to say, "Better luck next time."

Passing through the market square on the way to our hotel, the place was packed with people, and a miscellaneous collection of show and pleasure fair vans in readiness for the annual fairing on the morrow, but the morrow never came, for one of the proprietors, John Clayton, who was accidentally killed by the lorry drawing his own vans on entering the town that day. I mention this instance of the uncertainty of life, because we ringers, whatever our vocations may be, ought as good Churchmen to be prepared. A repetition of the Saturday's events almost occurred to our party on the last day of the tour, of which more anon. This poor fellow's life was crushed out by the wheels of rolling steam in providing a pleasure to hundreds of others. Therefore, it behoves us to remember well the lines with which this contribution was headed.

There was another family party at night, and a few ringing yarns were spun, brief stories of little by-gones, but we sadly missed our Gifford—someone will be saying "Let by-gones be by-gones." Well, the tale of this happy holiday week will soon be one of them. An early bed was agreed on in deference to Mr. Harris, who had spent the previous night partly in a fog-bound belated train, and partly in Oxford Railway Station. On taking the first train in the morning for Abingdon the need of sleep overcame him, and he was well on the way for London on awakening, the return train landing him at Didcot only, whence he padded on to us.

WHAT HAPPENED AT APPLETON.

From Abingdon to Appleton is just five miles.

From Appleton to Abingdon is just ten miles.

From Appleton to Abingdon and Abingdon to Appleton.

Then Abingdon to Appleton is thirty miles.

Old Song revised.

Abingdon, Monday, October 14th. Breakfast at 8, and away at 9 a.m., on the high road for Faringdon. Our Jehu with the ribbons drove a quartette of strings, while "petrolled" machines overtook our willing steed in succession: the Caversham Car first, then the Beaconsfield Bike, and, last, the Swindon "flying Dutchman," all reaching Appleton—five miles away—at 10 a.m., to find the tower and bells quite ready. We were soon tapping "tedman taters," like a band John Carters, at the conclusion of Peal No. 2, thanking Messrs White, the local firm of bell hangers, for their attentions. We had a peep at the iron headstone, to the memory of one of the famous White family of bell ringing—bell-hangers, of Abingdon, a neat design in the form of a cross with a circular wheel in the centre, to which are suspended a set of ten exact miniature church bells. We took a second look at the perky little tower which does not appear, externally, capable of holding ten men. You stand very close to the walls of the belfry here, and there's very little elbow room—not any for "bowing"—except in the case of the 4th bell, where a window seat, the only one possible, has been scooped out in a semi-circle, and here we placed Josiah, in order to earn his star.

We cast a glance at the several tablets recording long peals of

Caters rung in this tower over 20 years ago, and gave a thought to the men who stood in them.

"Two peals a day, do not admit of delay."

So we sheered off to the Plough to a sound cold lunch, joined by Messrs. G. Holifield, senr. and junr., and Harry Woodward. Here we dismissed our coachman, having the kind offer of motor-cars for our journeys, and said good-bye to Messrs. Humfrey and Dyke, of Abingdon. The Plough was formerly kept by one named Harry Tubb, who dispensed ye fine old English beverage from a barrel. He was a local ringer, and though capable of ringing quarter-peals or touches of Caters, had never scored a peal. His son became a good peal ringer, but like Mr. Rip-Van-Winkle, F.E.D., he has now taken a spell on the roost, while his father has gone to rest, and the name now almost disappears from the parish. I've mentioned this, as a little story is to follow. Like most of the old school, Woodward was a bit of a glutton, so far as ringing was concerned, especially with the 9th bell in any peal attempts. He is quite unable to read or write, but can correct a trip, and is a good striker. On one occasion a whole afternoon was spent over sundry jugs of ale in the Plough parlour, for the express purpose of inducing old Harry to allow Mr. Tubb the chance of his lifetime, to attempt a peal on the 9th that night. Leaving Woodward well primed, and in order to prepare himself for the start, Tubb went to the tower an hour later. The first thing he saw on sliding away the well known little trap-door in the centre of the belfry floor was a heap of neatly folded clothes close by old Harry's feet, Woodward exclaiming, "I canna gie 'e up to thee to-night, Harry," just as "go" was called, and the peal rung to a good finish.

SOUTHLEIGH CHURCH.

Our next stage, nine miles to Southleigh, was travelled in fine style, the two handsome touring cars of ample horse-power bringing us well up to time for our peal No. 3. This stretch of road is one of the most tortuous I know of, excepting one from Colwall to Bosbury, in Herefordshire, which I believe has 14 corners to round. Either would be an excellent test of a chauffeur's ability, and an error of driving on the Oxford one would land you in a deep ditch. Yet the direct distance to Southleigh per monoplane would be only four miles. We bounded over the Radcot bridge, famous as one of the oldest over the River Thames, and a little gem for picturesque arches, but the whole structure, if placed on one of the bascules of the Tower Bridge, London, would resemble a mole hill.

The Vicar of Southleigh kindly met us in the tower, and wished us a good peal, and we were favoured with leaflets describing some early mural paintings on the church walls, with notes on the church. I have seen older paintings; one remarkable example recently discovered at Wenaston executed on boards has been attributed to the 13th century. The five restored mural paintings at Southleigh represent "The Doom," "The Gates of heaven," "The Weighing of Souls," "St. Clement of Rome," and "The Blessed Virgin Mary." The church itself contains specimens of Norman architecture, although the nave and aisle are in the Perpendicular style.

The ringing floor is level with and open to the church, and the bells are rather noisy, otherwise everything was most satisfactory, including the apples. We here parted with some of our friends reluctantly; made a safe, though dark and misty, drive into Witney, arriving before the schedule time. In return for the fine sunny days we were enjoying, we did not complain of the raw, cold foggy nights, accentuated by our invasion of a low-lying country in the upper reaches of the Thames. Headquarters at Witney, recommended by members of the Cambridge University Guild, were established at the Fleece Hotel, where we found the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Cruley, truly hospitable people. A warm, firelit room, and a good hot and substantial tea were waiting for us. We soon thawed the hoar frost, and warmed our toes by holding a fireside chat till 11 p.m., and then off to bed to a well-earned rest amongst plenty of real Witney blankets, the chimes of Witney bells lulling us to sleep at the bewitching hour of midnight.

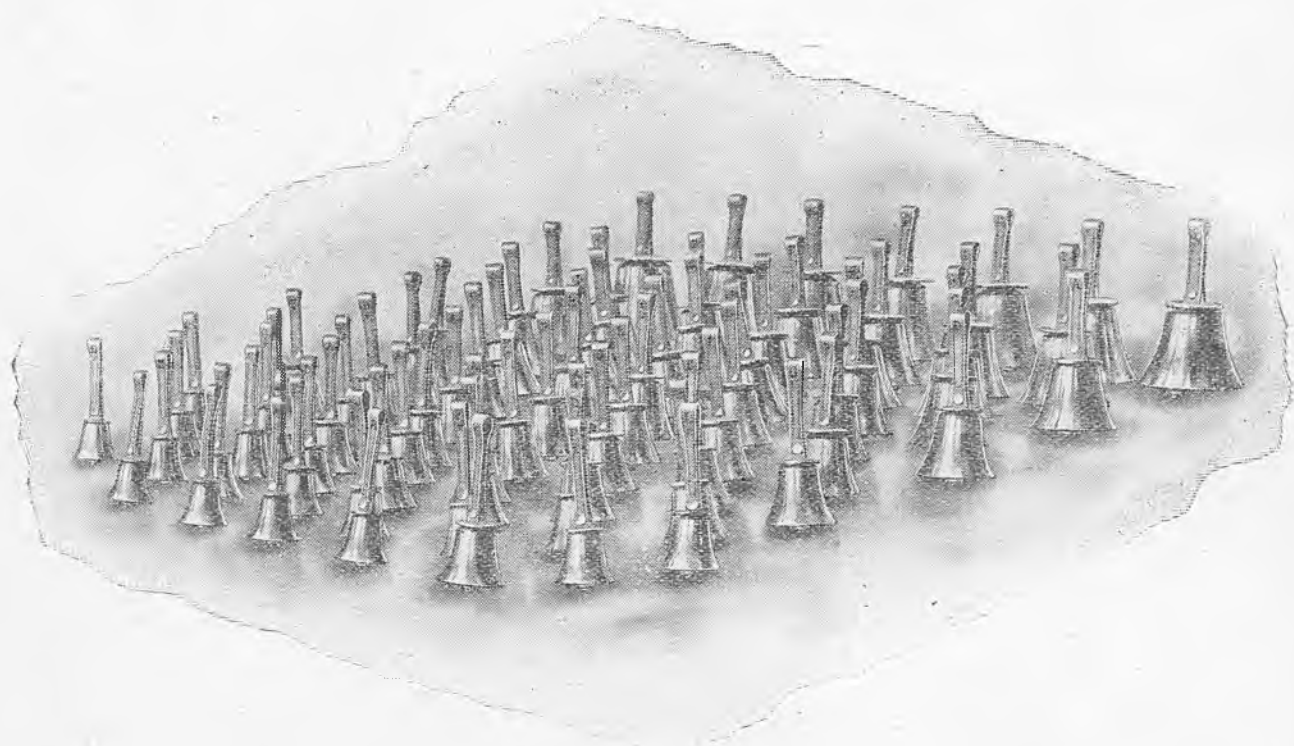
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ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The eleventh meeting of the year was held at Iden, East Sussex, on Saturday, having been postponed from the previous week. The attendance was below the usual average, largely accounted for by the change of date. There were present members from Hawkhurst, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower. The ringing, taken on a whole, was very satisfactory, and ere the proceedings concluded two of the Iden men, Messrs. G. Wood and G. Kenward, had participated in a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and a 360 in that method was nearly scored. The Iden men are just about to take up Treble Bob, and no doubt it will not be long before their first 720 in that method is an accomplished fact. Several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, a 720 of Bob Minor and smaller touches of Plain Bob composed the remaining ringing.

The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) presided at the business meeting, at which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rolyenden, on Saturday, the 23rd inst.—The Chairman voiced the thanks of the meeting to the Rev. Bates for the use of the bells.—Mr. A. Daw supported the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

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THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EDMONTON.

On Saturday last, the North and East District of the above Association met at Edmonton. Favoured with fine weather, members began to assemble early, and the bells were set going to Grandsire Triples, various other methods following in turn to give all present an opportunity to ring, whether they aspired to the treble in a plain method, to a working bell in a Surprise method, or to the tenor as a covering bell. After tea, at the Rose and Crown, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of, touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells by some of those present, including the versatile lady ringer, to whom nothing seems to come amiss.

After another turn on the bells, the business meeting was held, the Master, Mr. J. Armstrong, presiding.—Fourteen new members were admitted to the Association, and hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Edmonton band for their kind welcome.—The Hon. Secretary stated that everything possible had been done by the local ringers to make the meeting a success, and the pleasures of the afternoon were due only to them.—Mr. J. Parker replied, saying how pleased they all were to entertain the members, and to see so many present.—A discussion arose on the proposal to institute a scheme for the encouragement of Sunday ringing, and many suggestions were made to the hon. secretary, who promised that they would be considered. A message from Mr. A. T. King, the late hon. secretary, wishing success to the meeting, and regretting his inability to be present, was conveyed to the members, who were very pleased at the kindly thought of one who had served them faithfully for many years.—Some 36 to 40 ringers attended during the afternoon and evening, and ringing continued until nearly 10 o'clock in various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Norfolk, Bristol, London, and Cumberland Delight.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The autumn meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at the pretty village of Penshurst, on Saturday last. The local band formerly were affiliated to the Association, and received instruction in change ringing, while Mr. W. Spice, who resided in the village, endeavoured to arouse some enthusiasm amongst them for change ringing, but all to no purpose. It was thought that a meeting on the spot would, perhaps, awaken interest among the men, who were given a cordial invitation to meet the members of the Association, but they neither replied to the invitation nor (with two exceptions) did any of them turn up.

About 30 members attended from Chiddingstone, Cowden, Edenbridge, Hever, Speldhurst, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, and Tunbridge Wells. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, the Association's special form of service was held. The prayers were read by the Rector, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. R. E. E. Frampton, curate.—Tea was partaken of at the Institute, and the usual business meeting followed, at which the Rector presided.—At the conclusion, Mr. H. G. Pope (Staplehurst) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, curate and organist for their services at the service, and the motion having been carried, the Rector replied. He regretted that his own ringers were not affiliated to the Association, but hoped they would become so.—The Rev. R. E. E. Frampton also briefly responded.—The two churchwardens (Lord Hardinge and Mr. J. M. Sturges) wrote expressing their regret at being unable to attend.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday week. After ringing during the afternoon, the members attended shortened evensong, and heard a splendid address delivered by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), from 1 Cor., 9-16, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel," this being the inscription on "Great Paul."—After the service, the members adjourned to the Parish Room, where a splendid meat tea was awaiting them, but owing to the wet day, only fifty were present out of the seventy who had signified their intention of attending.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. A. H. Stevenson (curate) presiding, and apologising for the Vicar's absence.—Four new members were elected, and three elections in towers ratified.—Greenwich was selected for the next quarterly meeting, the last Saturday in January, 1913.—The District Secretary then read his annual report, which was adopted.

Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., was re-elected district secretary, and Mr. W. J. Jeffries was re-elected district representative.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the excellent tea, to the Vicar for arranging the service and his splendid address, and to the Rev. A. H. Stevenson for presiding.—The latter thanked the members, and said he would convey their thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the Vicar of St. Luke's, who had opened his tower to the members, but owing to the wet, no one cared to go over to Bromley Common.—During the evening there was further ringing.

SHEFFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death, which took place on Monday week, of Mr. Edward Woodward, a well-known Sheffield ringer. The deceased was for 15 years a member of St. Marie's band, and for 22 years a member of the Parish Church company. He was ringing for evening service on the previous Sunday evening at the Parish Church, taking part in a touch of Stedman Cinques. On Monday afternoon he was seized with illness in the street, and died the same night at the Royal Hospital.

The late Mr. Woodward had taken part in 19 peals for the Yorkshire Association (of which he was a life member), the methods including Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob on 8, 10 and 12 bells. The last peal he rang was a peal of Stedman Cinques, on February 20th, 1904.

The interment took place on Saturday last at Intake Cemetery, and after the funeral the members of the Parish Church company rang 519 Stedman Cinques with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect, the ringers being: J. Thorpe, H. Bower, W. Lomas (conductor), J. Mulligan, J. Atkin, J. Evinson, J. S. Rew, G. Holmes, S. Seed, W. Burgar, J. Holman, and another. By permission of the Rev. Dean Dolan, the bells of St. Marie's Church were rung half-muffled at the monthly meeting of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Chirton and Marden on Saturday last. There were present the Rev. J. A. Sturton (chairman), the Rev. T. S. Cunningham (Vicar of Chirton and Marden), the Rev. P. H. Jackson (Rector of Patney), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Rector of Bechingsstoke), Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. secretary), and Mr. and Mrs. Kingstone, of Marden Manor, the Misses Niven, and the Misses Young, also of Marden, together with ringing members from Devizes, Poulshot, Market Lavington, Erchfont, Southbroom, Great Cheverell, Chirton, Patney, Marden, and Bechingsstoke.

The bells of St. John's, Chirton, were raised at three o'clock, and ringing proceeded merrily until the evening, some of the party proceeding to All Saints', Marden, where ringing was also indulged in. At five o'clock the ringers assembled at the Reading Room at Marden, where a sumptuous tea was kindly given by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Kingstone, of the Manor House, 27 members sitting down.

A short business meeting followed, six new members from Marden and one from Chirton being elected members of the Guild.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Chirton and Marden for the use of the bells, which he acknowledged in a kind and humorous speech.—Another vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Kingstone for their great kindness in entertaining the Guild to tea.—Some handbell ringing was then indulged in, and after more ringing in the towers, the company dispersed, having enjoyed a most pleasant and delightful meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Fylde District Branch was held at the South Shore Parish Church on Saturday week, the bells being kept going during the afternoon in various methods. Members and friends were present from St. Peter's and St. John's, Lytham; Parish Church, and Sacred Heart, Blackpool; St. Chad's, Poulton-le-Fylde, and all the local ringers, also Mr. J. R. Taylor, Penwortham. At six o'clock the party adjourned to the Parish Institute, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Rawcliffe, who had provided a splendid tea, a company of 32 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, and was presided over by the Vicar, who extended a hearty welcome to the Association, and trusted that bells at all times would be used to the glory of God, and that the best would be given for Sunday service.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Lytham Parish Church.—Votes of thanks were given to Mr. and Mrs. Rawcliffe for providing tea, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting.—All the parish clergy were present, including the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Powell, the Rev. E. B. Hooper, the Rev. F. A. C. Youens, and the Rev. C. Nightingale, as well as the Rev. J. Young, Vicar of Poulton-le-Fylde, who rang his first 720 on an inside bell.—At the conclusion of the meeting, a collection was made on behalf of Mr. Z. Lord, of Bacup, an old and worthy ringer, who has been very ill for some time.

FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

The half-yearly meeting and competitions were held at Longborough on Wednesday week. The competitions resulted as follows:—

Rising and Sinking.—1, Shipston, 63 per cent.; 2, Campden, 59; 3, Moreton, 57; 4, Blockley, 15.

Round Ringing.—1, Campden, 97 per cent.; 2, Shipston, 95; 3, Moreton, 93; 4, Blockley, 90.

Call Changes.—1, Campden, 94 per cent.; 2, Shipston, 92; 3, Blockley, 88; 4, Moreton, 83.

Method.—1 Shipston, 83; 2, Moreton, 81; 3, Campden, 79.

The judges were Messrs. W. T. Williams and E. Pardon, of Longborough. After the competitions had been decided, Divine service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. Spencer Jones, of Moreton, preached. At a business meeting, the Rev. Spencer Jones presided. Tea was kindly provided by the Rev. J. W. Stoneman.

NEW BELLS AND CLOCK AT WEDNESBURY. DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF LICHFIELD.

A beautifully impressive service was held at the Parish Church, Wednesbury, on October 15th, when the peal of bells, recast and rehung, as a memorial of the late Mr. Thomas Pritchard and the late Mrs. Jane McDougall, by their children, and also the new clock were dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

The sacred edifice, with its magnificent and inspiring interior, recently decorated in a manner equalled by few churches in the country, was the source of much admiration, and the beautifully impressive service was attended by an exceptionally large congregation, including the Mayor and members of the Corporation.

The office for the dedication was full of interest. The wardens (Dr. Crew and Mr. Turner) accepted the charge of the bells and the clock, and declared that it should be their endeavour to see that they were preserved for the purpose for which they had been given.

The Vicar (the Rev. L. A. Pritchard) then requested the Bishop to perform the dedication, and the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar, the wardens, the representatives of the donors, the Mayor (Ald. A. E. Pritchard) wearing his chain of office, and Mr. J. McDougall, proceeded from the chancel steps to the tower. Several impressive prayers were said, and then with hand raised, and looking in the direction of the belfry, the Bishop delivered the benediction: "We bless, hallow, and dedicate this peal of bells and this clock to be used in the worship of Almighty God, and for the service of His house. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen." During this time, the Bishop had been standing beneath the wonderful painting by Jean Jouvenet, which hangs over the vestry steps. After the benediction the bells were rung for a few minutes. The Bishop delivered a short sermon from the pulpit. His message was well chosen and well in keeping with the general impressive tone of the service.

THE OLD BELLS.

An interesting history was attached to the old bells which were recently taken down and sent to the Croydon Bell Foundry. They were paid for by public subscriptions, the first appeal being made in the time when the Rev. Isaac Clarkson was Vicar. The bells arrived at Bescot Station on the 13th of January, 1855, and were opened on March 5th, when, according to a writer in the "Wednesbury Borough News and Darlaston Chronicle," ringers to the number of about 150 were present from Burton-on-Trent, Birmingham, Dudley, Darlaston, Shifnal, Scourbridge, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, Walsall, Worcester, etc. It is worthy of note that Mr. Joseph Bates, who, despite his four-score years, is still a ringer at the Parish Church, was a ringer in 1855 when the new ten bells were rung for the first time. Among the old school of ringers of those bygone days there yet remain Mr. W. R. Small, who is still an ardent ringer at St. Martin's Church, Tipton; Mr. J. Lawton, and Mr. W. Best. The present conductor, is Mr. Geo. Hughes, who is Ringing Master of the Society of Change Ringers of the Archdeaconry of Staffordshire, for the year. Mr. W. E. Brittan, who has manifested a keen interest in the bells, is the tower keeper and secretary.

Some notable peals have been rung on the Parish Church bells, including one of 10,061 changes rung in 5 hrs. and 55 mins., in the year 1861. This peal was composed by Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, and conducted by Wm. Micklewright.

THE RESTORATION.

The bells had been "out of tune," and as a matter of fact had also been out of tune with one another, and the problem had sorely troubled those who take a deep interest in the beautiful old church, and especially those who had been keenly interested in the bells, which awakened memories of people, and deeds long since passed. Great satisfaction was, therefore, felt throughout the town at the last Easter Vestry meeting, when the Vicar (the Rev. L. A. Pritchard) announced that the Pritchard and McDougall families would defray the cost (something about £600) for the restoration of the bells in memory of the late Mr. Thos. Pritchard and the late Mrs. Jane McDougall.

After the service was over, the ringers assembled in the ringing room, and some capital touches were brought round in the following methods: Grandsire Caters and Triples, Stedman Caters and Triples, Treble Bob Royal and Major, Double Norwich, Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major and Forward Major, Erin Caters, etc. The first 500 changes of Grandsire Caters was rung by the local band: T. Burket 1, T. Hughes 2, W. E. Brittan 3, M. Smith 4, H. Jones 5, A. Blundell 6, J. Bates 7, G. Hughes (conductor) 8, H. Belcher 9, T. Myatt 10. The following towers were represented: Wolverhampton, Walsall, Darlaston, Bilston, West Bromwich, Wombourne, Willenhall, Sedgely, Blakenhall, Wood Green, Wednesbury, Smethwick and Croydon (Surrey). The general comment was that Wednesbury must be congratulated on the fine musical peal they have got.

It is worthy to note that the whole peal have been recast and tuned on the Simpson principle. In addition to the bells, the old clock and apparatus has been taken out and a new one fixed with all modern fittings, so that the people of Wednesbury will not only hear the sound of their bells, but will be able once more to know the correct time of day from the clock in their old church tower. The whole work has been carried out by a scheme laid out by the tower keeper

and secretary, Mr. Walser E. Brittan, under the supervision of the Diocesan Surveyor (Mr. Beck, of Wolverhampton), by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT ROMSEY.

The annual meeting of the Winchester district was held at Romsey last Saturday. The Abbey tower was open to members from 2.30 p.m., and at 5.30 evensong was attended in the Abbey.—Tea was served in the Temperance Hall at 6 o'clock, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Mathews) presiding. There were also present the Vicar of Romsey (the Rev. H. M. Tapper), the Rev. W. E. Colchester (Winchester), Rev. E. W. Stuart (Hursley), Mr. A. T. King (Southsea), Mr. J. S. Rummung (Salisbury), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (captain of the Cathedral band), Mr. G. Williams (general secretary of the Guild), and members from Winchester, Twyford, Southampton, North Stoneham, Portsea, Upham, Bishopstoke, Hursley, Bishop Sutton, and Romsey.

At the business meeting, which followed, the District Secretary apologised for the absence of Canon Braithwaite, and read a communication from the Rev. C. W. Scott, a former general secretary of the Guild, who is now a missionary at Peking, and a letter from the Rev. E. K. Browne, expressing his regret at being unable to entertain the members during the past year, as he had intended to do, owing to severe illness.—The Master undertook to convey the sincere sympathies of those present to the Rev. E. K. Browne.

The balance sheet was produced and passed, and showed receipts £19 14s. 7d., and expenditure £18 18s. 11d., which included £6 paid to general secretary, and £3 10s. for instruction to bands, leaving a balance in hand of 15s. 8d.

The Rev. Canon Braithwaite was re-elected chairman, and Mr. Wilfred Andrews and Mr. G. Tucker were chosen to represent the district on the general committee.—Mr. J. W. Elkins was re-elected district secretary, and on the proposition of Mr. Andrews, supported by Mr. Williams, Mr. C. Russell, junr., was elected assistant secretary.—Mr. G. Smith (Twyford) was re-appointed auditor.—It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Winchester on the second Saturday in November, 1913.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Romsey for the use of the bells, etc., was proposed by the Master, and the Vicar suitably replied.

The District Secretary announced that during a conversation he had with the Bishop of Southampton, his lordship had expressed the wish that members would arrange to pay him another visit during the coming year.—It was left to the District Secretary to make the necessary arrangements.

At a subsequent meeting of the committee, at which Mr. G. Williams presided, it was decided to hold a quarterly meeting at Alresford and Bishop Sutton, in February; a second at Lockerby and Tytherley, in May; and the third at Eling and Dibden, in September. These meetings are to be held on the first Saturday in each month.—The Abbey tower was open again during the evening, and touches in several Standard methods were rung on the bells.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YORKTOWN DISTRICT.

On Saturday last, the annual meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Hersham. The fine weather brought many visiting ringers to the tower during the afternoon, where the light ring of eight was kept going to various methods. At 5.30 a move was made to the Church Hall, where in an interval before tea, handbells were brought into use, and a course of Caters, followed by one of Cinques, were the result.—The Vicar of Hersham (the Rev. E. P. Pelloe) presided at the tea, and was supported by the Rev. Morley, Mr. F. L. Vaux (churchwarden), Mr. W. A. Wigram, Mr. L. Felgate, (churchwarden), and Mr. G. B. Edser (district secretary). About 40 ringers were also present from Chertsey, Horsham, Woking, Sunbury, Bagshot, Croydon, Isleworth, Surbiton, Walton, Cobham, and the local band.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar expressed his pleasure at finding such a good number present.—During the reading of the hon. secretary's report, the Rev. J. H. Townsend, Vicar of Oatlands, where a new peal of eight is to be erected, arrived, and was greeted with hearty applause.—The report and balance sheet having been read and passed, the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd) reported on the year's work, stating that 14 combined practices had been held, three cycle runs had been carried out, one all-day ringing meeting had taken place, and eleven peals had been scored.—Several new members were elected, including the Rev. J. H. Townsend. After a discussion as to future combined practices, the meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.—A return to the tower, where more ringing was indulged in, brought a pleasant gathering to a close.—The whole of the Bagshot ringers, whose tower is awkwardly situated at the further end of the district, attended the meeting, travelling by brake. It says much for their interest and enthusiasm that they undertook the journey in such numbers.

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NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to the secretary. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, November 9th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Election of branch president. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 12th and 26th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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, November 16th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the N.W. Division will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Chequers Hotel at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at the tea will kindly oblige by notifying me not later than Wednesday, November 13th.—W. Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, November 16th. The Vicar and churchwardens kindly provide tea.—B. H. T. Drake, District Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck on November 16th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30. — Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Guildford District.—The annual festival will be held at Guildford, on Wednesday, November 20th, 1912. 4, S. Nicolas bells (10) available. 5.30, service at St. Mary's Church. Address by the Master (Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield. 6.15, tea at the Star Hotel. Business meeting and social to follow. The Diocesan Secretary (Mr. George Williams, Southampton) will give a short account of "Some early Peals by the Guild." Tea tickets, visitors 1s.; members free.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting, at Basingstoke, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at the Church Cottage at 6.—Francis G. Hume, District Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Desborough on November 16th, Great Addington, November 23rd; Higham Ferrers, November 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea, kindly let district secretary know.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

HEPTONSTALL BELLS. — These bells will be dedicated on Sunday, November 24th, at the morning service. The tower will be opened for ringing on Saturday, November 30th, at 3 o'clock, no peals allowed. Tea will be provided, for all who send in their names, at 8d. per head.—Francis Robertshaw, Secretary, Coop Terrace, Heptonstall.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. G. A. Black has removed to Mayfield, Grange Avenue, Woodford Green.—The address of Mr. L. W. Wiffen, late of Ipswich, is now The Myrtles, Sunnyside, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

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

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PRESENTATION AT RICHMOND, YORKS.

An interesting presentation was made by the ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Richmond, on Tuesday week to one of their members, Mr. J. J. Peake, who is leaving for the South of England. The ringers were very kindly entertained to supper by Mr. A. Morton, vice-president of the belfry. An excellent repast was provided by Mr. Kinchin, who is himself an old ringer, and after supper, Mr. Morton, in a few well-chosen remarks, presented Mr. Peake, on behalf of the ringers, with a silver tea set, as a token of esteem and appreciation of his work in the tower for 15 years.—Mr. Peake suitably replied, and in the course of his remarks, regretted that the necessity had arisen to leave the town, a regret which was shared by all present. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in a whist drive. The prize-winners were: 1 R. Underwood, 2 T. Thirkell, 3 J. J. Kinchin.—Before separating a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Morton for his kindness, on the proposal of Mr. J. G. Woddy, seconded by Mr. Underwood. The following farewell touches were rung on Friday, October 25th: 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Holmes 1, S. Thorpe 2, J. J. Kinchin 3, J. T. Frenchum 4, J. G. Woddy 5, A. Morton 6, R. J. Todd 7, J. J. Peake (conductor) 8. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, C. Wilkinson taking part.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR AND NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On page 116 of the 1895 Appendix, issued by the Central Council, there are three peals given of Superlative Surprise Major, each containing 6048 changes in 27 courses, with the 4th, 5th and 6th, their extant home, without the 2nd or 3rd being there. The first is by Nathan J. Pitstow, and was published in "Bell News," 21st April, 1888. The second is by James W. Washbrook, and was published in "Bell News," 10th September, 1887. The third is by Henry Dains, and was published in "Bell News," 21st July, 1888, and in "Bell News," 31st July, 1903, a similar peal containing this quality is given as the composition of Charles H. Hattersley, and which, for our purpose, we will call No. 4. All these peals can be shortened to 14 courses by interpolating the bob at the Wrong in the course ends marked * in the figures given below, which eliminates thirteen courses from each of the peals of 6,048, and still retains the 6th its extant home, and in this form each will give a true peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal containing 5040 changes.

Needless to state, this operation of shortening such peals requires little (if any) skill on the part of the operator, and when performed, the "extracts" still belong to the original author, as the body does from which the limb was taken. Below we give four peals, all being extracts from the 6048's above-mentioned.

No. 1.

23456	M	W	H
42356	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—
63425	—	*	—
54326	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

N. J. Pitstow.

Bob * added by G. Lindoff.

No. 2.

23456	M	W	H
42356	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—
63425	—	*	—
54326	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

J. W. Washbrook.

Bob * added by H. Dains.

No. 3.

23456	M	W	H
45236	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—
63425	—	*	—
43526	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

H. Dains.

Bob * added by G. Lindoff.

No. 4.

23456	M	W	H
42356	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—
52436	—	*	—
63425	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

C. H. Hattersley

Bob * added by C. H. H. himself.

No. 1 is the first composition adapted as a 5040 of New Cambridge Surprise Royal, and was rung by members of Middlesex County Association on the 9th of February, 1903. No. 3 was rung as a 5040 of New Cambridge Surprise Royal on March 4th, 1903, by the same association, and these performances are both reported, as composed by Mr. Lindoff. No. 1, we may also state, has been rung as the so-called peal of London Surprise Royal by the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and again Mr. Lindoff is given as the author of the composition; see "Bell News," November 16th and 23rd, 1907.

As we, the undersigned, are indisputably the authors of No. 1, 3 and 4, and consider that undoubtedly Mr. Lindoff, by an oversight, has allowed his name to appear as the author of the above "extracts," in fairness to ourselves, we hereby ask and invite him to withdraw his name as the author of such compositions, adapted by him to New Cambridge Surprise Royal, and also to the so-called London Surprise Royal, and hope the societies concerned will correct their records.

(Signed) HENRY DAINS,

N. J. PITSTOW.

C. H. HATTERSLEY.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 22nd, for morning service, 531 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. G. Ellis. For evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters: A. Edgerton 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, P. Laffin 4, H. Jones 5, J. Hopkin 6, F. Bennett (first quarter of Caters as conductor) 7, W. G. Ellis 8, W. Davies 9, C. Allen 10.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CHEPSTOW.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On Sept. 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *W. Andrews 1, *J. Howard Prickett 2, T. Williams 3, W. Freestone 4, R. Thompson (conductor) 5, *W. Arnold 6, John Prickett 7, *W. Priest 8. * First quarter-peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Horace Kennedy, third son of Lord Justice Kennedy, to Miss Audrey Leigh Elkington, of Chepstow.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sept. 4th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins., was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of sympathy with the family of Mr. Francis John Wilkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilkes, and grandson of Mr. S. Spittle, Master of the Dudley Parish Church bell ringers, who met with a fatal accident whilst cycling at Dudley on August 31st. The ringers were: C. Faulks 1, G. Guest 2, J. Mills 3, W. Goodman 4, J. Goodman, junr., 5, H. Sheppard 6, H. Goodman (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church, in 50 mins.: J. W. Whiting 1, *Jesse Rynes 2, F. J. Newland 3, G. Bull 4, W. J. Rynes 5, A. Mears 6, A. Mears (conductor) 7, C. Johnson 8. * First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1056 Bob Major, 740 Oxford Treble Bob, and 336 Double Norwich: R. Potter 1, W. Howell 2, W. Dyer 3, W. Keeble 4, J. Sadler 5, C. Norfolk 6, E. W. Beckwith 7, D. Elliott (conductor) 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Solomon Young and Miss Gertrude Mills.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Kiln (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Weatherstone 2, J. Law 3, T. G. Deal 4, A. Bennington 5, A. E. Ford 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, F. H. Gooch 8.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary the Virgin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., on the occasion of the marriage between the son of the Rev. Canon Rivington, Vicar of Putney, and the daughter of the Rev. Sedgewick, Vicar of Sherborn, Warwickshire: T. Bolton 1, A. Hubbard 2, W. Honeybell 3, B. Morris 4, G. W. Honeybell 5, J. Kent 6, A. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Whanslaw 8.—For harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 18 mins.: A. Hubbard (composer and conductor) 1, *T. Bolton 2, *W. Honeybell 3, A. Jones 4, *C. Collis, junr., 5, *G. W. Honeybell 6, J. Kent 7, J. Herbert 8. * First quarter in the method.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples: W. Hampton 1, E. Devereux 2, C. Dyson 3, L. Nichols 4, J. Wathen 5, T. Devereux 6, Jos. Wathen (conductor) 7, W. Haines 8.

ALDERTON, GLOS.—On Sunday, Sept. 15th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: P. J. Smith 1, W. Clements 2, E. Devereux 3, L. Nichols (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, W. Gilson 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—720 Bob Minor: J. Trussler 1, *G. Butler 2, F. Marchant 3, G. Miles 4, *G. Bunch 5, B. Hawkins (conductor) 6. * First 720.

OLD HILL.—For evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 503 Grandsire Triples: S. Coley, Birmingham, 1, W. Bird 2, G. Bird 3, O. Pearson 4, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 5, W. Green 6, C. W. Bassans 7, J. Price 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Illtyd's Church, for evening service, on Sept. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Smith 1, A. J. Stanley 2, T. J. Evans 3, W. Davies 4, J. Evans 5, R. Evans 6, D. R. James 7, John Cox (conductor) 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, 1080 of Doubles, for evening service, on Sept. 22nd, consisting of five six-scores of Grandsire and four of Bob Doubles, each called differently: A. Booty 1, G. Camp 2, P. Stith 3, E. Stith 4, W. Green (conductor) 5.

KENNINGTON.—At the Guild of St. John the Divine, on Sept. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's original, in 48 mins.: H. Opher 1, T. W. Wyatt 2, G. W. Clarke (Beckenham) 3, E. S. Garnett (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 4, Alec. Miller 5, Arch. Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Wightman 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: E. T. Broadbridge 1, Geo. Pidwell 2, R. Rapson 3, W. Saker 4, E. Taylor 5, A. Miller (conductor) 6.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

HISTORIC BELLS OF PETERSTONE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

In the tower of the now beautifully restored Church at Peterstone is a peal of bells which, owing to the formerly ruined state of the tower, have not been rung openly for over a hundred years. One is cracked, and all need rehanging. Local tradition says that these bells situated as they are, close to the Bristol Channel, were in old days a source of great pleasure to mariners going in and out of Bristol Channel ports.—The Vicar of Marshfield (the Rev. H. G. Stanley), who is also incumbent of Peterstone, announced at the harvest festival that a gentleman, whose name must be a secret for a time, had very kindly intimated that he would defray the cost of putting these bells in perfect order. The announcement of this generous gift was received with great gratification. The bells are a ring of six, and the rehanging will be done by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, London.

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