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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLET & 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. BEOK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

The disputed authorship of peals of New Cambridge Surprise Royal and the so-called London Surprise Royal does not seem any nearer solution. We publish a letter to-day from Mr. H. Dains in reply to Mr. Lindoff's, which appeared in our last issue, and, judging from the tone of both of them, neither side seems inclined to give way. Briefly the position is this. Ten years ago, when New Cambridge Royal first came to be practised, certain compositions to which Mr. Lindoff's name was attached, were rung. Now, after all this lapse of time, three well-known composers come forward and claim the peals, because the compositions were merely peals of Superlative, which they had previously obtained, reduced as to the number of courses by the addition of a bob. Mr. Lindoff refuses to admit the claim; Mr. Dains, on behalf of his confreres, persists, and there, it seems, the matter arrives at a deadlock.

When experts disagree, who is to decide? Here we have men at the very top of the tree, so far as composition is concerned, who are, apparently, determined each to maintain his claim. In commercial life, we suppose, the position has been reached when the rivals would have recourse to the law. In the Exercise we have no final court of appeal to decide matters of this kind when there is a disagreement. The Central Council have laid down certain general rules governing compositions, but it has always been left to rival authors to settle their disputes between themselves, and so, we presume, it must be in this case. But what is to happen when, as in this case, there is no agreement, and the Central Council, as they doubtless will some day, issue all the peals of Surprise Royal worth having as part of their collection of compositions? Somebody then will have to settle the knotty point.

In the meantime the Exercise are asking questions. One that has yet to be answered is why has there been ten years' delay on the part of Messrs. Pitstow, Hattersley, and Dains in making the claims? If they have only recently discovered the similarity of the peals is it not also allowable that Mr. Lindoff, when he put together the peals of Royal, was not aware of the existence of the peals of Superlative? We are not defending Mr. Lindoff, but those who are interested in these matters are really anxious to know how long it is since those who are now claiming the peals have been aware of the basis of the claim. Whether the peals are actually the same, or colourable imitations we will not attempt to say, but the Exercise is entitled, we think, when so much time has been allowed to pass without any claim being made, to know why it was made at this date.

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Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

JOHN C. TRUSS Treble	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	JOHN R. SHARMAN 8
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JOHN N. OXBORROW 10
JOHN CARTER 5	JOHN W. GOLDING 11
JOHN THOMAS 6	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN CHEESMAN.

This is the first peal on twelve bells by a band having all the same Christian name.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

HERBERT STANSFIELD... .. Treble	CHARLES PAGE... .. 7
HARRY HEAP 2	BENJAMIN GILL 8
CHARLES BOWER... .. 3	SAMUEL BOOTH... .. 9
TOM WILDE 4	ALBERT ADAMS... .. 10
JAMES COTTERELL 5	SAMUEL WOOD 11
JOSEPH MELLOR 6	FRED SALMON Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Messrs. Cotterell and Salmon hail from Halifax and Charles Page from Stoke-on-Trent. First peal of Maximus by the latter. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Cotterell.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS' GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 6
WILLIAM LANSDOWN 2	*HENRY B. BURT 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	ISAAC LONG 8
FREDERICK W. WADE 4	HENRY HOWELL 9
ALBERT STOWELL 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by F. G. MAY.

* First peal in the method on ten bells. Rung on the anniversary of the death of Alderman Whitsun.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	FREDERICK PITSTOW... .. 6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 2	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW 7
ERNEST A. PITSTOW 3	HENRY F. COOPER 8
GEORGE JORDAN 4	HENRY J. TUCKER 9
NATHAN J. PITSTOW 5	WALTER T. PARISH... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. TUCKER and Mr. F. PITSTOW.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

WILLIAM MILLS Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
GILBERT GUEST 2	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ... 7
SAMUEL SPITTLE 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
WILLIAM GOODMAN 4	HARRY GOODMAN 9
HERBERT SHEPPARD 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to William Goodman and Mrs. Herbert Sheppard. Messrs. W. Mills and B. Fullwood belong to Sedgley, B. Gough to Coseley, C. Wallater to Willenhall, the rest to the Dudley Parish Church company.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

RICHARD T. HOLDING, Junr. Treble	GEORGE HENRY CRAWLEY ... 6
RICHARD LANGFORD 2	*WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 7
JAMES HENRY RIDING 3	GEORGE HARDING 8
HARRY FURBER HOLDING ... 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr. 9
ALBERT CRAWLEY 5	*RICHARD DEAN LANGFORD Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and
Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.

* First peal of Caters. W. Weatherby resides at Market Drayton, Salop. For figures see C. C. C., page 41.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM LEESON Treble	THOMAS MALE 6
WILLIAM MEEKS 2	STANLEY BRAGG 7
SAMUEL BRAGG 3	ROLAND BRAGG 8
EDWARD H. ADAMS 4	JOHN BRAGG 9
REV. C. CAREW COX 5	*ARCHER BRAGG Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the inauguration of the above Guild.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	*GEORGE MCHALE 6
ALFRED NAYLOR 2	GEORGE TINGLE 7
HENRY LOCKWOOD 3	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ... 8
*JAMES A. SEALE 4	*WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... 9
†FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5	HENRY SMITH Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM E. H. ASH.

† * First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters. F. W. Dixon belongs to Guiseley, the rest to the local company. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Woodhead.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK HODGKIN ... Treble	FRANK SHARP 5
DAVID HODGKIN 2	JAMES BEACH 6
EDWIN LAMBERT 3	GEORGE HADAWAY 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 4	CHARLES H. SONE Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Sharp.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 1.

GEORGE GIBSON Treble	G. APPS 5
F. ATTWATER 2	T. GASTON 6
A. ABSOLOM 3	W. VINCENT 7
W. GIBSON 4	*G. WOODS Tenor

Conducted by F. ATTWATER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Hounsell (captain of the Cuckfield band) on completing his 70th year, and to the conductor. This peal was attempted on November 8th, F. Hounsell, conductor, but came to grief in the 3rd part through a miss-call. The ringers of the 3rd, 6th and 7th hail from Bolney, the remainder are members of the local band.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2	ERNEST E. FERRY 6
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 7
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

First peal in the method as conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
ARTHUR JONES 2	ALFRED JONES 6
†JOSEPH HERBERT 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	*THOMAS H. BULLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY MEETENS Treble	WILLIAM HILLMAN 5
JOHN H. PAICE 2	ARTHUR ARNELL 6
HARRY EVANS 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ... 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	BENJAMIN BASSETT ... Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

WALLSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BDB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER HICK ... Treble	*WALTER R. HUGHES ... 5
GEORGE SMITH 2	*EDGAR T. SMITH 6
*ALFRED ADAMS 3	*GEORGE PEATE 7
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH),
AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.
On Tuesday, November 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH GODDARD... .. Treble	TOM WILDE 5
FRANK HALL 2	ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM 6
ARTHUR HAUGHTON 3	REV. A. T. BEESTON 7
JOHN HARROP 4	ALBERT HOUGH Tenor

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

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, November 20, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN W. WATSON Treble	*CHARLES H. CHESTER 5
*ERNEST VICKERS 2	WILLIAM CLARKE 6
TOM PYLE 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
GEORGE CHESTER 4	JAMES W. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SUTTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BENHILTON,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD BRYANT Treble	ALFRED CLAYTON 5
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT... .. 2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6
JAMES WIGNELL... .. 3	JOHN WEBB... .. 7
GEORGE RAYNER 4	JAMES WARWICK Tenor

Composed by Dr. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by JOHN WEBB.

Quickest peal on the bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, November 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs., in E.

*ISAAC HUFTON Treble	FREDERIC ROWLEY 5
SAMUEL WESLEY 2	†WILLIAM THORNLEY 6
CECIL J. BAKER 3	*HENRY HARRISON 7
JOSEPH HALL... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with bob bell. Also first on the bells and in the town.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, November 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SAMUEL PEARCE... .. Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
DANIEL JONES 2	ALBERT BLUNDELL 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	RICHARD DUNN... .. 7
THOMAS HUGHES 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Grinsell.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

ALLEN F. BAILEY Treble	GEORGE WILSON 5
LEONARD P. BAILEY 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late William Taylor.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
On Thursday, November 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

CHARLES DAVIS Treble	†JOHN WILLIAMS... .. 5
†FRANCIS WILLIAMS... .. 2	GEORGE T. MITCHESON 6
WILLIAM COOPER 3	CHARLES WILLIAMS... .. 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	*CHARLES H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late Lord Calthorpe, of Perry Hall.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, November 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 2	FRANK V. H. SINKINS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 4	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. It is eight years since the ringer of the sixth rang his last peal. Through the medium of this paper the band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. J. Russell Napier, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HILLINGDON WEST.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

PERCY E. JONES... .. Treble	ARTHUR HARDING 5
GEORGE E. HARBOUR 2	HENRY H. CHANDLER 6
GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE... .. 3	EDGAR HANCOX 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4	THOMAS SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES MAJOR Treble	*ROBERT COURT 5
WALTER YIEND 2	†ARTHUR S. BOAR 6
JOHN F. BALLINGER 3	THOMAS PENDRY 7
†GEORGE WALTERS 4	*JAMES J. CAUSON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PENDRY.

Umpire, Mr. G. H. PHILLOTT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. † First peal with a bob bell.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES ;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt., in E.
ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ARTHUR CHAPLIN 2 | FRANK I. HAIRS 6
HAROLD BURTON 3 | JAMES E. DAVIS 7
FRANK BENNETT 4 | ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. H. Dale) for the use of the bells, and Mr. T. Dale for having everything in readiness, and regret that through indisposition the latter was unable to take part.

SALISBURY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.
SIDNEY MACEY Treble | GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
HENRY W. WILKES 2 | ALLAN R. MACDONALD 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3 | GEORGE PRESTON 7
CHARLES H. RUSSELL 4 | LEONARD HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.
JOHN JENNINGS Treble | JAMES GEORGE 5
JOHN W. CHANDLER 2 | THOMAS BLOORE 6
FREDERICK J. COPE 3 | BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM 7
GEORGE ROBERTS 4 | WILLIAM PARR Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

This peal was arranged by the ringing master (Mr. James George) to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the formation of the Guild. With his usual thought for the encouragement to others, he asked T. Bloore to conduct the peal.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

Tenor 12½ cwt.
*WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY Treble | WILLIAM WELLING 5
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3 | GEORGE BASDEN 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4 | GEORGE ALLDER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Garraway was elected a member of the Guild before starting.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

Tenor 19½ cwt.
WILLIE ROUGHTON Treble | FRANK T. MARTIN 5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS 2 | HUBERT EDEN 6
CHARLES L. LEMAN 3 | GEORGE N. PRICE 7
HENRY HODGETTS 4 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. George Shipp (a member of the local company) and Miss Ethel Payne. It is the first peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, TWERTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

LINDOFF'S NINE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble | SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD 2 | WALTER FARLEY 6
GEORGE W. TEMPLE 3 | HENRY W. BROWN 7
THOMAS F. KING 4 | LUTHER P. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by H. W. BROWN.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19 cwt.
GEORGE H. HEAD ... Treble | *HENRY MACKRIDGE 5
*HENRY J. CREED 2 | GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN 6
*ALBERT E. COLES 3 | CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
*FREDERICK ILEY 4 | *ERNEST A. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples, also first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for use of bells, and Mr. W. Proles for having all ready.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.
JAMES MOTTS Treble | CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2 | WILLIAM MOTTS 6
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 3 | WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 4 | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to one who was held in the highest esteem by the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, the late Henry Hopson, Master of the Beccles company of ringers for a great number of years.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.
*OSWALD J. HUNT ... Treble | WILLIAM T. COX 5
JOSEPH H. WHITE 2 | *CHARLES FREEMAN 6
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 3 | ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7
†EDWARD H. JOHNSON 4 | FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. † First with a bob bell. First peal of Stedman ever rung in the City of Coventry by a local band. Rung on the 5th anniversary of the founding of the Warwickshire Guild. Also on the anniversary of Mr. Freeman's wedding day.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
HENRY STALHAM ... Treble | RICHARD STREDWICK 5
ALBERT D. STONE 2 | BERT CHALLEN 6
GEORGE GATLAND 3 | KEITH HART 7
JOHN CAPP 4 | TRAYTON JEFFREY Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAH TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS W. RADFORD ... Treble	SAMUEL SMITH 5
WILLIAM SMITH 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 6
EDWARD RADDON 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
CHARLES EDWARDS 4	SYDNEY G. STEER ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This is S. Smith's first peal for nearly 14 years. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss B. Radford, daughter of the ringer of the treble.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK EADE Treble	CHARLES BRASIER 5
WILLIAM H. JENNER 2	JAMES A. HART 6
WILFRED BOOTH 3	ALBERT REED 7
ROSSIGNOL EADE 4	ALBERT W. MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

The ringers of the 2nd and 7th hail from Waldron, 3rd from Heathfield, 6th from Uckfield, 5th and tenor from Rotherfield, while treble and 4th belong to local band. R. Eade was elected a member previous to starting.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

* First peal in the method.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS A. TURNER Treble	FREDERICK DAY 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	GEORGE E. DAY 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 7
ALPHAËUS J. BERRY 4	FREDERICK WATLING ... Tenor

Composed by REV. J. H. PILKINGTON, and
Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Monday, November 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*JAMES TYLER Treble	*ALFRED PLANT 5
EDGAR T. SMITH 2	THOMAS HILL 6
*EDGAR MARLOW 3	EDWIN J. TYLER 7
*CHARLES TYLER 4	*AMOS COOPER Tenor

Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. J. Tyler was proposed a member of the Society previous to starting. The above peal was J. W. Parker's Five-Part, published in "The Ringing World," May 19th, 1911.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

PASSENHAM.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND ANTELOPE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*PERCY GRANT Treble	HARRY RIDGWAY 3
†EPHRAIM WYATT 2	LEONARD SMITH 4

*FRED CANVIN ... Tenor

Conducted by EPHRAIM WYATT.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 21st birthday.

HEVINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being twenty-one 120's each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HORACE BEANE Treble	GEORGE FARROW 3
WALTER SAVAGE 2	WALTER ALLEN 4

WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS H. IRONS Treble	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN ... 4
GEORGE D. COLEMAN 2	HERBERT FIELDS 5
SIDNEY J. PECK 3	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

CASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILFRED FISHER Treble	JOHN MURRELL 4
*WILFRED ALLEN 2	EDGAR HUNT 5
HERBERT MASON 3	WILLIAM ADCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ADCOCK.

* First peal of Minor.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

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

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 4
WILLIAM HALFORD 2	Cecil J. BAKER 5
JOSEPH HALL 3	*WILLIAM THORNLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal in seven methods away from the treble.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	CHARLES FAIREY 3
ARTHUR MINNEY 2	EDWIN JONES 4

HARRY FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY FOWLER.

This is the first peal ever rung on the bells.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In fourteen methods, being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, London, Burton, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Treble	ALPHAUS BERRY ... 4
EDWARD YOUNGS ... 2	*LEONARD LAST ... 5
*WILLIAM CLOVER ... 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal in fourteen Treble Bob methods.

SELLINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	GEORGE FULLER ... 4
*FRANK TURK ... 2	ALBERT RELFE ... 5
JIM BEACH ... 3	EDWIN LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

* First peal on an inside bell. First peal on the bells. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea previous to the peal by the Vicar, who also supplied them with light refreshments after, for which the band tender their sincere thanks.

BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Killamsh Surprise, College Exercise, Duke of York, Woodbine and Oxford.

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

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

First peal as conductor. Messrs. Pointon and Preston hail from Bucknall, and Wheeldon from Norton.

SHEEPY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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

ROWLAND O. POLLARD ... Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 4
WALTER J. HORTON ... 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the fifth anniversary of the formation of the Guild.

DARFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Violet, Duke of York, London Scholars' Pleasure, Roystone Delight, College Pleasure and Arnold's Victory.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER WALKER ... Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER ... 4
FRANK ATKINSON ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... 5
WILLIAM WOODCOCK, Junr. 3	*CHARLIE WALSH ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WOODCOCK.

* First peal and rung at the first attempt. First peal by the Association on the bells. C. Walker was proposed a member of the Yorkshire Association before starting.

SHENLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH)

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Yates. The ringers desire to thank the Rector (the Rev. J. R. Vincent, chairman of the Branch), for the use of the bells; also Mr. G. Clarke for having everything ready.

BRETTFERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being fourteen 360's, seven each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN PERKINS ... Treble	†FRANK MOSS ... 4
*LOUIS SPARROW ... 2	FRANK COOK ... 5
RAYMOND YOUNG ... 3	*JAMES ADDIS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

* First peal of Minor. † First with a bob bell.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANCES;

ERNEST PYE ... 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 7-8
WILLIAM PYE ... 3-4	JAMES HUNT ... 9-10
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11-12

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: W. J. NUDDS.

Messrs. White and Powell also heard the greater part of the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 1-2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	WILLIAM SMITH ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire, S. SMITH.

Witness, MRS. PULLING.

ALDERSHOT PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

The first 5040 ever rung in the Parish Church of Aldershot is recorded in the tower on a peal board which was unveiled on Saturday week by Mrs. Robertson. In performing the ceremony, Mrs. Robertson expressed the great pleasure it gave her to come amongst the ringers. She said she considered it an honour in being asked to unveil the board, and she complimented the band upon the performance, remarking upon the pleasure most people got from hearing the bells ringing.—Mr. C. Edwards proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Robertson for her kindness, remarking that it was always an encouragement to ringers to have ladies visit the belfry.—Mr. W. Fisher seconded the motion, which was heartily carried.—In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. Kettlowell conducted the ceremony.—The board is oblong, with sections for four peals, and all the work in connection with it has been done gratis. Mr. Croucher procured the wood and painted the board, Mr. Levett put the board together, and Mr. Warner kindly did the writing, which is in gold leaf.—Afterwards, a peal of Minor in four methods was rung, four members of the local band taking part.

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Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
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Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.

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A BLIND RINGER.



MR. RICHARD PHILLIPS, OF DEVIZES.

The above picture is from a photograph of the band that rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church, Devizes, on Sept. 14th last, and the chief interest in it lies in the fact that the tenor man, Mr. Richard Phillips, who is holding the bell rope, is totally blind. Such a performance is a wonderful achievement, and as Mr. Phillips' ringing career has not been without interest, we give some particulars of it.

Mr. Phillips was born on the 25th March, 1850, at Potterne, a small village closely adjoining Devizes. When about eight years old his parents removed to Devizes, and the remainder of his life has been spent in that town. For some years he worked for the Devizes Corporation, and he married and brought up a family. His ringing career commenced in May, 1872, at St. Mary's, Devizes, where he first learnt the noble art, and for many years he was attached to that tower. At a comparatively early age his sight became defective, and although he visited a London hospital, nothing could be done for him, and his vision gradually became totally eclipsed. Despite this infirmity, he kept up his activity in ringing. In August, 1886, he was appointed steeplekeeper at St. John's, the Parish Church, a post which he has held ever since.

In the year 1876, a society was formed at St. John's, entitled "The Devizes Amateur Bell Ringers Society," which carried on the ringing at that church for many years. Little or nothing, however, was ever attempted in the way of change ringing until the year 1893, seven years after Phillips' appointment as steeplekeeper. In that year, several younger men, who took an interest in ringing, came to St. John's, and two years later the old amateur society was re-formed under the title of "The St. John's Change Ringers' Association." From that time to the present date, change ringing has flourished at St. John's, and Grandsire Doubles, Minor, and Triples, Stedman Doubles, Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, etc., have from time to time been taught and rung in the tower. Two of the ringers who assisted in the

reformation of the old society, took part in the peal at St. John's on the 14th September, namely, S. Hillier and C. D. Heginbotham.

Mr. Phillips, by this time entirely unable ever to see the ropes, still continued to act as "tenor man" under the new regime, and gradually, by ear, and learning the rules, constantly taught to beginners in the belfry, could take an inside bell in Grandsire Doubles, and even in a plain course of Triples. He can conduct Doubles, and can ring Triples double-handed on handbells. He has rung in many of the local towers, and even as far afield as Salisbury, Reading and Bath. Steady as a rock on the tenor, he keeps splendid time in a peal. He has travelled widely throughout the district with various companies of Christmas handbell ringers, and both in tunes and changes is thoroughly reliable.

His agility among the bells in muffling or tying clappers, etc., whether the bells are "up" or "down," is little short of marvellous, considering his lack of sight. When the new iron frame was put in at St. John's some years ago, he felt his way over it, and became in a short time as much at home with it as on the old wooden one he had known so long. He has had some wonderful escapes in the tower. On one occasion, when leaning over a large bell that was "up," to feel what was wrong with the clapper attachment, someone pulled the bell off, and he fell into it and came down into the pit without being seriously damaged.

The members of the band, who appear in the photograph are Messrs. C. D. Heginbotham, C. Raison, G. H. Harding (conductor), S. Hillier, A. K. Harrison, S. J. Hector, T. F. King, and R. Phillips.

CONGRATULATIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—Kindly allow me to congratulate Miss Edith K. Parker on her most extraordinary skill in ringing and conducting Surprise methods, and also Miss Elsie L. Bennett on her handbell ringing. There are many experienced ringers who would be proud to have such a record to their name.—Yours truly,
JOHN CARTER.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

One needs to be wary in adding footnotes to peals. Mr. W. Bibby, of Frodsham, writes that the recent peal at Reddish was not the first by the Chester Guild in which a lady has taken part. Miss Gillingham, of Portishead, rang the second in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Frodsham on September 13th, 1912. And again, Mr. J. H. B. Hesse informs us that the claim to the peal at Taunton as the first of Royal by the Bath and Wells Association cannot stand. On December 30th, 1911, a peal of Forward Royal was rung by the Association at Wrington.

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The Warwickshire Guild has just completed five years' existence. It is certainly a thriving institution, and has at its head some enthusiastic officers. With men like Mr. James George as Master and the Rev. C. Carew Cox as honorary secretary at the helm its future is assured. No fewer than four peals were rung on Saturday to celebrate the birthday, while two others were lost.

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Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have just completed the rehangings of the eight bells at Barnet Parish Church (tenor 24 cwt.). The bells were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1892, and the work just finished included rehangings with new gudgeons and bearings, and strengthening the supporting beams. The work has given every satisfaction. The re-opening took place on Sunday morning, when Canon Papillon preached. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by W. D. Smith 1, W. Baldwin 2, A. A. Hughes (conductor) 3, J. Thomas 4, W. Soer 5, A. F. Milne 6, A. Hughes 7, R. Roffe 8.

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The peal at Crewe last Saturday was rung to commemorate the first peal rung on the old peal of eight by local men. Three of the band who took part in that peal 21 years ago were in the Grandsire Caters on Saturday, viz., Messrs. Harding, Holding, senr., and Langford.

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Mr. Justice Cherry still takes part in the ringing at St. Patrick's, Dublin, whenever his duties permit, and on a recent Monday, for practice, rang the 9th in a 1033 Stedman Caters.

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The naming of the methods in the Collection of Legitimate Minor Methods is gradually being completed. At Christ Church, Bacup, they have just rung No. 19 of the Surprise methods, and if no one has previously named it, the band wish to call it Bacup Surprise. In reply to Mr. Lomas, we are not aware that 10, 12, 13, 20 and 21 of the Surprise methods have been named, but the Sandiacre men have designated No. 11 Sandiacre Surprise, and No. 18 has been named Lancashire.

ST. PETER'S BELLS, COLCHESTER.

The following sums towards the fund for rehangings the bells at St. Peter's Church, Colchester, are acknowledged: Per Mr. W. Button, 4s.; per Mr. G. Burch, 5s.; per Mr. G. W. Dixon, 7s. 6d.; per Mr. A. Burch, 12s. 3d.; per Mr. F. L. Bumpstead, 16s. 9d.; per Mr. W. J. Schofield, £1 14s.; per Mrs. H. T. Pye, 5s. 3d.; per Mr. H. T. Pye, Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Gt. Totham), 5s.; Mrs. W. J. Packe, 5s.; Mr. W. J. Nevard (Gt. Bentley), 16s.; smaller sums, 19s. 3d.; total, £6 10s. Further donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by H. T. Pye, 49, Wickham Road, Colchester, to whom collecting cards should be returned.

THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

The fund, to which ringers throughout the country are invited to subscribe, in order to erect a peal tablet to commemorate the Ladies' Peal at Cubitt Town, will be closed on Tuesday next. Intending contributors are therefore reminded that subscriptions should be sent in to the Editor of "The Ringing World," who is acting as Hon. Treasurer, by that date. The individual contribution is fixed at One Penny, in order that it may be as widely representative as possible.

The following amounts have been received: Already acknowledged, £5 7s. 8d.; St. Alkilda's Guild Middleham, 1s. 4d.; Nuneaton, 1s.; Wrington, 9d.; Stowmarket, 1s.; St. James' Grimsby, 8d.; Mr. H. Dains, 5d.; Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, 2s. 6d.; Edinburgh Cathedral Guild, 1s.; Burnley ringers, 8d.; Hitchin and Hertford, 1s. 4d.; Royston, 7d.; Burgess Hill, 7d.; Cambridge Youths, 4d.; St. Andrew's, Derby, 1s.; Staveley, 1s. 2d.; Old Hill, Staffs, 1s.; total, £6 3s.

THE FIRST "NAME" PEAL OF CINQUES.

HOW THE JOHNS SUCCEEDED AT CRIPPLEGATE.

Some months ago, when two Johns met, the conversation turned upon the John peals, rung some few years ago, and one reminded the other that while the Williams and the Thomases had rung peals of Caters, this was a performance to which the Johns had not turned their hand. "Hadh't we better see about it?" asked the one. "I don't know," replied the other, "I think we had better go the whole hog and make it Cinques while we are about it." And that is how the peal rung last Saturday came to be attempted.

Now, John is a fairly common Christian name, but it is not so easy as one might think to get together on an appointed day twelve of them capable of ringing Stedman Cinques. But a dozen were found ready to turn up at Cripplegate before two o'clock last Saturday afternoon, and the Rector (Prebendary Barff) having kindly given permission for the use of his bells, these twelve men assembled determined to outdo anything before attempted in the nature of a "name" peal. They came from many quarters, and it was an extremely happy circumstance that one of the greatest investigators in the Stedman method—John Carter, of Birmingham—was able to be in the band. The others were: Johns Truss (Marlow) Goldsmith (Woking), Cheesman (Greenhithe), Hesse (Teddington), Neal (Birmingham), and Matthews, Thomas, Armstrong, Sharman, Oxberrow, Golding, of London.

The company represented many societies, and there was first a question as to whom the peal, if rung, should be credited. When hands were held up it was found that the Waterloo Society could claim more than either of the others, and so the Waterloo Society, for whom the Johns had rung their two previous peals, had it. There were only two members to be elected, and after that had been done there came the "feeler," and a jolly good "feeler" it was, too.

Those well-struck rounds completed the confidence of the band—if any had been lacking—in their ability to strike the bells well, and then off they went into the method as if to the manner born. One might have imagined that that band had rung together on Cripplegate bells for years, instead of being a scratch party, who had never together pulled off a peal of twelve bells before. And so the courses rolled up, until, after 3 hrs. 40 mins., the bells ran into rounds. The Johns were pleased with themselves. They thought they had done pretty well, and they were more than satisfied when the listeners outside were equally emphatic as to the quality of the ringing. "One of the best peals of Stedman Cinques I ever heard," was the comment of one well-known London ringer.

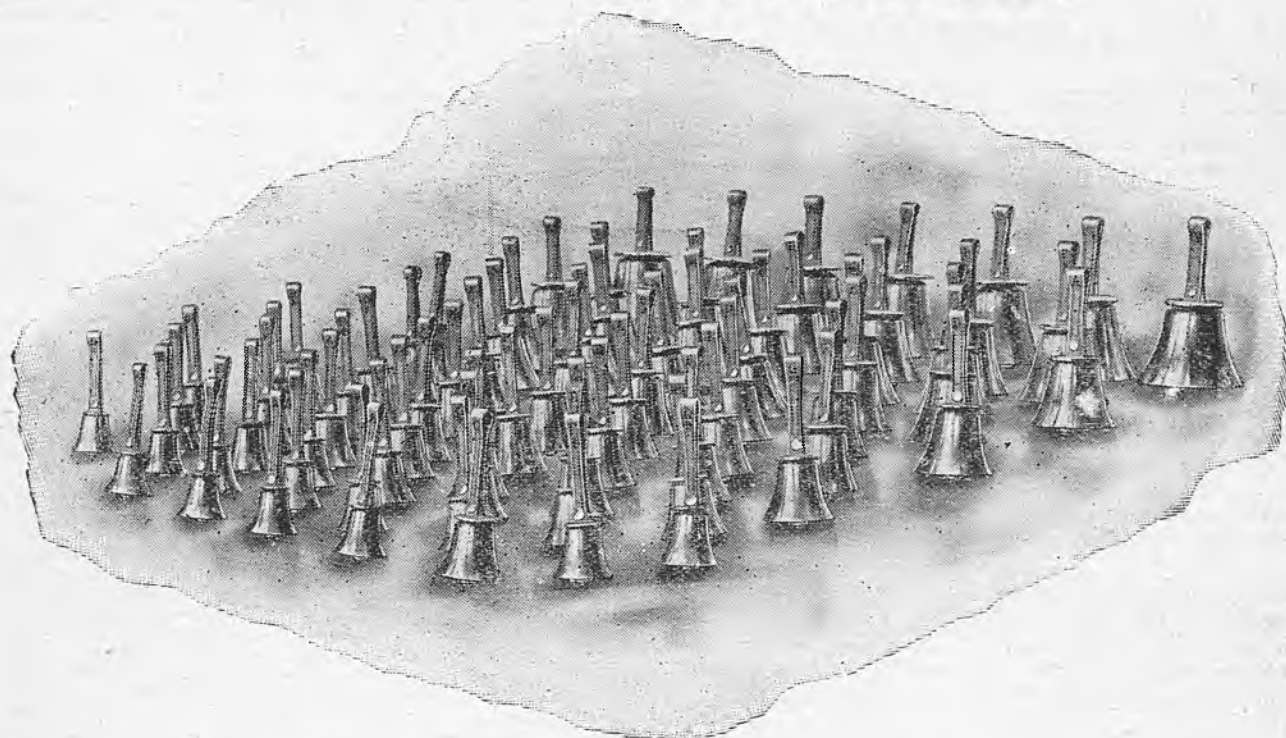
Thus have the Johns set up another record. They were the first to ring a "name" peal in a Surprise method, by scoring London at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 2nd, 1904, and they followed it up with Superlative, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on March 18th, 1905. The Cinques last Saturday was their third peal, and it is worthy of note that each has been rung at the first attempt.

The ringers desire to express their thanks to Prebendary Barff for placing the bells at their disposal; Mr. C. H. Ward, the obliging steeplekeeper, for his attention, and also Messrs. Warner and Sons (who are shortly going to rehang the tenor in a new iron headstock) for having overhauled the bells in readiness for the peal.

THE LEEDS SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Holbeck on Saturday, and was attended by ringers from Bramley, Calverley, Hunslet, Headingley, Mirfield, Pudsey, Shipley, Wakefield, and the local company. An attempt was made for a peal of Stedman, but was unsuccessful, and touches of Treble and Bob Major were afterwards rung.—The business meeting was held in the Parish Room.—Mr. J. Broadley occupied the chair, in the absence of the president.—The next meeting was arranged for Bramley, on December 14th, but it has unavoidably been postponed to December 21st. The peal arrangements for this day have been left to the secretary.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Holbeck for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers, was proposed by Mr. J. Broadley, seconded by Mr. A. Sharman, and carried. The tower was then again visited, and further ringing done.

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THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

WHAT THE GUILDFORD DISTRICT HAS DONE.

One of the best organised branches in the Winchester Guild, the Guildford District, can claim in affiliation all the towers with six bells and upwards within its area except two, and at the annual district meeting, held at Guildford, on Wednesday week, the members showed their interest in the organisation by turning up to the number of about 100. There was ringing in the afternoon at St. Nicholas' Church, and subsequently the Guild's Service was held at St. Mary's, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Kirwan, assisted by the Rev. C. E. Nuttall. The preacher was the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master of the Guild), who took for his text the words, "A three-fold cord is not quickly broken." He found an illustration in the three strands of a bell rope, and drew a parallel between that and the three Christian virtues, faith, hope and charity. These virtues, he pointed out, ought to be found in the life of every ringer.

After tea, which was partaken of at the Star Hotel, the business meeting was held.—Col. Hughes, who presided, gave an interesting account of bells he had seen in different parts of the world, and he reminded the members of the Guild that the bells at Holy Trinity Church, which are being rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., will be rededicated on December 29th by the Bishop of Winchester.

The Master congratulated the ringers of Holy Trinity upon the success of their Restoration Fund collections.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. J. Jones), in his annual report, referred to the meetings and practices that had been held during the year. The Godalming band, he added, had been reorganised during the year, and would doubtless soon begin to swell the peal records. Cranleigh had kept up their standard, but undoubtedly the Farnham neighbourhood, and especially the Aldershot band, had made most progress. The strength of the district was 41 hon. members (a loss of two), 222 ordinary members (a loss of 38, mainly due to subscribers more than two years in arrear being struck off the list), and 28 towers (a gain of two—Ash and Aldershot). At the end of the year there would probably be a balance of £9 or £10 on the right side.

The Ringing Master (Mr. A. H. Pulling) followed with his report—also satisfactory. During the year, it said, 15 peals on tower bells had been rung, and 53 on handbells. Visiting bands had rung two peals of London Surprise at Godalming, and 35 handbell peals. Mrs. Whittington had rung her first two peals, Mr. Edwards, for the first time in his career, had conducted Stedman, and Mr. Mills, of Frensham, at the age of 60, had rung his first peal—all very successfully (applause). Mr. Pulling eulogised the work of Mr. Edwards, who, he said, had ably worked up the Farnham district.

THE OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. C. Willshire; ringing master, Mr. A. H. Pulling; auditor, Mr. W. H. Tunnell (Marrow); chaplain, Rev. W. W. S. Fleet; secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford).

Mr. J. Hunt, having left the district, there were three names submitted for the two places on the Central Committee. Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) was re-elected, and Mr. C. Edwards (Farnham) was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Cranleigh was decided upon as the venue for the February meeting, Binsted for April, Puttenham for May, Godalming for August, Guildford for the annual meeting in November, and Marrow for the first combined practice.

Mr. Sanders (Shere) raised the question of the amount at which the annual subscription should be fixed. He averred that 2s. a year was too much. Plenty of men could not afford that sum, and there were several guilds which only charged 1s. He did not consider they got much for their 2s. Besides the Guild had balances amounting to nearly £100.

Mr. Jones pointed out that the members got one tea free, four at half-price, and 2s. 6d. each train fare for the annual meeting at Winchester. One side of the balances they could not touch except for restoration and similar work. The other was reserved for grants and helping members with their expenses. If they reduced the subscription by half they would be bankrupt next year (laughter and applause).

The feeling of the meeting was obviously antagonistic to Mr. Sanders, who allowed the matter to drop.

Mr. Pullen brought forward the matter of sending representatives to the next meeting of the Central Council, which is to be held at Newcastle. He suggested that a recommendation should go to the committee that no representative should be sent.

Mr. George Williams (general secretary of the Guild) pointed out that such a recommendation would be ultra vires, as the representatives were elected for three years, and it was for them to decide whether they would attend.

Mr. C. Willshire (one of the representatives) said the matter had been spoken about among the representatives, and he thought that not more than one, if any, would go.

Mr. Williams gave an interesting account of the early peals of the Guild, which was formed in 1879. The first peal was rung at Guildford in December, 1881, but the second was not rung until January, 1884, at Soberton. He gave details of the Guild's "firsts" in various methods, and introduced some touches of humour in describing the peal ringing experiences of those early days. With many of the in-

cidents he was personally connected, and the members followed his narrative with interest.—At the close, he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Mr. J. J. Jones.

A resolution was also carried to place on the minutes, the appreciation and admiration of the members at the successful performance of the record handbell peal at Guildford recently.

Subsequently a convivial evening was enjoyed, some good songs and recitations being given by the Rev. G. Harding, Messrs. F. E. Dawe, T. Mack, W. Day, G. Elstone, T. White, E. Etheridge, S. Marshall, A. Bennett, etc.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Basingstoke district, on Saturday, was very successful. In spite of threatening clouds, a goodly number assembled in the belfry, about 4 o'clock, when the bells were at once set going in Triples, with a few six-scores thrown in for the benefit of the less advanced. At 5.30, a bright service was held in the church, and afterwards no less than 52 good ringers and true sat down to the excellent knife and fork tea, served so well by Mr. Philpott. Men came from Basingstoke, Andover, Oakley, Rotherwick, Overton, Dummer, Sherfield, Heckfield (who turned up in full force), Bramley and Whitechurch, whilst several visitors honoured the feast. The Vicar, Dr. Boustead, presided, and said grace, after which the call was, "Go! Basingstoke Delight Caterers." This meal has the bread and butter and cake, the extent each way after the ham, in the handstroke "eat'em" position; and is now performed for the sixth year in succession at Basingstoke. As soon as "That is all" came up, the secretary proposed a very hearty vote of congratulation, supported by the President, to Miss Alice White and Miss Eva Belcher, upon the honourable place they fitly hold as officers of the Ladies' Guild. Both the ladies were present, and their names were received with acclamation.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter Room of the Church Cottage, both that and the hall for the tea being put at the disposal of the Guild, through the courtesy of the Vicar.—Letters were read from the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), and the general secretary (Mr. G. Williams) regretting that they could not be present.—The accounts showed a good estimated credit balance, but will not be completely made up until December 31st.—The Rev. Dr. Boustead was unanimously re-elected president; and the Rev. F. G. Hume, Miss Alice White, and Mr. H. White, were, by general consent, asked to carry on the offices of secretary, Central Committee representative and auditor respectively for the district.—A subscription list, opened by Miss White for the ladies' peal board, received warm support.—After a few wise and cheering words from the President, and a vote of thanks to him for all he did for ringers, proposed by Mr. F. F. Dawe, an adjournment was made to the belfry, where some pretty touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples and Doubles, and a plain course of Bob Major, filled up a pleasant and profitable evening until it was time to disperse, well satisfied and purposed to carry out in the various bands and belfries the hints on management, and the insight into ringing-method, gathered from the brotherly meeting and the combined practice.

THE C.E.M.S. PEAL AT DUDLEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was extremely pleased to see a letter from Mr. Herbert Sheppard, a brother member of the C.E.M.S., and I heartily congratulate him on having a band of C.E.M.S. ringers connected with his belfry. He will certainly be pleased to know, that in the belfry of St. George's, Wemdon, we have nine C.E.M.S. members who are ringers; in fact, nearly all the offices in the church are filled by members of the C.E.M.S. I should be glad to hear, through your journal, of other towers that are filled by members of the C.E.M.S. I know in many country parishes there are no branches of the C.E.M.S. I should, therefore, strongly advise those wishing to join, to communicate with the nearest branch and become members. In that way they will soon get a branch started in their own parish.

It may be of interest to some of your readers to know that the C.E.M.S. is over a quarter million strong. At the conference, held at Leeds, in October, where delegates met from all parts of the world, 1,130 presented themselves at the eight o'clock service at the Parish Church to receive the Sacrament, which was administered by the President of the C.E.M.S., the Archbishop of York, assisted by two Bishops and about twenty clergy.

What an inspiring sight it must have been to the men in the street, to see that our dear old church has members pledged to do some definite work for the church, and that they are not ashamed to confess Christ Crucified. The little badge that every member wears, no matter where he goes, brings him into touch with brothers. A short time ago, one of our brother members and a ringer thought he would like to seek his fortune in Canada. Immediately he got on board ship, the captain came up to him and shook him heartily by the hand. He said, "I see you are a member of the C.E.M.S., you are my brother." He at once took an interest in him, placed him in the choir of his ship, and when he reached the other side, gave him all the information he required, and set him off with a hearty handshake, and doubtless prayed for him that night. I would implore all those who are in touch with a branch to join.

14, Northgate, Bridgwater.

A. E. MOULFON,
Hon. Sec., C.E.M.S.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

MR. DAINS RETURNS TO THE CHARGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of my two colleagues, Messrs. Pitstow and Hattersley, I will reply to the letter by Mr. G. Lindoff, published in your issue of the 22nd instant. At the outset of this, Mr. Lindoff emphatically denies that we have the slightest claim to any of his peals of Cambridge or London Royal. Our reply is that we still press our claim to the peals set out in our letter published in "The Ringing World" of the 9th instant, as being derived, two of them, from our peals of Superlative, and which have been erroneously given over his name as the author.

Mr. Lindoff next writes that he "obtained these peals in the ordinary way, etc., etc." But by a reference to our letter just mentioned, it will be seen we point a way of obtaining these peals by a much easier process.

Your correspondent then goes into some speculation which is not worth repeating or wasting paper on, but his next advice is so charming that I give it in full, viz.: "That two portions of their up to the present useless peals can be spliced together, by the addition of a bob makes not the slightest difference to me. It is nothing fresh for one bob to dominate a peal."

The reply to this elaboration is that this one bob makes all the difference to him, for herein lies the gist of the whole question, as by this statement he gives his own case away entirely, and while there is no time limit for correcting what, in Snowdon's time, was known as "peal snatching," we consider the present very suitable. The following is a case in point of this splicing. Many years ago, the late Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, discovered that a bob "before" would splice together two portions of Middleton's peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, and reduce the peal to that convenient ringable number 5056. Whose peal is this recognised as? Why, Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, you ought to know as well as any man, that by the unanimous accord of the whole Exeterise this peal is always rung and given over the name of C. Middleton, the author of the original composition. In the face of such evidence as this, which is advertised almost weekly nowadays, if Mr. Lindoff continues to hang on to his fabulous claim, we ask can plagiarism go further? In reference to our peals being useless, let me say most of them will reduce to 5056, containing the 6th full extent R, by the use of a bob "before," and that mine has thus been rung.

Mr. Lindoff concludes by telling us he has some half-dozen of such peals, hands off, etc. This is very interesting, and here I may say, on page 117 of the Central Council "Appendix," there are two peals of 6048 of Superlative, which will reduce to 14 courses, and thus give a first-class peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal, with the 6th full extent R. Now, very curiously, these, together with the four given in our joint letter, also make up half-a-dozen, and the inference to be drawn here is rather ominous.—Yours truly,

47, Richmond Road, Barnsbury, N.

HY. DAINS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Kettering district was held at Desborough, on Saturday week, about 40 members being present from Kettering, Rothwell, Geddington, Isham, Cransley, Thorpe Malson, and Wellingborough, together with the local ringers.—Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting.—The Rev. E. Copeman, vice-president, presided, supported by the Rev. J. A. Morley, of Rothwell; the Rev. J. Eacott, Vicar of Desborough; the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Walsall, who with a friend had motored over; the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), and the district secretary (Mr. J. Stratford).

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Isham.—The Vicar of Desborough, and his six ringers, were elected members, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies who had provided the tea.—Touches of Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THRAPSTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Thrapston district was held at Great Addington, on Saturday last.—Touches of Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening on this fine peal of six bells, and subsequently an admirably served tea at the village inn was thoroughly enjoyed, over 40 members being present from Raunds, Thrapston, Islip, Twywell, Woodford, Cranford, Burton Latimer, Irthingborough, Denford, Cransley, and the local tower.—A short business meeting was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. F. Watson), supported by the general secretary and the district secretary (Mr. F. Stubbs).—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Lowick.—The Rev. F. Watson was elected an hon. member, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, also to those who had made the necessary arrangements.—The Rector suitably responded.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly practice meeting of the Biggleswade and district members of the Beds. Association was held at the tower of Arlesey Parish Church, and some twelve ringers assembled, from Hitchin, Great Wymondley, Clifton, Biggleswade, and St. Neots. Change ringing in various methods was indulged in, including 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor, by: C. A. Pratt (Clifton), this being his first 720 in that method, G. Hare, G. Woolfe, and John Hare (Hitchin), G. Croft (Great Wymondley), and F. Blood (Biggleswade, conductor). This is believed to be the first in the method rung on Arlesey bells. Other touches included Westminster Surprise, Merchant's Return, and several 120's of Stedman Doubles. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Arlesey (the Rev. G. J. Mayhew) for kindly granting them the use of the Parish Church bells. The visit caused considerable interest in the village, as change ringing is only heard there at rare intervals. The tower contains six good bells, and the hope is expressed that a number of the younger ringers will join the Beds. Change Ringers' Association, and take up this fascinating development of their art.

PROGRESS AT BIGGLESWADE.

Excellent progress by the new band at Biggleswade was reported at the annual meeting by Mr. F. Blood, the hon. secretary. The bells were opened on Whit-Sunday, and since that time Mr. Blood, with the assistance of Mr. C. A. Pratt, of Clifton, has got together a new band, who are now able to ring the bells when required, and have already commenced to master the art of change ringing. Although the old band gave in their names, none of them came forward to ring the bells, and Mr. Blood was compelled to go forward with the material he had at hand. The society was formed with twelve full members, and seven probationers at the time the old peal of five were recast and three trebles added.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting: President, Rev. R. S. Bagshaw; captain, Mr. F. Blood; vice-captain, Mr. E. Hussey; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Rowlett, while Messrs. F. Thompson and E. Stratton were elected to act with the foregoing officers on the committee.—A vote of thanks were accorded to Mr. Blood and Mr. C. Pratt for their services.

The new peal of bells which came from the Croydon foundry has been much admired by all who have heard them, and visiting ringers will be heartily welcome on Sundays at 10.15 and 5.30, and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.

DEATH OF MR. TAYLOR, LEISTON.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of William Taylor, of Leiston, the sad event taking place on Sunday, November 17th. The deceased was in his 79th year, and had been suffering for some considerable time from Bright's disease, so that his death was not unexpected.

He was buried on Thursday, the 21st inst., members of the Leiston company acting as bearers. In the evening a muffled peal of Kent Major was rung on St. Margaret's bells, the particulars of which will be found in our peal columns. The deceased some years ago had asked that a muffled peal in this method should be rung at his death, and it was fitting that this should be done on the bells at Leiston—a town in which he had spent the greater part of his life, and in which his ringing interests had been so bound up. His last peal—one of Kent Major—was rung on October 13th, 1906, at Southwold, where he was then living, and marked the 50th anniversary of his marriage. It was a peal by his friend, Gabriel Lindoff, and the same composition was rung for the muffled peal on Thursday last. In the Norwich Report for 1906, the following note was added to this "Golden Wedding" peal—"A performance such as this is so rare, if it is not actually unique, that hearty congratulations are due to Mr. Taylor, not only for being able to record fifty years of married life, but also that his health and strength allowed him to stand in a 5000 on such an auspicious anniversary."

William Taylor was a quiet, unassuming man—a staunch friend, and without an enemy. He had known the old Minor five at Leiston, and in 1885 saw the present eight put in by Messrs. Taylor. Ever since that time he had taken a keen interest in the progress of the members of the Leiston company, and was intensely proud of their successes of recent years. He was a District Secretary of the Norwich Association, from 1889 to 1894, and a member of the committee from 1904. In addition he was a member of the Kent, Ely and North Lincolnshire Associations, and of the Royal Cumberland and Waterloo Societies. His 41 peals were made up thus: Bob Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 3, Bob Major 8, Oxford Major 4, Kent Major 23, Double Norwich 1, Bob Royal 1. One of these was a "William" peal—the first of Treble Bob rung by a band all of the same Christian name.

We can ill-spare men of the stamp of William Taylor—men who by example and precept do untold good in their day and generation, and that, too, away from the glare of the lime-light and the blare of trumpets. May his mantle fall on worthy shoulders!—C.E.B.

CHISWICK.—For the harvest festival, 504 Stedman Triples: R. Harvey 1, H. G. Owen 2, C. F. W. Hunt 3, W. Lawrence 4, G. Spencer 5, J. W. Kelley 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

NOTICES.

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THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Coseley, Staffordshire, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Price, Vicar. Important. The appointment of a delegate to the Central Council will be discussed at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Isaacs), at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 3.30 to 7.30. Members and friends heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 5. Meeting at 7. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of the Vicar a quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Easton Neston (8 bells) on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge, punctually at 5 o'clock, and followed by a business meeting.—J. Slarke, Towcester.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on December 3rd and 31st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 5th and 19th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, December 7th. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at Great Waltham. Bells at 4 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at the Six Bells 5.45. A conveyance will leave Chelmsford Station 3.15, fare 1s. return. Members requiring tea, also a seat in the conveyance, kindly notify me not later than December 4th first post.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Newton Longville on December 7th. Service at 3 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Honorary Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Dronfield on Saturday, December 7th, church of St. John Baptist, 6 bells (tenor about 15 cwt.), available 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Havelock Street, Sheffield.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at All Saints, Sheffield (8 bells) on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—J. Evinson, Secretary, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, December 7th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwich, Oldham, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on December 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Young's Reading Room at 4.15. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, Taunton.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will (D.V.) be held at Reddish on Saturday, December 7th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern district meeting on Saturday, December 7th. All ringers invited. Bells: St. George's, Jesmond, afternoon from 2.30 p.m., All Saints, Gosforth, evening till 8.30 p.m. Social concert after. Committee meeting after tea. Tea provided 5.30 p.m. at Gosforth for those notifying by Tuesday, 3rd prox. their intention to be present.—Robert W. Falconer, 22, Linden Road, Gosforth, District Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Runcorn Branch.—There will be a meeting on Saturday, December 14th, at Frodsham (8 bells). All ringers welcome. Bells ready at 3. Service at 6. Tea (6d. each), will be provided at 4.30, for those who before the 12th send word to W. Bibby, Tower Secretary, Church Street, Frodsham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chatham, on Saturday, December 14th, 1912. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, December 14th, 1912. Ringing at the Parish Church. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, December 14th. Tower open 3 till 9. Service at 6. Tea 4.45, at Parish Room, 6d. each, to those who let me know by Wednesday, December 11th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824). — Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, December 21st. Tower open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD TOUR.

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[By W. H. F.]

So far, so good; we were faring indeed very well, taking everything into consideration, and on arrival at Faringdon, a busy agricultural town of antiquarian interest, we dismissed our jobmaster Midwinter, his presence being at variance with our requirements and the season of the year we were now enjoying. The Salutation Hotel received us at short notice, but, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Cole, we found a hot supper, a warm bed, and an early breakfast, in order to get away by the first train in the morning. Mr. Churchwarden Charles Luker met us at the Parish Church, and showed us matters of great interest in and about the building, details of which he appears to have stored away in his mind, like Holt's Original, including a beautiful Norman door on the north side, and a large cannon ball set up the ramp of one of the buttresses. "Near this place lies the remains of Mr. John Beckley, formerly surgeon in H.M. Navy, who, in an engagement off the West Coast of Portugal, on the 17th August, 1739, had his right leg shot off by the above ball. John Beckley was born in 1680, and died 1761."

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Last, but not least, he also kindly showed us the way up to the ringing room, the first stage consisting of a vertical climb of about 13ft. up the face of the S.W. pier of the tower, by means of an iron ladder. The church is cruciform in plan, and has a low, square central tower with lofty arches on the ground floor, opening in each of the four cardinal directions. The ladder is secured to the wall similar to the fire escapes to be seen at the rear of many tall buildings in London, and at the top is an iron bar for holding on to, while you step through a small stone doorway and landing that again leads to a short circular stairs to the belfry. If anything, this access was more inconvenient than similar ladders to be found at East Meon, Rotherham, or All Saints', Sheffield.

Having at last reached the belfry (one of our number absolutely refused to try), we shaped ourselves, peal fashion, actually attempting a peal of Bob Major, our conductor carefully tucking in a piece of soft material among the strands at the rope end of the tenor, as is usual with him, but on the present occasion, with a more determined look upon his face. Half-an-hour's ringing convinced us that a holiday band in particular ought not to undertake a peal under such a combination of adverse circumstances, as was found here. Points of interest, and a description of the interior will appear later, with a drawing of this belfry taken on the spot. After a touch or two, we soon lowered the bells and thanked the Sexton, our party spending a final salubrious evening together at the Salutation, during which the following facts were gleaned. The first peal on the bells was rung after their restoration in 1874, Grandsire Triples, by members of the Appleton Society, G. Holfield, senr., and H. Woodward, taking part in it. One of the band who took part in this opening had a deformed foot, which prevented his walking freely. He, however, managed to get up into the belfry, but after the peal he couldn't get down, the rest of the team lowering him to the floor of the church by means of one of the bell ropes. The second peal, again Grandsire, was conducted by Mr. Holfield, senr., and the last peal, Stedman Triples, by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

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