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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.
Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

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.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Hertfordshire County Association on Monday was one of the most successful held in the annals of the society, which now stands in the front rank of our ringing organisations. It is one of the associations that is moving with the times, and its progress is reflected in the advance in its peal ringing. The annual report records that both in the variety and quality of the methods rung the year that has just closed is a record, and it was equally so with regard to quantity, for only in one previous year (1903) had as many peals been rung. Quantity, however, is not everything, and the 65 of 1903 does not by any means equal the quality of the 65 recorded in the present report. The improvement in this respect is, however, only indicative of the general trend of peal ringing throughout the country, for there never was a time when the standard of ringing, judged by the methods rung, was as high as it is to-day. Although a good deal of the success of the Herts Association is due to the performances of the two bands at Bushey and Oxhey, there is a gratifying improvement in the county generally so far as the peal ringing is concerned, for over 130 members took part in the performances, showing that the peals are by no means confined to the few.

The question of the district meetings is one of the important matters dealt with in the report, and not only with the ringers of Hertfordshire, but with those of other parts of the country would we emphasise their great value. Difficulties of travel sometimes provide the obstacle in the way of ringers attending the minor meetings of their association, but it is really worth an effort to attend these gatherings. They do a great deal to cement the good feeling which exists among ringers, they provide a means of practice which one often does not get in one's own tower, and they demonstrate the corporate nature of the work which ringers are doing.

The election of the Dean of St. Albans as the president of the association is a fitting tribute to the interest which this honoured ecclesiastic has always displayed in the work of the society. Indeed, it is one of his cherished memories, that the association was the outcome of a meeting held in his own house, and ever since that time, more than a quarter of a century ago, he has taken a paternal interest in its affairs. With the Dean at its head, and an executive composed of men so enthusiastic as Mr. George Cartmel, the honorary secretary, and Mr. E. P. Debenham, the honorary treasurer, who, by the way, had made their names in the Art before many of the members knew how to pull a bell, the Hertfordshire Association is in no danger of decay.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK
(St. Mary Overie),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs., in B flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY 7	CHARLES S. BURDEN 7
HENRY SPRINGALL 2	ROBERT W. GREEN 8
WILLIAM TRUSS 3	FRANCIS E. DAWE 9
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Sen. 10
LOUIS ATTWATER 5	ALFRED B. PECK 11
ARTHUR D. BARKER 6	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

Rung on the eve of the conductor's 51st birthday. This peal also commemorates the birthday of Mr. S. J. Jessop, who hails from Birmingham, and of Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Truss. The band wish to thank the Ven. Archdeacon Taylor, for granting permission, and Mr. T. Mash for having everything in readiness.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 8
HARRY BROWNJOHN 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	WILLIAM STOWELL 10
ALBERT STOWELL 5	JOHN THOMAS 11
GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ... 6	WALTER FARLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

A. E. Reeves' 150 peal.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Five Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 7325 CHANGES;

Taken from SHIPWAY.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	WILLIAM STAITE 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	ALFRED WAITE 9
WILLIAM HALE 4	FRANK COLE 10
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 5	WILLIAM HASTINGS 11
ALBERT WRIGHT... .. 6	HUBERT HANKS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Longest peal on the bells since 1858.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SHREWSBURY.

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

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E flat.

SAMUEL GROVE Treble	*ALBERT LITTLE 6
THOMAS J. BRATTEN 2	THOMAS MILLER 7
JAMES E. GROVES 3	JESSE SCREEN 8
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
ERNEST C. ALLAWAY... .. 5	JAMES H. GALLIMORE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. This composition is No. 1 of their number in Mr. Carter's circuit. It is 49 years since the last peal was rung on these bells, that being Grandsire Triples, and this is the first peal on the ten bells for 102 years, the previous one being Grandsire Caters on September 2nd, 1811. This is the first peal of Stedman Caters rung in Shropshire. The Guild tender their grateful thanks to the Vicar for granting permission, and to Mr. J. Wynn for having everything ready.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT P. WAKLEY Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN... .. 5
HARRY KENDRICK 2	FRANK SHEPHERD 6
WALTER HAIR 3	W. W. WORTHINGTON 7
JOHN HOUGH 4	*ALBERT W. WAGG Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

* First peal. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, at the request of the Rector, for evening service.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 2	FREDERICK J. CROSS 6
FRANK R. COPEMAN 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
WILLIAM STEELE 4	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*CHARLES BEECH Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
EDGAR T. SMITH 4	RICHARD DUNN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES, and
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Lichfield (Right Rev. the Hon. Augustus Legge, D.D.).

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM JOYCE 5
FRANCIS WOODHEAD 2	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	WILLIAM B. SMITH 7
CHRISTOPHER STEPHENSON 4	JOHN B. JACKSON Tenor

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 2	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 6
JOHN HOWES 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7
CHARLES J. HAMBLIN 4	JAMES N. FROSSELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

CHIPPING BARNETT, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST PYE 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	JOHN E. MILLER 7
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is I. G. Shade's and W. Pye's 700th peal together.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*EDWARD ETHERIDGE Treble	EDWARD RADDON 5
*WILLIAM LOADER 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 3	JAMES HUNT 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by FRANK BLONDELL.

* First peal of Major.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs., in E flat.

*ALEC ROBINS Treble	*ALBERT BURCOMBE 5
EDWARD WHITTARD 2	HARRY JONES 6
JAMES PARKER 3	HENRY W. FUSSELL 7
FREDERICK OAKHILL 4	*ALBERT P. TILLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. W. FUSSELL.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells; also first peal by the above branch.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT Treble	*JOHN O'NEILL 5
*ARTHUR H. TOOK 2	*JAMES HOWARD 6
*JOHN LARTER 3	HARRY BARTON 7
WALTER LAST 4	*E. AUSTIN HEAD Tenor

Conducted by H. BARTON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

FLIXTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*JOSEPH MELLOR Treble	*HARRY WASHBROOK 5
WILLIAM HENRY IDLE 2	ROBERT DAVIES 6
WILLIAM EDWARD RYDER 3	†RALPH WILLIAMS 7
RICHARD NEWTON 4	JAMES DERBYSHIRE Tenor

Conducted by W. H. IDLE.

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

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HENRY RIDYARD Treble	WILLIAM GRUNWELL 5
FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 6
GEORGE WAY 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
JOSEPH HENRY RIDYARD 4	WILLIAM JONES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung in honour of the wedding of William Jones. All the above are of the local company.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

GEORGE LEWIS Treble	SAMUEL WESLEY 5
JOHN W. J. COTTAM 2	GEORGE HALKSWORTH 6
JOSEPH ATKIN 3	*JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 4	CLEMENT GLENN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Lewis and Atkin.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*RAYMOND C. SEAGER Treble	REGINALD B. SNOW 5
FRED DIMOND 2	JOHN R. HAYMAN 6
JULIUS A. SNOW 3	WILLIAM A. HAYMAN 7
WILLIAM G. ENGLAND 4	*JAMES CHUDLEIGH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

* First peal.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*HAROLD A. SMITH Treble	DICK ILIFFE 5
*ERNEST S. COTTON 2	THOMAS B. SMITH 6
†ALFRED BALLARD 3	FRED STANFORTH 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	*JOHN T. W. KILSEY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now called a peal in this method from each bell, treble to 7th.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. W. MIDDLETON Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
ALBERT G. WARNES 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN 7
FRANK R. COPEMAN 4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and

Conducted by FREDK. J. HOWCHIN.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR KNAPP Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
PERCY F. WELLER 3	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by A. ELLIS.

Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Rector of Charlwood (the Rev. E. M. Gibson), who was interred on the 1st inst.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's differently called.

*HARRY PIGGINS Treble	RALPH NARBOROUGH 4
HORACE BANHAM 2	†TOM SMART 5
STANLEY ANDREWS 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by G. JUTSON.

* First peal. † Proposed member before starting. This peal was rung with bells fully muffled.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, March 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT Treble	ARTHUR H. TOOK 4
JAMES SPALDING 2	*WALTER KERRISON 5
JOHN O'NEILL 3	CHARLES MOSS Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Kent. Rung to celebrate the Easter Festival and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Lambert, mother of the conductor, who completed her 78th year on that day.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholar's Pleasure, Oxford, College Exercise, Woodbine and College Pleasure.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Junr. 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	HORACE EDWARDS 5
PERCY F. WELLER 3	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. R. TULLETT, Senr.

This is the quickest peal on the bells and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. R. Tullett, Junr.

ANSTEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 30 Six-Scores of Grandsire and 12 Six-Scores of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER MACHON Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD ... 4
HARRY HOWARD 2	*CHARLES BYSOUTH ... 5
ROBERT HOWARD 3	*WILLIAM BYSOUTH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First peal on the bells. * First peal, and hail from Barkway. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th belong to Barley. The ringers take the opportunity of thanking the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At 97, EDEENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

WILBY J. HAZELL 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3—4	JOHN THOMAS 7—8
JAMES PARKER 9—10	

Composed by FRED G. MAY, and

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: HENRY DAINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Parker. The conductor's 200th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

MAURICE SMITHER 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	*WILLIAM SMITH 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: D. SMITH.

* First peal of Major and rung at the first attempt. This is the conductor's 350th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

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

Composed by WILLIAM FLORY, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and SAMUEL SMITH.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6063 CHANCES;

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpires: R. SANDERS and E. F. PIKE.

This is the longest length of Stedman Cinques yet rung upon handbells.

BISHOP UNVEILS PEAL BOARDS.

The Bishop of Derby visited Beeston on Monday week, and after conducting a confirmation service, ascended to the belfry and unveiled two peal boards. The proceedings were of a very informal character. Mr. F. S. Price at the outset asked the Bishop, on behalf of the ringers, to unveil the peal boards. The first contained the records of the first local peals of Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major. These methods represented the high-water mark as regards Notts in the ringing world. The other board, which contains a record of a half-muffled peal of Stedman, rung on 3rd September, 1912, and which was Mr. Coppock's own handiwork, constituted a memorial to the late Mr. Robert Drinkwater, who for several years was a chorister at Beeston. A tribute was also paid to Mr. W. Clifford, senr., who, notwithstanding his 60 years, participated in the peals. Both were conducted by A. Coppock.

The Bishop said it gave him very great pleasure to unveil the boards, and chatted interestingly concerning bells and belfries he had visited. Subsequently he signed the visitors' book, from which it appeared that on exactly the same date last year—March 17th—the Bishop of Southwell was in the belfry.

EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

At the annual general meeting of the St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh, held in the belfry, the Very Rev. the Dean of Edinburgh presiding, it was reported that the attendance throughout the year was well up to the standard. Owing to the loss of some of the old members, none of the attempts for peals were successful. The latest loss was that of Mr. Whitson, who left in September to take up an appointment in New York.

The Dean thanked the ringers for their services, especially during the stormy weather experienced of late, and stated how much the bells were appreciated by invalids. One lady invalid looked forward every Sunday to hearing the bells, and has done so for the past two years while on her sick bed.

The following office bearers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, the Very Rev. Dean Skinner Wilson; vice-president, the Rev. Anselm Ashley; conductor, Mr. W. B. Sampson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. R. Robertson, 221, Morningside Road, Edinburgh; members of Council, Mr. James McCracken and Mr. John Whitson. Two new members were admitted to the Guild, viz., Mr. John Stannard and Mr. Harry Russam.

MR. PRICE'S HANDBELL PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On looking through Mr. Price's list of handbell peals in your last issue, I see he states that all the peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques had the turning course at the end, "thus enhancing the difficulty of the performance." Perhaps Mr. Price will be good enough to enlighten us on the subject. I may say I have called over 150 different compositions of Stedman Caters and Cinques on almost every known plan, several of which had three turning courses, and I certainly fail to see where the difficulty of the performance is enhanced by leaving the turning course till last. I consider such a statement is decidedly unfair, and I do not think he need have tried to under-rate the value of other ringers' performances.

W. PYE.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday week, a meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, when upwards of 50 members attended from various parts of the Diocese. In the afternoon, a company of the members, through the instrumentality of Mr. J. Martin, were allowed to inspect the steamship Mauretania prior to her sailing to America. Afterwards, a cold collation was partaken of, and the business meeting held, over which the venerable archdeacon presided. He gave the Guild a cordial invitation for the annual meeting to be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, on June 7th. Canon Howson also kindly invited the Guild to meet at Woolton whilst its fine trees were in foliage.—The Rev. W. T. Bulpit, the Guild master, moved the grateful acceptance of these invitations, and proposed the Rector of Liverpool as a life member of the Guild.—Mr. W. Bentham seconded, and it was carried with applause. Several other new members were elected.—A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Davies for having everything in readiness, and for the excellent "go" of the bells, terminated a most successful meeting.

PLYMOUTH.—On Feb. 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, at Emmanuel Church, arranged for Mr. C. Johnston, of Croydon: E. W. Marsh (conductor) 1, W. H. Marsh 2, F. Hockaday 3, C. Johnston 4, W. Richards 5, G. H. Myers 6, W. Ford 7, G. Kerswell 8.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Rawdin 1, D. Gildea 2, W. Turner 3, A. W. Ward (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, M. Bend 5, R. Bend 6, S. Baker 7, H. Thorlby 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. W. Ward.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—At St. John the Baptist's, on Feb. 28th, 720 College Single: S. Spice 1, H. Jewiss 2, T. Jull 3, J. Bennett, R.M.L.I. (first in the method) 4, W. Spice, junr., 5, W. Spice, senr. (conductor) 6. Rung after coming to grief with a peal.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

There was a gathering of nearly a hundred, almost a record attendance, at the annual festival of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers, which took place as usual at St. Albans on Easter Monday. During the morning and afternoon, ringing in various standard methods took place in the belfries of the churches of the city, and at four o'clock, evensong was sung with the choir of the cathedral, the clergy officiating being the Dean of St. Albans, Canons Lord William Gascoyne Cecil, G. H. P. Glossop and T. L. Papillon, and the Rev. E. H. Evans.

The preacher was Canon Lord William Cecil, who gave an entertaining and instructive discourse of bell ringing from the time when towers, containing a single bell, were erected for purposes of warning and defence in troublous times. From the moment the tower was joined to the church, according to the more modern principles of architecture, it clearly had no further defensive value. To-day, the architecture of our churches, including the bells, was to remind people of higher things. The bells of our churches were intended to preach a sermon to the whole of the parish for which they served, and their message was carried further than it could be carried by any human tongue. The ringers, therefore, were doing a very important and a very serious part of the Church's work, and this was a fact they should take care to remember. It was an old story, and, he hoped, an untrue one to-day, that bell ringing and the public-house were very closely connected. Bell ringers should be examples of Christian life; they should remember that they touched holy things, and that they themselves, therefore, should be holy. A good band of ringers was a centre of good fellowship and of church feeling, and should be a centre of holy life.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At the annual meeting, which took place after tea served in the Abbey Institute, under the presidency of the Dean of St. Albans, who, on behalf of the President (the Rev. A. G. Langdon), who was unavoidably absent, extended a hearty welcome to all present, observing that the gathering was almost a record.

The Honorary Treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham) presented the balance sheet, which showed that the year opened with a balance in hand of £9 0s. 6d. The subscriptions from ringing members amounted to £14 16s., and those from the honorary members to £4 10s., making a total income of £28 10s., while the balance at the close of the year was £3 13s. 3d.—The Hon. Treasurer, announced, amidst applause, that the reserve fund now stood at £20 6s. 5d.

The balance sheet was adopted, on the motion of Canon Papillon, who spoke of the advance of bell ringing in Hertfordshire, and said he was glad they now had at St. Albans Cathedral a band who could ring Superlative.

In the annual report, Mr. Cartmel remarked: It is a pleasing duty to present to you the annual report, which, as regards the quality and variety of peals rung, are second to none in the annals of the Association. The year commenced with the record peal of Bristol Surprise at Knebworth, consisting of 12,160 changes, and although this record has since been surpassed by another band, in which Hertfordshire members figured prominently, yet the Knebworth peal stands as the third longest length of Surprise ever rung. We congratulate the band and its conductor, Mr. G. N. Price, upon their accomplishment. Death has removed from our list of hon. members the Rev. W. D. A. Dudley, Vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Albans, and Mr. C. Castle, an active ringing member of the Baldock band. Mr. James Pettit, a member for many years, and one who rendered much service to change ringing in Hertfordshire, has also received his home call. The committee met at St. Albans on February 15th, when the following recommendations were made for the members' consideration:—

1. That peals rung on Easter Monday, and officially notified to the hon. secretary previous to the annual business meeting, be included in the current year's report. It was pointed out by the chairman that this resolution was simply an instruction, and not a rule.

2. With the object of giving publicity to false compositions, and also for the assistance of conductors, it was recommended that the figures of compositions rung should be inserted in the report under the peal recorded. The composition should be forwarded to the hon. secretary as soon as possible after the peal has been rung; but when the composition has already appeared in the report, it will only be necessary when it is published in the ringing papers to state in a footnote that the composition is the same as peal No. so-and-so. In future, all peals in the report will be numbered consecutively, as in peal book.

3. Attention was also drawn to the facilities for instructing young bands, and it was pointed out that at the last annual meeting the scheme was outlined in the secretarial report, and accepted. Your committee would be prepared to consider any claims for assistance that were submitted to them, and to pay the travelling expenses of a competent instructor for a series of lessons, on the understanding that if not already members of the Association they would be willing to join.

A discussion also ensued upon the question of encouraging Sunday service ringing, by the allocation of points; but opinions were not unanimous. As the subject will again come before the committee for

further consideration, I was instructed to mention the matter, in the hope of securing an expression of opinion from the meeting.

THE YEAR'S DOINGS.

The Association welcomed the formation of a new band at Tring. May success attend their efforts in mastering the intricacies of change ringing. The Cheshunt band, under the tuition of our enthusiastic friend Mr. Rowe, has gone ahead, and there is every prospect of a local peal being soon scored. The Cathedral Society, under the able guidance of Mr. Whitbread, has made marked progress, and are now going strong in Superlative and the Standard Methods. Bushey and Oxhey claim premier honours in their accomplishments. Long may these bands continue to flourish, and may others strive to emulate their successes. The Barley band deserve praise for their peal in seven methods, and Mr. J. Malyan is to be complimented upon his success in conducting three Minor peals.

During the year, 65 peals have been rung, 41 have been rung upon tower bells, and 14 on handbells; 131 members have taken part in Association peals during the year, and the peals have been rung in 27 church steeples, with 24 different conductors. The time occupied in ringing was 194 hrs. 51 mins., the services of 449 ringers being requisitioned. Many have scored their first peal, whilst others have obtained their first in higher methods. The list comprises: 7 Bristol Surprise, 5 Superlative Surprise, 1 New Cumberland Surprise (first in the county by the Association, and all the band), 1 London Surprise, 2 Double Norwich, 6 Kent Treble Bob Major, 1 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1 Bob Major, 8 Stedman Triples, 5 Grandshire Triples, 11 peals of Minor on 6 bells, 3 peals on five bells; total, 51. Upon handbells: 6 Stedman Cinques, 3 Stedman Caters, 3 Stedman Triples, 1 Bob Major; 1 Grandshire Caters, total 14.

I trust that this standard of excellence will be fully maintained during the year 1913-14. We congratulate Mr. Price and his band upon their splendid handbell performances; they have succeeded in ringing the first peal of twelve in the county and by the Association, their first peal of Stedman Cinques being rung at the first attempt.

The Northern District Secretary reports the holding of five meetings during the year, at Great Wymondley, Knebworth, Gravely, Hitchin, and Baldock. The attendance has shown a little improvement, but the six-bell meetings are still only poorly attended. A greater variety of methods is now attempted at meetings, but there remains too much variety in the striking. It is with regret that I have to announce the retirement of the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake from his post as secretary for this district, but having moved into the adjoining county of Beds, he rightly thinks that someone in closer connection should hold the reins. For two years he has rendered excellent service, and we heartily thank him for his labours. I am glad to report that another volunteer for the post has come forward, and you will be asked to-day to confirm his appointment. I appeal to the ringers of the Northern District to rally round their new leader, and to do their level best to cause his new duties to be pleasant and successful.

The Eastern Secretary reports progress in his division, and thinks that the work and usefulness of the Association increases.

The Secretary for the Western Division has little to report as regards meetings, only one having been arranged. Mr. Eden says: "I should like to see a little more enthusiasm in our district meetings, as I am sure more would attend if the members were aware of the pleasure derived from these gatherings." The Hon. Secretary added that he was in full accord with the expression of Mr. Eden, and would emphasise the importance of district meetings to the younger members especially, as it is at these gatherings where the first touch in a new method is often obtained.—Thanks were accorded to Mr. Eden for continuing to enter up the peals in the peal book; to Mr. R. A. Kirby, the librarian; the district hon. secs. for their zealous labours; the incumbents of churches for the use of the bells, and the hon. members for their financial assistance. In conclusion, the report called attention to the importance of the ringers' office, and emphasised the spirit in which all ringers should work.—The report was adopted.

DEAN OF ST. ALBANS ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Mr. E. P. Debenham moved the election of the Dean of St. Albans as president of the Association for the ensuing year, observing that the Association, which had been in existence since October 29th, 1884, was started at the Deanery under the presidency of the Dean, who had taken a keen and active interest in the organisation ever since, and for a great many years had preached at their annual festival and had presided over their annual meeting year after year.

Mr. Kentish (Hatfield) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Dean of St. Albans, when acknowledging his election, said the Association had well justified the hopes expressed for its future when it was formed at his house. Nothing could have been more satisfactory than what they had heard from the hon. secretary's report. "I am not a bell ringer, in the technical sense of the word," proceeded the Dean, "but it is true I have rung a great many belles in my time; but they are neither so large as your bells, nor do I ever strike them (laughter). In fact, I endeavour as far as I can, to see that they shall act as harmoniously as may be in the life which I have just started them upon. That method of ringing is entirely different from what you take up. It requires sometimes a certain amount of skill, and sometimes a certain amount of patience, but still I do not attempt to vie with you,

and I feel it is an additional honour you have paid me in asking me to occupy the chair as your president (applause).

Mr. E. P. Debenham was re-elected hon. treasurer; Mr. G. W. Cartmel as hon. secretary; and Mr. B. Prewett as hon. auditor; and the proceedings terminated with votes of thanks to Canon Lord William Cecil for his sermon, and to the Rectors and Vicars of St. Albans for the use of their belfries.

The following were elected ringing members: The Rev. E. W. G. Kemp, Dr. Fisher, and Messrs. A. Hill, A. H. Walker (Kings Langley), Messrs. T. Castle and H. J. Thompson (Baldock), T. Quick and H. E. Whitbread (St. Albans Cathedral), Messrs. G. Pratt and G. Johnson (St. Stephen's, St. Albans), Mr. W. Jeffs (St. Michael's, St. Albans), Mr. Benjamin Patmore (Great Munden), Mr. Thos. Newman (Hoddesdon), Mr. W. K. North (Brantham), Mr. A. Day (Harpenden), Mr. R. Roffey and Mr. Burlington (Barnet), the Rev. C. B. Saw and Messrs. H. G. Blackburne and H. Prior (Cheshunt), and Mrs. Sarah Johnson (Edmonton).

THE LATE PRESIDENT OF THE SALISBURY GUILD.

AN APPRECIATION.

When the Salisbury Guild was founded in 1882, the late Earl Nelson was invited to accept the presidency. It was a happy day for the Guild that he consented, for very beneficial has been his occupancy of the chief office for over thirty years. His regular attendance at committee meetings and the yearly festivals clearly indicated the real interest he took in the Guild. His addresses—they were more like friendly talks—to his ringers on the occasion of the festivals were so full of encouragement, sympathy and sanctified common sense, that he readily won the esteem of his hearers; and as years rolled by, recognising the great personal worth of our president, we learned to love him. The enthusiasm with which his health was drunk and the spontaneity of the outburst, "for he's a jolly good fellow," testified to the deep affection that lay beneath all this. When in 1900 the scheme for dividing the territory of the Guild into four branches was being developed, having satisfied himself that it would not impair the unity of the Guild, he gave it his thorough support. Hitherto there had been but one or two meetings of the Guild a year, after the formation of the branches there would be no less than sixteen, with the anticipated result of increased membership, better change ringing. It gave the late president great pleasure to mark all this progress gradually taking place. His loss to the Guild is great, but he will live in the affection of those who knew him. May it be that his excellent and beneficent rule will be an inspiration to his successor in the presidency of the Guild.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held their monthly meeting at Tytherington on March 15th. Tytherington possesses only five bells, but having been recently rehung, the bells are in capital going order. About twenty attended the meeting, representing Dursley, Thornbury, Wotton-under-Edge, and Wickwar, while the local ringers were well represented. Several six-scores were rung during the afternoon, including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and St. Simon's. — The tea and meeting were held at the Swan Hotel, the Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Arkell) presiding. — It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chipping Sodbury on April 12th. — The Secretary (Mr. F. Oakhill) made an appeal to the members present to attend the annual meeting, which was to be held at Chippenham on April 19th. — Three new members were elected, one from Thornbury and two from Tytherington. — The Vicar was, on the proposition of Mr. F. K. Howell, unanimously elected as an honorary member.

Mr. Howell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, and for granting them the use of the bells. He said they were always pleased to see the clergy amongst them at these meetings. It showed they were taking more interest in the ringing. He claimed that they, as ringers, started the services of the church, and held no mean place as church officers. He was glad to welcome the Vicar as an hon. member of the Association.

The Vicar, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said he was very pleased to welcome them to Tytherington. He always recognised the ringers as a body of Churchmen who held a great privilege. They gave the call to worship in such a way that everyone in the parish could hear them, and the service which followed was a continuation of what the ringers themselves had started. The office of ringer was a holy office, and he felt sure there would be a great reward awaiting those who carried out their duties with a true and high motive. He thanked them for electing him as an honorary member.

The ringers afterwards visited the tower, where several 120's in various methods were rung.

LONDON.—St. Mary Abbott's Guild.—On Feb. 16th, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: F. G. Symonds 1, J. R. Mackman 2, C. J. Dobbie 3, W. A. Garrard 4, W. G. Mathews 5, A. V. Selby 6, A. F. Harris 7, E. G. Stibbons 8, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 9, H. G. Miles 10. — On March 16th, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: E. G. Stibbons 1, J. R. Mackman 2, C. H. Dobbie 3, F. G. Symonds 4, W. A. Garrard 5, A. E. Bradley 6, C. Charge 7, A. V. Selby 8, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 9, A. F. Harris 10.

BELLS FOR THE BLIND.

OPENING OF A NEW PEAL AT WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS.

On the bank of the Charles River, in Watertown, a suburb of Boston, Massachusetts, a majestic Gothic tower dominates a colony of low buildings, which form the new home of the Perkins Institution for the Blind. In this tower, designed with especial reference to the requirements of bells and bell ringers, has been recently hung a ring of eight bells, the gift of Mrs. A. C. Wheelwright, in memory of her husband. This peal, cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, London, by the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have a tenor of 22 cwts., in E. The honour of opening these bells on March 8th was assigned to the band of Groton School, reinforced by four members of the College Youths. Mr. Dan F. Gibbons (of London) officiated as conductor. Of our local band, reduced at present to a skeleton, some had had the opportunity of acquiring only the elements of the Art. It was thought, therefore, safer to limit the method ringing to Grand-sire Doubles, with dodging in 6-7; but inasmuch as a regular rhythm was maintained, the performance was certainly satisfactory, judged by the manifestations of pleasure upon the part of the officials and pupils, as well as visitors coming from far and wide; for, if the composition was not apprehended, there was at least an appreciation of the merry sound of well-attuned bells propelling their aerial music throughout a circuit of many miles.

Like the peal recently installed in the Hingham Memorial tower, these bells differ in important respects from our American chimes, the most striking characteristic to the average listener being the result of the heavier weight of metal employed by English founders in the trebles, the effect being that their volume of sound, sweetness and carrying power is correspondingly increased, while they are not overpowered by the tenors. Visitors (not blind) who ventured to mount the belfry while the bells were swinging, were impressed with the stability of the cage and the superior character of the hangings and other appurtenances necessary to ensure accurate control of the bell. It is to be noted that each well-ordered set of bells introduced to a community serves as an educational object lesson, for the discerning public are then no longer satisfied to accept inferior productions. Indeed, the demand for those blatant abominations called tubular bells has already practically ceased.

It is a physiological law that when one of the senses becomes impaired, or lost, those remaining are apt to be intensified; and, to the ringers, it was a novel sight to witness the enthusiastic excitement manifested by the blind pupils, who were conducted to the capacious ringing chamber. They conceived the notion that the strength of giants was requisite to impart such rapid motion to instruments of weight, and nothing could exceed the delight of one of these unfortunates upon discovering how easily, and at first attempt, he could draw off the tenor when poised mouth upward at back stroke.

Some pupils who have retained partial vision are confident of their ability under competent tuition to acquire proficiency in scientific ringing, so as to be enabled ultimately to assume exclusive management of the bells. Meanwhile it is planned to have attached to the tower a band of qualified ringers who may act in the capacity of instructors; and to those who have acquired a trade and can furnish recommendations, facilities will be extended for securing employment.

We are called upon again this present month to assist at the re-opening of the historic peal of Christ Church, the first ring of bells exported from England. When shipping these bells from Bristol in 1745, Abel Rudhall wrote in a letter still preserved: "I have sent you a good ring of bells, and hope you will get ringers to have them well rung." At this late date, or at the expiration of one hundred and sixty-eight years, there is a fair prospect that, with the help of recruits from England, Rudhall's wish may at length be gratified.

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Mr. Richard Newton, who has had such a long and honourable career with the Manchester Police Force, is among the first to take advantage of the invitation, extended by Dr. Nichols through our columns, to English ringers to go to the district of Boston. He leaves the police force on April 15th, and sails by the SS. Franconia from Liverpool on April 29th. If any other ringers should be going out about that time they should communicate with Mr. Newton, at 11, Eva Street, Rusholme, Manchester, so that if possible, they may travel together. Ringers throughout the country will wish Mr. Newton every success in his new sphere.

GUILDFORD'S PEAL OF TEN.

On Easter Day, the bells of St. Nicolas', Guildford, Surrey, were again heard, after having been completely overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough. The tenors have been rehung with new fittings, wheels, etc., and the other eight bells fitted with new bearings and gudgeons. On Easter Monday, a peal of Bob Major was rung on the back eight, and after the peal the ringers expressed themselves as highly pleased with the "go" of the bells, great credit being due to the bell-hangers for the excellent job they have made of them. — Thanks are due to Mr. James Hunt for coming down from London to assist, and to Mr. C. Willshire, who so kindly obliged by taking a rope at the last moment, owing to Mr. T. Radford being indisposed.

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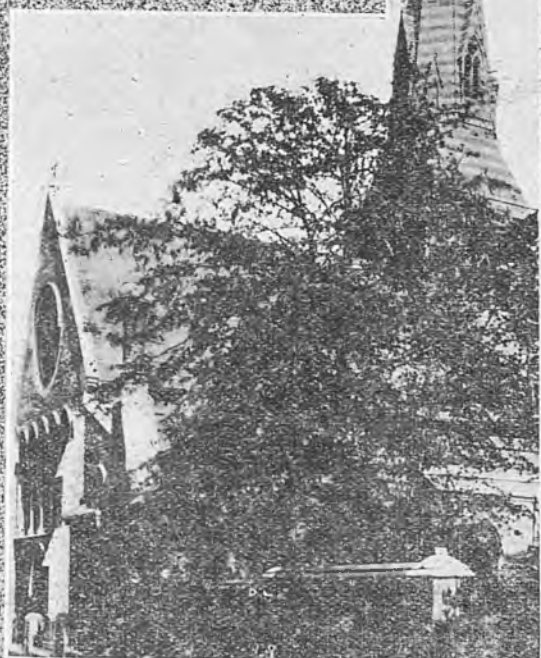
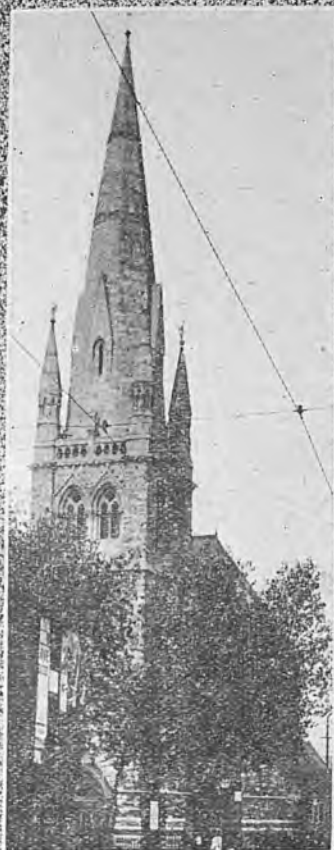
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LEICESTER CHURCHES.

WHERE THE M.C.A. MET ON MONDAY.



Our illustration shows four of the churches of Leicester, where members of the M.C.A. met on Monday. That in the top left-hand corner is St. Mark's, which was built in 1872. It has eight bells, tenor 23½ cwt., and the first peals of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative in Leicester were rung on them. The Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Donaldson, M.A., is the well-known Socialist Vicar, and a brilliant orator. The chancel contains seven panel paintings reaching from floor to roof, showing the march of Labour — three on each side struggling upwards towards the central figure—Christ.

The adjoining photo is St. Margaret's Church, with 10 bells, tenor 30 cwt. This massive tower was for two centuries the stronghold of Leicester ringing, and many famous peals have been accomplished there. In 1776 was rung 10,080 Caters, in 7 hrs. 12 mins., "after ye same band had rung 5000 on ye morning of ye same day, when ye man with ye 3rd missed his sallie, and ye peal was lost." In those days bells were rung without stays.

The right-hand picture is of St. Martin's Church, with 10 bells, cast in 1784 by Arnold. The tenor is of exceptionally fine tone, and is 21 cwt. The church is 201 feet high, and the result is that the bells can be heard all over the town. The Vicar has just been chosen Bishop of Leicester.

The lower picture is the Church of St. John the Divine, eight bells, tenor 21 cwt., given to commemorate Queen Victoria's reign, and by repute the finest toned ring of eight in Leicester. They were cast by Taylor, in 1902. The bells are hung in an iron and steel frame, and the belfry is roomy, with every modern convenience.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT LEICESTER.

Leicester was the headquarters for 1913 of the M.C.A., and the Easter meeting was held there on Monday. The town possesses two peals of ten, and three of eight, which are in ringing order, and they were all made good use of from about 11 a.m. An unexpectedly fine day brought a large number of members together, 109 being present at the High Cross Cafe.—The President, Sir Arthur Heywood, was in the chair, and was supported by the Rev. F. R. C. Payne, Vicar of St. Margaret's Church; the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Messrs. W. C. Wakley, treasurer; W. E. White, secretary; W. W. Worthington, E. D. Taylor, and others. Mr. J. W. Taylor, vice-president, was abroad, and, therefore, could not be present.—The Hon. Treasurer presented the balance sheet, and in proposing its adoption, Mr. C. Draper deplored the small number of reports sold, and also the amount of subscriptions outstanding.—Mr. E. D. Taylor seconded, and the accounts were passed.

The Chairman, in reviewing the peals of the year 1912, congratulated Miss Sanders, of Burton-on-Trent, on being the first lady to ring a handbell peal for the Association. The peals for the year reached the record number, for the Association, of 172. While rejoicing that peal ringing had reached to such a height in the Midlands, Sir Arthur was yet reminded of a subject broached by Mr. Dawe at the Johnson Memorial Dinner at Birmingham. In Mr. Dawe's opinion, the time was coming when there would be a rise on the part of the brain workers against peal ringing. He (the President) had often pointed out that whereas in the older days peal ringing was immensely popular in the country with outsiders as well as performers, to-day there was a much larger body of brain workers than in former times. In the country the sound of peals was appreciated, but with head workers it was much the reverse. They had to bear in mind the strong animadversions that had been cast upon ringing as disturbing the public peace. Judges had made strong objections to ringing because of the disturbance to their courts. That opposition to ringing, although it might not be very much in evidence at the present time, still was making headway. In these days, when it did not seem difficult to get any sort of Bill through Parliament, it was quite possible to put an end to peal ringing. The subject was worth the members' serious consideration.

QUALITY RATHER THAN QUANTITY.

The President went on: We have hitherto prided ourselves upon the large number of peals we have rung. The question seems to be rather, whether we ought not to go in for quality rather than quantity. There are two courses of procedure we may take. Either we may go on and ring as many peals as we please, or we may take the more cautious course of trying to ring quality instead of quantity. In the first event, peal ringing may be done away with altogether. I leave the matter to your attention, and it is well worth it. I really do think that it is extremely important that we should be careful not to be selfish in the matter. We ring peals to please ourselves. It is to a great extent a delusion that we ring for the benefit of the public. We do not, I often think, ring enough for the public. In some towers the Sunday ringing is not so good or so frequent as it ought to be. And there is a limit to peal ringing. A really good peal with a really good band is much better than several indifferent peals. We ought to guard against ringing peals for the sake of ringing, and with no particular object. Don't put peal ringing on one side, but make the peals you do ring thoroughly worthy, and take care you are not doing an unkind thing to residents in the neighbourhood. Sir Arthur Heywood also pointed out that clergymen were often put into a difficult position by applications for permission to ring peals in populous neighbourhoods. Another thing he wanted to mention was that the Rector of Birmingham had told the gentlemen present at the Johnson Dinner of his band (the St. Martin's Guild) joining, en masse, the C.E.M.S., and how he had received them all into the Society at a special service. Now, ringers were a very respectable set of fellows, and that respectability was due more to themselves than to any influence brought to bear by the Church. All the same, they were Church officers, and yet he was bound to say they were shocking bad Church-goers, as a body. If there was one thing that would really help forward the interests of ringers, it was that they should really make themselves members of the Church of England, and do their very best for a church which needed all their support (applause).

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Mr. Shercliff thanked the retiring officers for their services in the past year, and proposed they should be re-elected.—This was seconded by Mr. A. P. Wakley, and carried with applause.—The President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary acknowledged the vote.

A vote of thanks to the auditors (Messrs. C. Draper and E. D. Taylor) was ably proposed by Mr. W. Fox, and seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield.—The auditors briefly replied.

The thanks of the Association to the clergy were voiced by the Rev. R. P. Farrow, who agreed with the words of the President with regard to attendance at church, admitting at the same time that the clergy in some places neglected the ringers.—Mr. W. W. Worthington seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and the Rev. F. R. C. Payne replied.

Mr. W. E. White thanked the Leicester ringers for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting and tea.—This was seconded by Mr. Bartram, and carried.—One hon. member and 26 ringing members were admitted.

The quarterly meetings for the ensuing year were fixed for Oakham, Southwell and Long Eaton.—Mr. J. S. Needham proposed a vote of thanks to the President for taking the chair, to which Sir Arthur replied.—This ended the business.

Some very good ringing was done during the day, including the first two courses of Bristol Surprise in Leicester, which were rung on St. John's bells. The other methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Major.

A smoking concert was held in the evening, the only fault of which was that it was too well attended. The presence of the Misses Willson, Miss Sanders, and other ladies, added much to the success of the meeting. Miss Willson acting as accompanist to the songs, and Miss Sanders taking part in the handbell ringing. A touch of Double Norwich, called by Mr. A. R. Aldham, was tapped on the piano by Mr. A. P. Wakley.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES HOUNSLOW.

The Exercise will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. Charles Hounslow, of Oxford, who has passed away at the advanced age of 81 years. For over 50 years he took an active part in change ringing in Oxford and the surrounding district. It was largely owing to his influence that change ringing continued to flourish in Oxford through the period preceding the formation of the Oxford Guild. But for a few enthusiasts in the art, of whom Charles Hounslow was the leading spirit, it must have died out.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week at the SS. Mary and John Churchyard, in the presence of a large gathering of sympathetic followers. The Rev. C. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, officiated at the graveside, and following the funeral service, Messrs. Freeborn, A. Fox, T. Payne, of Oxford, and F. Hopwood, and J. E. Heard, of Reading, rang in an impressive manner a course of Stedman Triples on the handbells over the grave. There were numerous wreaths and floral tributes.

Amongst those present were Councillor Symonds, Messrs. F. Newell (Reading), G. Holifield, junr. and senr. (Appleton), F. Castle, T. A. Strange (steward), W. Jeffrey, A. Fox, C. Hester, G. A. King, V. Bennett (secretary), J. Howes, F. Webb, J. Wakelin, E. A. Rivers, and F. Smith.

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

The Vicar and churchwardens acknowledge with many thanks the following further contributions towards the cost of recasting the tenor: A friend, £2 2s.; A. V. G. W., £1; A. C. (Red Deer, Alberta, Canada), £1; J. B. (Vancouver, B.C.), 5s.; J. L., 5s.; B. H. T. D., 5s.; L. M. D. C., 2s. 6d.; A. C., 2s. 6d.; B. R., 2s.; W. H. F., 1s.; J. T., 1s.; Ely Diocesan Association (collected at Bury St. Edmunds at the annual meeting), 13s. Also from the following bands: Whittle-le-Woods (Lincs.), 5s. 6d.; St. James', Bury St. Edmunds, 4s.; Radcliffe (Lancs), 3s. 6d.; total received to date, £30 6s.; amount required, £35. Donations to complete the fund will be thankfully received by the Vicar, Mr. W. Doggett, or Mr. H. Croot, Long Stanton, Cambs.

ODD CHANGES.

On Easter Sunday, Messrs. F. S. Downing (Birmingham) and H. G. Aston (Peterborough) were each presented with a gold scarf pin, suitably engraved, by the members of the Coalbrookdale band, to which they formally belonged. The Rev. C. B. Crowe made the presentation.

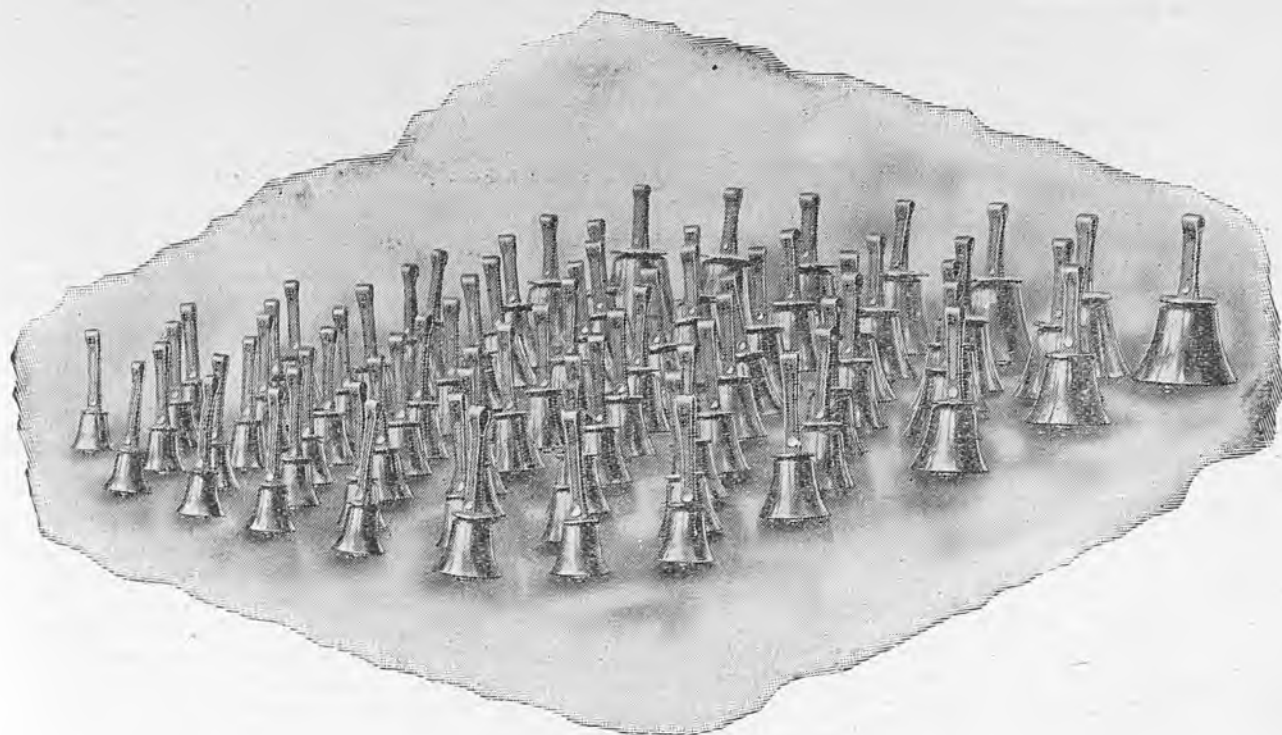
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Peals of 6000 and odd changes are not taken so much notice of in these days as once was the case, but it is noteworthy that we record this week the longest length of Stedman Cinques yet rung on handbells. This was a 6063 rung by the Middlesex Association last Saturday.

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Another peal of more than passing interest is the 7325 Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick on Monday. It is the longest length on the bells since 1858. Painswick has been the scene of many noteworthy performances, and it was there that the record length of Treble Twelve was rung, and which stood for many years until beaten in 1911 at Ashton-under-Lyne.

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THE BOB WORK.

Kingston : A, Dodge instead of lying behind and take up the work of the 5th. B, Have an extra dodge, and take up the work of the 6th. C, Make 4th's and take up the work of the 4th.

Norbury : D, Run in and take up work of 2nd. E, Make 4th's and take up the work of the 4th. F, Run out and take up the work of the 3rd.

The figures of a lead of the above methods only differ in the back-stroke lead of the treble.

TO THE WEST.

On Sunday week, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung for evening service at Charing Church by: H. Willard 1, C. F. Good 2, C. L. Prior 3, W. C. Good 4, H. E. Good (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6. An attempt for a peal of 5040 had to be abandoned owing to the indisposition of one of the band. This was arranged as a farewell peal to Mr. C. F. Good, who has since left for Canada. On Tuesday, the 18th inst., he was the recipient of two valuable purse belts, subscribed for by the Charing ringers.—The Vicar (the Rev. D. R. Fotheringham), in making the presentation, said that he hoped for the day when the peal of six at Charing would be increased to eight.—The ringers afterwards adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, the following contributing to the programme: Messrs. J. Colbreay, C. L. Prior, W. and H. E. Good and T. Ifield, junr., with Mrs. Walker at the piano.

The Charing band are about to start on Bob Minor, and if any gentlemen in the district would volunteer to assist they would be heartily welcomed on Tuesday evenings at 7.30, or any other evenings by arrangement.

NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, March 29th. The new peal of bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 (lasting 20 minutes). Tea in the Star Hall at 5 p.m.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, March 29th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, by kind permission of the Rev. C. M. Harvey, on Saturday, March 29th, 1913. A service will be held at 5 p.m., when an address will be given by the Rev. C. M. Harvey. Tea at 6 o'clock, 7d. each, and meeting to follow. The business will include the election of a new president, and any alteration of the rules consequent thereon, to make it effective. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John the Baptist's (10) from 2 p.m. and St. Andrew's (8) from 3 p.m. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 1st, 15th and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 1st and 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 22nd. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. "Motions" for the agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.—Albert E. Reeves, Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Hampton, on Saturday, April 5th. Service in church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Room after service. All intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 1st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m., Evesham (10), Bengeworth (6) available from 7.45 p.m. till 9 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired to give a welcome to the new Vicar.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on April 5th, 1913. Bells available from 4 p.m. for practice meeting. All ringers welcome. Business meeting at the Red Lion Hotel at 7.30.—F. Hopwood, Secretary, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bowdon on Saturday, April 5th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5th, 1913, at Christ Church, Bacup. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m., meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Berrow, on Saturday, April 5th. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow in the Parish Hall, tea 6d. each. Bells available from 2 p.m., Burnham bells from 7 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Sec., Burnham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Leesfield Parish Church on Saturday, April 12th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Sec., 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

VISITORS TO BLACKPOOL will find every convenience at Mrs. E. Howarth's, 14, May Bell Avenue, Springfield Road, Blackpool, N.S.

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MR. J. THOMAS' 200 PEALS.

With a peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells, recorded this week, Mr. J. Thomas completed his double century. His list is made up as follows:—

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Bob Minor	6	4	1	1
7 Treble Bob Methods	1	1		
Grandsire Triples	31	25	12	10
Grandsire Caters	4	1	4	3
Bob Major	10	4	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	4	1	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1			
Forward Major	1			
Double Norwich Major	6			
Stedman Triples	38	10	5	1
Stedman Caters	22	2	2	
Stedman Cinques	7			
London Surprise Major	14	2		
Superlative	6	2		
Cambridge	9	2		
New Cambridge	4	1		
Bristol	4*	1		
Gloucester	1			
Norfolk	1			
Cambridge Royal	6	1		
Totals	176	57	24	16

* Including 12,160.

RINGING AT ABERDEEN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I observe in your issue of the 21st inst. reference to ringing at the Cathedral in Inverness. I beg to state that our band have visited Inverness several times, the last occasion being about two years ago, and had a touch or two on the bells. There is a local band of ringers, but not having an instructor well up in change ringing, they have not had much chance. But if your correspondent, Mr. Bernard, would write to Mr. McEnvoy, secretary, at Inverness Cathedral, I have no doubt he would give full particulars regarding the state of affairs.—Yours faithfully, J. R. ROBERTSON.

Secretary, St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Rochester district was held at Tunstall on Saturday week, members being present from Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham, Upchurch, Queenboro', Eastchurch, Sittingbourne, Rodmersham and Tunstall in the Rochester District, and Charing in the Ashford District.—A short service was held, the Rector (the Rev. H. E. T. Cruso), who gave an excellent address, expressing, on behalf of his warden and himself, a welcome to the Association to his church. After service, by the kindness of the local ringers and Rector, tea was provided in the Schoolroom, 34 members sitting down.—The business meeting followed with the Rector in the chair.—Six new members were elected, and Rainham was selected for the next meeting, to be held in June, providing that the bells are back from the foundry. Hartlip was selected should the Rainham bells not be finished.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, Mr. Churchwarden Greensted, and the organist; and, last but not least, the local members and their wives who so ably attended to the wants of the inner man.—After a few touches on the handbells, the tower was again visited, and ringing concluded with a 360 of College Single. Other methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Feb. 16th, 504 Stedman Triples: L. Harlow 1, E. Tingey 2, J. Church 3, H. Tysoe 4, C. Chasty 5, F. Smith 6, H. Sharp (conductor) 7, J. Ekins 8. Rung with bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of the late Capt. Scott and his companions.

LEVES, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, at Southover Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: G. Richardson 1, E. J. Pannett 2, E. E. Bish 3, J. Feist 4, G. H. Sturt 5, F. S. Sturt 6, A. J. Turner (conductor) 7, W. Moore 8. W. Moore's first quarter-peal, and rung as a birthday compliment to him and his father.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.

At St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Farningham, 64 720's of Minor and Doubles were rung in 1912, made up of Bob Minor 47, Grandsire Minor 12, Grandsire Doubles 12. Those taking part were: A. Bates 63 (conducted 56), J. Couchman 62 (conducted 5), G. Mason 62, W. Wingate 58, F. Mason 56, L. Rutter 51, and the following visitors: A. Bailey 4 (conducted 2), T. Brooker 6, L. Smith and T. Collier 3 each, E. Bates, F. Gates, A. Gates and A. Martin 2 each, and R. Constance, W. West and T. Groombridge (conducted 1) 1 each. Out of these 720's, 54 were rung for Sunday services.

MR. J. THORPE'S 100 PEALS.

On tower bells: Bob Minor, 1 (conducted 1); Minor in 4 methods, 2; Bob Major, 5; Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7 (including 6208 and 11,232); Royal, 1; Maximus, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; College Single Major, 1; Double Norwich, 4; Grandsire Triples, 7; Caters, 4; Stedman Triples, 12; Caters, 6 (including 6591); Cinques, 5; total, 61. On handbells: Bob Major, 16 (conducted, 1); Royal, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Little Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 8; Caters, 10; total, 39.

B. MITCHELL'S 50 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 10, conducted, 1; Caters (one on handbells), 9; Stedman Triples, 11; Caters, 6; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Royal, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 8, conducted, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; total, 50, conducted, 2. Rung in 14 towers, in three counties; 49 of the peals having been rung for the Midland Counties Association.

A MACCLESFIELD PEAL COMMEMORATED.

A peal board has been unveiled at Macclesfield recording the first peal rung on the bells of Christ Church. Mr. Stanway, who requested the Vicar to perform the ceremony, spoke in eulogistic terms of the work of Mr. Stoneley as instructor. Up to the time that he was engaged in June, 1911, little or no change ringing had been done on the bells by Christ Church ringers. By the end of the year, however, they were able to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles, and on February 25th, 1912, they rang their first 720 of Minor. On June 8th they rang their first 5040, and to commemorate that event his brother and himself desired to give the board, which was of solid oak and written in gold. He also asked the Vicar and church officials to accept a photograph of the members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, which was taken to commemorate its 25th anniversary.—The Vicar accepted with thanks both the peal board and the photograph, and then unveiled the former.—In according thanks to the donors of the peal board, a tribute was paid to the progress of the ringers at Christ Church, and the proceedings terminated with 120 Grandsire Doubles rung, by: E. Greenwood 1, F. Stoneley 2, F. Hirst 3, S. Stanway 4, W. H. Wheelton 5, C. E. Galleymore 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TUNSTALL.—Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—On Sunday, March 16th, at Christ Church, with the bells muffled, for the late Lord Bishop of Lichfield, a quarter-peal of Superlative (1344 changes): F. Smith 1, G. A. Smith (conductor) 2, J. Darlington 3, J. Godber 4, W. J. Washbrook, junr., 5, W. R. Washbrook 6, A. Clay 7, Wm. Thompson 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Palm Sunday, before and after evensong, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, 450 and 287 Grandsire Caters, were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Right Rev. the Hon. Augustus Legge, Bishop of Lichfield, who died the previous day: H. Hawkswood 1, H. Mitchell 2, F. Darrall 3, T. O'Connor 4, A. Little 5, H. Farlow 6, W. G. Hall 7, B. Clark 8, H. Knight (conductor) 9, E. Mitchell 10.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, March 16th, at All Saints' Church, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Superlative (1260 changes): J. White 1, A. J. Heasman 2, E. Harris 3, J. T. Heasman 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. J. Allen 7, H. Blondell 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, March 16th, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Jackson (Mossley), first attempt at Grandsire, 1, G. Garnett 2, J. W. Holme 3, H. Holme 4, R. Wimpenny 5, H. Palmer 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, E. Barton 8.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: R. Dore 1, H. J. Gray 2, E. J. Newell 3, W. Irons 4, V. Neale (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. E. Creasey 6, G. Gray 7, A. Akers 8.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.—Norwich Association.—On March 1st, for morning service, 672 Double Norwich: F. Borrett (conductor) 1, C. Baker 2, J. Allen 3, R. Whiting 4, E. Whiting 5, C. Roope 6, W. Roope 7, F. Roope 8. For evening service, 672 Superlative Surprise: F. Borrett (conductor) 1, E. Whiting 2, A. Roope 3, R. Whiting 4, C. Baker 5, F. Surridge 6, C. Roope 7, F. Roope 8.—On March 8th, 448 Cambridge Surprise: F. Borrett (conductor) 1, A. Roope 2, J. Allen 3, C. Baker 4, E. Whiting 5, C. Roope 6, W. Roope 7, F. Roope 8. For evening service, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major: C. Brice (conductor) 1, E. Whiting 2, H. Garnham 3, R. Riches 4, G. Gower 5, H. Adcock 6, E. Whiting 7, T. Adcock 8.

LONDON.—At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.—On Sunday, March 16th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Hughes 1, W. Truss 2, W. Theobald 3, G. E. Joyce 4, T. Cranfield 5, J. Moule 6, R. Sanders 7, H. Torble (conductor) 8.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On March 11th, 720 Carlisle Surprise: T. Barrett 1, G. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, H. Kilby 4, T. Langdon (conductor) 5, F. J. Hardy 6. First on the bells and by all the band.—On Sunday, March 16th, 720 Plain Bob: A. French 1, G. Kilby 2, F. Barrett (first 720 with bob bell) 3, T. Langdon 4, G. Chalkley 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.

HAMMERSMITH.—St. Paul's Guild.—On March 13th, 1280 Bob Major, in 50 mins.: W. Stevens 1, H. Crooke 2, H. Stevens 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington 7, G. Iles (conductor) 8.

STANSTED.—Essex Association.—On March 10th, at the Parish Church, 308 Grandsire Triples: G. Gray 1, T. J. Watts 2, G. Jordan 3, J. Luckey 4, W. T. Prior 5, H. Little 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8. Also 420 Stedman Triples, with T. J. Watts, conductor; and on Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, 312 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, A. Jordan 2, T. J. Watts 3, G. Jordan 4, T. Jordan 5, H. Little 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8.

LEATHERHEAD.—On March 11th, 1280 Bob Major: E. Boniface 1, W. E. Otway 2, W. Messam 3, A. H. Winch (conductor) 4, W. Marks 5, E. Hull 6, A. C. Otway 7, A. Dean 8. First quarter-peal of Bob Major by an entirely local band.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—Kent Association.—On March 8th, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the landing of Queen Alexandra, which took place at the Royal Terrace Pier, within easy distance of the Church, 720 Plain Bob: H. Argent 1, G. Ambrose 2, P. Ashenden (Mcopham) 3, J. Burles 4, H. Holden (Mcopham) 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Argent 1, G. Ambrose 2, G. Jones 3, H. Holden 4, J. Burles 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.—On Palm Sunday, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: G. Collins 1, H. Argent 2, F. Hayes 3, J. Burles 4, G. Ambrose 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), in six methods, viz.:—Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob: G. Collins 1, G. Jones 2, G. Ambrose 3, J. Burles 4, F. Hayes 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—On March 13th, at St. Peter's, after an attempt for a peal of Stedman, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich: *G. H. Johnson 1, *J. Woolley 2, A. Copcock (conductor) 3, *A. Barratt 4, J. C. Dicken 5, *S. Wesley 6, F. S. Price 7, *W. Ayre 8. *First quarter-peal.

CREWE.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at Christ Church, Crewe, 1272 Stedman Caters, in 54 mins.: W. T. Holding 1, R. T. Holding, junr., 2, J. H. Riding 3, H. F. Holding 4, W. F. Hartshorne 5, A. Crawley 6, G. H. Crawley 7, J. Dentith 8, R. T. Holding, senr. (conductor) 9, R. D. Langford 10. Longest touch of Stedman Caters on the bells. All the ringers are local men.

GRAVESEND.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Gates 1, R. Tall 2, C. Constant 3, R. Smith 4, J. Constant 5, A. Constant (first quarter as conductor) 6, R. Constant 7, E. Hadlow 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Good Friday, 720 Double Oxford, rung with bells muffled: E. Webb 1, W. Scotcher 2, H. Hall 3, L. G. Mallion 4, J. Page 5, B. D. Buttriss (conductor) 6. Also a course of Cambridge Surprise.

PUTNEY.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 46 mins.: H. Whanslaw (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, J. Herbert 2, W. Honeyball 3, C. Collis, junr., 4, G. W. Honeyball 5, T. Bolton 6, J. Kent 7, Arthur Jones (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Whanslaw.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On March 17th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Denman, junr., 1, Miss Bertha Mitchell 2, T. Adams 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. First 720 on an inside bell by Miss Mitchell, and rung at the first attempt.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 720 London Surprise: W. Denman 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. First 720 of London Surprise by all the band. In the afternoon an attempt was made for a peal of Surprise Minor, but it was lost after an hour's capital ringing. Afterwards, a 720 Cambridge and 720 Carlisle Surprise was rung for the evening service, the band standing in the same order as in the London.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Stanton 1, J. Mead 2, L. Meager 3, W. Sear 4, T. Best 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Goodman 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all except H. and W. Sear, and first quarter by the local band.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On March 9th, for morning service, 855 Stedman Triples: C. Bowkett 1, G. Hinton, junr., 2, W. Rouse 3, J. Batchelor 4, T. Bullock 5, W. Page (conductor) 6, G. Checketts 7, J. Purdoo 8.—On March 16th, for evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. Page (conductor) 1, C. Bowkett 2, J. Purdoo 3, W. Rouse 4, J. Batchelor 5, T. Bullock 6, A. Winterton 7, W. Sharp 8.

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 16th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Gittins 1, G. Hislop (conductor) 2, A. J. Hughes (Bangor) 3, F. Thomas 4, R. Leather 5, T. Kay 6, A. E. Grave 7, J. Roberts 8. For evening service, 490 Grandsire Triples: J. Roberts 1, G. Hislop 2, C. Gittins 3, F. Thomas 4, A. E. Grace 5, A. J. Hughes (conductor) 6, T. Kay 7, H. Hudson 8.

CHILDWALL.—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: H. Turton (first 720) 1, G. Hislop 2, A. J. Hughes 3, T. Rigg 4, J. Roberts 5, A. E. Grace (conductor) 6.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On March 16th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): F. Osborne 1, J. Larter 2, J. Farrington 3, J. Gillings 4, E. Goodwin 5, W. E. Ayers 6, H. Barton (conductor) 7, G. Blowers 8.

BRISTOL.—On March 15th, at St. Stephen's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Abrahams 1, W. Farley 2, T. B. Holmyard 3, R. H. Leaker 4, G. Vickery 5, F. J. Cooker 6, F. G. Leaker (conductor) 7, W. Abrahams 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Good Friday, the bells of Holy Trinity Church were rung half-muffled for evening service. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.; also 420: H. Aston 1, W. Jones 2, H. Bailey 3, C. Watts 4, F. S. Downing 5, W. Lago 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, J. Garbett 8. Mr. W. Morgan, late conductor, who heard the ringing, congratulated the band on the perfect striking.

WOOTTON BASSETT.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—On March 1st, at the Parish Church, 510 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Earl Nelson, President of the Guild: W. T. Baxter 1, L. Wilson (conductor) 2, Harold Llewellyn 3, M. Tuck 4, F. Harris 5, C. Curtis 6.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins., with 4, 6, 8 covering: W. T. Baxter 1, L. Wilson (conductor) 2, H. Llewellyn 3, C. Barber 4, M. Tuck 5, S. Telling 6, F. Harris 7, C. Curtis 8. This is the longest length by all except the conductor, and is also the longest rung by an entirely local band.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On March 1st, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Norwich Surprise: P. C. Saver 1, F. Chalk 2, J. Owers 3, F. White 4, H. J. Mansfield 5, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

SEALE, SURREY.—On March 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: *W. Fisher 1, H. Chaffey 2, *A. Croucher 3, Alf. Croucher 4, *G. Fisher 5, C. Edwards (conductor) 6. *First 720 of Kent.

HURSLEY, HANTS.—On March 2nd, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob, in 26 mins.: A. Warren (first 720) 1, *E. Wild 2, J. Richards 3, *J. A. Pannell 4, R. G. Hunt 5, W. Jones (conductor) 6. *First 720 inside.

FINCHLEY.—On Saturday, March 1st, an attempt for a peal in Treble Bob methods came to grief, after ringing 720 Willesden Delight and Oxford Treble Bob: F. Barrett 1, G. M. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, W. G. Matthews 4, T. Langdon 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6. Afterwards 720 Kent Treble Bob, with F. Barker, of Finchley, 4, his first in the method.

FENHILLTON.—On March 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes (taken from Holt's Original), in 42

mins.: E. Bryant 1, S. Reyner 2, L. C. Ferrige 3, F. Ford 4, W. Wood 5, J. Warwick 6, J. Webb (conductor) 7, G. Rayner 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, March 11th, this energetic band, members of the Sussex Association, added another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples to their credit in 52 mins., conducted by W. Franks, of Battle, who is acting as coach to the band: J. Goodsell (first quarter with a working bell) 1, E. Mills 2, H. Edwards (first quarter-peal) 3, W. Cramp 4, T. Booth 5, W. Head 6, W. Franks 7, S. Goodsell 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, March 16th, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, on the occasion of a visit in state of Alderman Humphrey and the Common Council of the Tower Ward of the City of London, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 52 mins.: T. King 1, A. H. Palmer 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, E. E. Grimes 4, R. N. Runham 5, J. A. Trollope 6, J. E. Davis 7, A. W. Grimes (composer) 8.

TAMWORTH.—On March 16th, at the Parish Church, 700 Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled for the death of the Lord Bishop of Lichfield: G. Chaplin 1, A. E. Young (conductor) 2, J. W. Timms 3, A. Chaplin 4, W. Chapman 5, A. Everitt 6, R. P. Brindley 7, F. Keen 8.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, Dec. 22nd, a 720 of Plain Bob: Miss Dora Ellis (first 720) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, T. Langdon 4, R. Kilby 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.—On March 2nd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: F. Barrett 1, G. Chalkley 2, E. White (of Elstow, Bedford) 3, G. M. Kilby 4, T. Langdon (conductor) 5, H. Kilby 6. Also 720 Plain Bob (46 calls), with A. French (first 720) 1.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—At the Parish Church, on Dec. 31st, 1912, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, by the following local members: I. B. Holmyard 1, C. Ford 2, J. Hambleton 3, F. Chivers 4, F. Speed 5, R. Jones 6, W. Keavill (conductor) 7, G. Seymour 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 2nd and tenor, and first on a bob bell for the ringer of the 6th.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Northern Branch).—On Jan. 10th, 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs and 9 singles): R. Pratt 1, J. Barrick 2, H. Batson 3, G. Thompson, junr., 4, E. Dannatt 5, W. Crowder (conductor) 6.—On Feb. 8th, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): R. Pratt 1, J. Barrick 2, E. Dannatt 3, H. Batson 4, W. Goddard (Thornton) 5, W. Crowder (conductor) 6.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Jan. 31st, 360 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 120 Grandsire Minor, by: W. Quartley, H. Lambert, W. Clements, W. Watkins, S. Clements, A. Tomkins, R. Bethel.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: C. Bethel 1, H. Lambert 2, W. Watkins 3, A. Tomkins (conductor) 4, R. Bethel 5, W. Quartley 6.

ISLEWORTH.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, C. Dell 4, C. J. Dobbie 5, W. A. Garrard 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Beckensale 8. For men's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, J. Kent 2, J. Crocker 3, F. E. Cole 4, J. Owers (first quarter) 5, T. Beadle 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. Spencer 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—The Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 9th, after evensong, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 49 mins.: J. H. Wilkins 1, F. Rumens 2, H. Rumens 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, *N. Tomlinson 5, J. C. Adams 6, *F. G. Tegg 7, J. Armstrong 8, F. C. Maynard 9, R. Maynard, senr., 10. *First quarter-peal on ten bells.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Harris 1, A. S. Beer 2, A. Collins 3, J. Wheeler 4, J. Symonds 5, C. Creasy 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, J. Matthews 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Feb. 9th, at St. Margaret's Church, before evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster 5, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), conductor, 6. Also 720 after evensong: T. Moulden 1, R. W. Hyner 2, W. J. Nevard 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 9th, 560 Double Norwich: J. H. Odey 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, G. W. Townsend 4, S. Palmer 5, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley) 6, G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. Also 384 Superlative Surprise: E. Bishop 1, R. W. Hyner 2, G. W. Townsend 3, W. J. Nevard 4, J. H. Shepherd 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.—On March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Lawrence 1, O. W. Layng 2, J. H. Odey 3, R. W. Hyner 4, G. W. Townsend 5, E. Bishop (conductor) 6, S. Palmer 7, A. W. Harrington 8.

TROWBRIDGE.—On Feb. 15th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Francis 1, H. Taylor 2, A. E. Angel 3, A. West 4, S. J. Hector (conductor) 5, A. K. Harrison 6, G. H. Harding 7, S. Francis 8. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th hail from Melksham, and the tenor man from Hilpertown.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Feb. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: C. Remnant 1, T. Attwell 2, T. Luff 3, W. G. Brockhurst 4, J. Allford 5, G. Luff 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, Walter Simmonds (first quarter and first attempt) 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. (taken from Holt's Original): T. Luff 1, A. J. Bartlett 2, W. G. Brockhurst (conductor) 3, G. Luff 4, T. Attwell 5, J. Allford 6, H. J. Ellis 7, Walter Simmonds 8.

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