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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.

SUGGESTED APPEAL TO MR. CARNEGIE

Doubtless a great many of our readers have read with interest of the fact that Mr. Andrew Carnegie has recently entrusted the Carnegie Dunfirmline Trustees with the administration of the income derivable from two million pounds' worth of bonds, for public libraries, church organs and other objects in the United Kingdom. A correspondent now writes to us suggesting that an effort should be made to get Mr. Carnegie to include in the "other objects," assistance in the restoration of church bells. The idea is certainly a commendable one if only Mr. Carnegie could be induced to see it in the same light that ringers and church authorities, whose bells are in a dilapidated condition, will view it. Our correspondent says, "There are a great many things to which the benefits of the trust might be extended, but is it not possible, if a great number of ringers, backed up strongly by the clergy, were to make an appeal to Mr. Carnegie or his trustees through the Central Council, it might possibly be successful." We should like to think that success might attend such an appeal.

Mr. Carnegie, we believe, is passionately fond of music, and it was because he desired to give the public fuller opportunities of enjoying the pleasure of such a comprehensive instrument as the organ, that he has given such a huge sum to assist churches in their construction. However, Mr. Carnegie has not had so much experience of the melodies of a sweet-toned ring of bells. During his long residence in America he was in a land that was foreign to the joyous notes of a well rung peal, while in his far-off Scottish home their sound is never heard. But Mr. Carnegie has in many ways shown himself ready to help those communities who are anxious to help themselves, and we know from experience how, as a general rule, the people of a parish are anxious to do their utmost for the maintenance of their church bells. Unfortunately it is only too true that in many instances the cost is beyond the parochial means, and it would be a magnificent thing if, with good cause shown, it was possible to look for substantial help to a fund such as that which Mr. Carnegie has established for organs.

Despite all the bell restoration that has gone on in recent years there are a very large number of parishes where a bellhanger's attention to the bells is sorely needed, but is indefinitely postponed for lack of the wherewithal to meet the expense. If only the question could be opened up with Mr. Carnegie, there would be no difficulty in making out as strong a case for the bells as could be shown for the organs. The question is who will take the lead? If anything is done it should be done by a responsible body, and that body, it would seem, is the Central Council, but whether the Council could be induced to take it up is another matter.

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

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	FRED CHAMBERLAIN... .. 6
HARRY PAGE 2	*JAMES CROSS 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES 3	TOM PAGE 8
WILLIAM B. BISS 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
SIDNEY DAWE 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY COOPER, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Caters. Rung after meeting one short for Kent Treble Bob Royal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

THOMAS HUGHES Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 6
WILLIAM R. SMALL... .. 2	ALFRED ROWLEY 7
GEORGE HUGHES 3	REUBEN HALL... .. 8
*JOHN W. JONES... .. 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH 9
WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 5	*BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. The composition is No. 1 on the Broadsheet. Rung for the Festival of St. James and also for Mr. John W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., honorary secretary of the Llandaff Association.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5189 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS Treble	THOMAS W. GORE 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	GEORGE HOLLIS 7
JOHN THORPE 3	CLEMENT GLENN 8
*ARTHUR HAGUE... .. 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 9
GEORGE HALKSWORTH ... 5	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, STOKE COVENTRY.)

On Tuesday, July 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON ... 2	CHARLES FREEMAN 6
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS... .. 7
WILLIAM T. COX 4	WILLIAM MAUND Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

This peal was rung half-muffled as a token of respect and esteem to the late Rev. Canon T. A. Blyth, D.D., for 28 years incumbent of Stoke, first as Vicar and since 1907 as Rector, who was interred in St. Michael's Churchyard on the above date. He had been a Vice-President of the Warwickshire Guild since its formation in 1907.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

ARTHUR K. GOWER Treble	ERNEST GOWER... .. 5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Jun. ... 2	ALFRED KING 6
*CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	EDWARD W. BRAY 7
GEORGE H. HOWSE 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method. Ernest Gower's rooth peal. Arranged for Messrs. King and Hughes, who hail from Luton and London respectively.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	GEORGE PRESTON 5
FRANCIS S. WILSON... .. 2	EDWARD C. ELLIOTT ... 6
*JOHN WILKINS 3	†CECIL G. MORRIS 7
JAMES E. FIGGURES ... 4	WILLIAM G. FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the organist (Mr. H. Wakeford, F.R.C.O.), to Miss A. Backhurst. Francis S. Wilson hails from Tewkesbury.

LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	FRANK I. HLAIRS 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
*WALTER S. WISE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. J. A. Trollope's 150th peal.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF S. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY C. ARTIS Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN... 5
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ... 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 6
FREDERICK KNIGHTS 3	ALBERT G. WARNES... .. 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	CHARLES E. BORRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. J. HOWCHIN.

First peal on the bells since their rehanging by Messrs. George Day & Son, of Eye.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY SEAR... .. Treble	FREDRICK J. MYNARD ... 5
*WALTER SEAR 2	JAMES GEORGE 6
JOHN MEAD 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
CECIL A. VALENTINE... .. 4	WILLIAM SMITH Tenor

Conducted by the REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Sillett and Johnston.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK ... 5
ARTHUR H. WHITE 2	JOHN CAPP... .. 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

NEATHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ... Treble	JOHN HOUGH 5
EDWARD I. STONE 2	HERBERT HURDMAN ... 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 7
*WILLIAM SHERCLIFF... .. 4	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT DAY Treble	HENRY LETTS 5
GEORGE BASSON... .. 2	FRED WATKINSON 6
JOHN FLOWER 3	*WILLIAM H. WAIN 7
JOSEPH LORD 4	THOMAS STIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN FLOWER.

* First peal with an inside bell.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE W. BEMROSE ... Treble	ALFRED C. WRIGHT... .. 5
THOMAS BETTISON 2	SAMUEL WESLEY 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3	JESSE J. MOSS 7
CHARLES MASON... .. 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT
ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JONAS S. AMBLER Treble	LEWIS MIDGLEY 5
NORMAN NORTH 2	THOMAS HENRY GELDER 6
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD... 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
JAMES COTTERELL 4	FRED SALMONS... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. S. Ambler on his 50th birthday. After the peal a splendid tea was provided at the King's Head Hotel, and thoroughly enjoyed.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 5
FRANK I. HAIRS 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 6
JOHN J. PRATT 3	JAMES HUNT 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	FRANK V. SINKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

(ERDINGTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., in F.

THOMAS BICKNELL Treble	JOHN SANDERS 5
CHARLES COTTRELL 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	JONATHAN PRESTON 7
MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

The bells were half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Thomas Wells, Parish Clerk of Erdington, one of the ringers at the above Church, who passed away on Thursday, July 24th, and was interred at the Parish Church on the above date.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE EVER BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt., in D.

EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER ... 5
WILLIAM POSTON 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR 6
CAMPBELL KINGS 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
HARRY KEMP 4	ARTHUR BUSHNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of London to Ross, and to celebrate the coming of age of the conductor. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells. Messrs. Sadler and Williams hail from Newent, Poston from Bridstow, Boar and Dyke from Cheltenham, the rest being local men.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, July 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
THOMAS HUGHES 3	ALFRED ROWLEY 7
SAMUEL PEARCE 4	JOHN RAY Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

Rung before the mid-day service in honour of the first anniversary of the institution of the Rev. J. A. Price, Vicar of Coseley.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble	HARRY SHUKER 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6
JOHN POTTER 3	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 7
GEORGE E. TURNER 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DEVYNOCK, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNOG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM EVANS Treble	JOHN L. MORGAN 4
CHARLES POWELL 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
WILLIAM A. FLETCHER ... 3	*EDWARD PARRY Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Messrs. Morgan and Parry were proposed members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and Mr. D. L. Havard for their kindness after the peal. Rung in honour of St. James's Day.

RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Canterbury, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob.

*HARRY PEET Treble	*FREDERICK KILBORN ... 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 5
HORACE W. SHARMAN ... 3	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CHAPMAN.

* First peal in seven methods.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Kent and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*CLAYTON PARNELL ... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
*ALBERT J. NAUNTON ... 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
*WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in four methods.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*LESLIE GROOM Treble	JOSEPH SADDINGTON ... 4
FRANK LEWIN 2	DANIEL REDHEAD 5
JOHN LEWIN 3	JAMES M. NICKERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

* First peal in four methods.

LATE PEALS.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

REUBEN HALL Treble	JOSEPH WALKER 5
THOMAS HORTON 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
*HERBERT HOWE 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
FRED TROTH 4	ALBERT MILLS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. John Augustine Kempthorne, D.D., and Lord Bishop of Lichfield. J

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael, Garston,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER HUGHES Treble	THOMAS JENNION 5
GEORGE WOODHALL 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 6
FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER ... 3	THOMAS MURRAY 7
HENRY FYLES 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Mr. F. S. W. Butler, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Gainsborough.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
HENRY W. KIRTON 2	HENRY HEAD 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM... 3	HENRY F. COOPER 7
GEORGE F. MARGETSON ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells since augmentation. The band were full of praise as to the "go" and tone of the ring.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESS OF DISTRICT SCHEME.

The midsummer quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Egham, on Saturday week. Situated on the extreme northerly confines of the area covered by the Association, the expense of travelling from the more southerly parts of the district doubtless accounted in part for the meeting being somewhat thinly attended. The following towers were represented: Ewell, Kingston, Mitcham, Christ Church, Mitcham; Wimbledon, Staines, Croydon, Yorktown, Old Windsor, and the local band.

The bells are a well-tuned and good-toned ring. Until last year they were a peal of six, now, with an outlay of nearly £600, the people of this pleasant riverside parish have added a treble, and a 17cwt. tenor by the Croydon Foundry, who recast the old bells, and hung all in a steel double frame. The confined space at the disposal of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston made the work of "giving 'em fits" a somewhat difficult matter. They are, however, to be congratulated on their work, the "go" being excellent. Unfortunately, owing to the squat character of the tower and the double tier, the sound box is nil, and does not sufficiently minimise the noise in the ringing room.

The touches rung at the meeting, though not in Surprise methods (!), were clean and well-struck.

A short service was conducted, in the absence from home of the aged Vicar, by the Rev. F. J. Tranter, who, in his brief address of welcome, commended the work of ringers, and gave a notable instance from his own experience in Australia of the reclamation from a life of criminality effected by the Divine power through the sound of church bells.

The Vicar and churchwardens, the latter being present, graciously received and entertained the members to tea.—At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. Churchwarden Hill was elected to the chair, and with his colleague Mr. Hopkins, the Rev. F. J. Tranter and Mr. Budgen kindly consented to become honorary members of the Association.

The Hon. Secretary read a list of 14 peals rung to the credit of the Association, including three by the Southern branch, since the last quarterly meeting, and these were ordered to be recorded in the peal books. He also gave a short resume of the transactions of the Central Council meeting at Newcastle.

It was resolved that the monthly combined practices should be discontinued during July and August, and the next of the series should be held at Mitcham towards the end of September, when both towers might be utilised.

The successful working of the Southern District was touched upon; an accretion of upwards of 80 members through its agency giving rise to a suggestion for the future further division of the Central District; its unwieldy size, as evidenced by that meeting, proving an obstacle to the successful and effective working of the Association and the furtherance of the objects aimed at, viz., the advancement of change ringing and the recognition of ringers as church workers.

Votes of thanks were carried by acclamation to the Vicar, assistant curate, the churchwardens, organist, choir boys, and to the steeple-keeper for their presence and help in giving the Association such a generous and hospitable welcome, in their respective spheres of office.—The Churchwardens, in replying, expressed their appreciation of the Association's visit, hoping that it would tend to advance the local band and help to bring them on as efficient change ringers, and urged all

those present as brother laymen and church workers not to neglect their duty towards God and their neighbour in being present at the common worship of their Creator and Redeemer, to which the faithful were summoned by the sound of the "holy bell."

The Egham band are in a very happy and somewhat unique position in having churchwardens who take such an interest in their work, and it should brace them up "to rise from the stepping stones of their dead selves to higher things," and not to be content with rounds or "stoncy." The writer knows from personal experience that it means a long pull and a strong pull, and a pull all together if it is to be done—but it can be.

PRESENTATION TO PORTSEA'S OLDEST BELLRINGER.

On Tuesday evening of last week at the Portsea tower, the ringers presented Mr. J. T. Matthews with a silver-mounted umbrella. Mr. Harding, foreman of the Portsea band, regretted that the time had come when Mr. Matthews would be leaving them, for during the time that he had been a member, now upwards of 24 years, he had won the esteem of all who knew him.—Mr. Symonds, who also expressed regret, remarked that now only two members were left in the band who joined with Mr. Matthews when the tower was first opened.

The Rev. H. P. Thompson, in making the presentation, remarked how sorry the church officials were to lose one who was so regular in his attendance, and who carried out the duty of ringing the bells for service so faithfully.—Mr. Matthews feelingly replied, and said he should ever remember the happy times he had spent in the tower and with the ringers. The senior members of the band then rang a 504 Stedman Triples: J. Harris 1, J. Symonds 2, C. Groves 3, J. Wheeler 4, A. Collins 5, C. Creasy 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, J. T. Matthews 8.—At the close of the touch, the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Garbett) visited the tower, and wished Mr. Matthews good health, long life and happiness in his new home at Chulmleigh, in Devonshire.

NEW BELLS AT COLD HIGHAM.

The sentiment and public interest surrounding church bells was clearly evidenced at Cold Higham, Northants, on Thursday week, when there was a service and festivities to commemorate the reopening of the church bells. Their restoration was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the four old bells, which have done duty, some of them for centuries, have been recast. A treble has been added and a new iron frame installed with space left for increasing the ring to six. The bells are tuned on the Canon Simpson principle, the tenor being 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs., in A. The new treble is inscribed: "To the glory of God, the gift of three sisters, Harriet, and Ellen Aris and Jane Howes, 1913." The cost of the work has been £180, of which £145 had been raised previous to the fete.

A large congregation was present at the dedicatory service, which was conducted by the Rev. Dr. King, R.D., of Gayton, assisted by the Rev. M. A. Howes (Rector). An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Howes, of Bedford (son of the Rector), who took as his text Psalm xci, 1, "Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another." He spoke of the spiritual significance of Church bells, and said they must feel grateful that in their village they had become possessed of what was practically a new peal, and he trusted they would be rung for many generations to the glory of God. On one of the bells they had a permanent record of three lives whose work in that parish had not been in vain.

Subsequently Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells by a band comprising J. Slarke, J. W. Sharpe, C. S. Faulkner and G. W. Beesley (Towcester), and F. Wilford (hon. secretary of the Central Northants Association). A very successful garden fete was afterwards held in the Rectory grounds in aid of the restoration fund.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT EWHURST.

The usual practice night routine in the belfry of Ewhurst Church, Surrey, was varied very pleasantly on Friday, when Mrs. Clark-Kennedy (the wife of the Rector) unveiled a peal board recording a peal of 5040 changes of Bob Minor which was rung on Ewhurst bells on February 15th last. Mrs. Clark-Kennedy was accompanied to the tower by the Rector and several lady friends, the Rector's warden, Mr. F. W. W. Topham, was also present.—Mr. R. Whittington, in welcoming the company to the tower, explained the nature of the performance recorded on the board. Mrs. Clark-Kennedy said before she unveiled the board she would like to say how glad she was to come into the old tower, and to have the opportunity of unveiling this record of diligence and tenacity rewarded. She remarked on the difficulty there was in a small village like Ewhurst in keeping people together long enough to be able to achieve results of this nature, and said how glad she was that a member of her own sex was amongst the band who rang the peal, and complimented Mrs. R. Whittington on her performance. She then unveiled the peal board, which is finished in black, and written in English gold, surrounded by pitch pine mouldings and turned columns. The board was made by Mr. R. Whittington, and written by Mr. Cheesman, of Cranleigh. At the Rector's request a short touch of Bob Minor was then rung, the ringers standing as in the peal: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, A. Francis 2, W. Tidy 3, J. Luff 4, R. Whittington 5, W. Denver (conductor) 6. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the ringers handed to Mrs. Clark-Kennedy a souvenir of the occasion in the shape of a framed photograph of the ringers and the peal board.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

GARDEN PARTY AT SHEFFIELD.

Quite an innovation was introduced into the lives of the Sheffield ringers, when, on Saturday week, at the kind invitation of the newly-appointed Vicar and Archdeacon of Sheffield, the Rev. H. Gresford Jones, M.A., the members of the Parish Church company, together with the ringers from All Saints' and Ranmoor churches assembled at a garden party at the Parish Church Vicarage. The invitation also included the Parish Church ringers' wives, and the "Peacekeepers" and their wives. The whole assembly numbered upwards of fifty, and as each arrived they were most cordially and heartily welcomed by the Archdeacon and Mrs. Jones, whose hospitable personalities made everyone feel immediately at home.

The introductory part over, games of croquet, bowls and clock-golf were provided for the men, and quoits and various forms of amusement were indulged in by the ladies. The Vicarage is situated on a gentle rise, and surrounded by beautiful grounds and woodland scenery, which, together with a fine afternoon, induced everyone to throw themselves with whole-hearted happiness into the joys and pleasures of their immediate surroundings. To add to the already zealous interest of the players, prizes were offered by the Archdeacon and Mrs. Jones for the best performances in the respective sections, keen competition ruling at golf, albeit that many of the players were handling a club for the first time. Whilst all this was proceeding, the Parish Church handbell band, under the conductorship of Mr. Geo. Holmes, gave an excellent rendering of selections on the handbells to the delight of all, and particularly to the Archdeacon and Mrs. Jones, who made most diligent enquiries into the practical part of the business. This item was something quite new to them, and came as a pleasant surprise.

MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY AND RINGING.

A break was made at 4.30 p.m. for tea, the whole assembly sitting down together in the spacious dining-room, the Archdeacon and Mrs. Jones being at the head of two long tables, whilst good-natured assistance was also rendered by the senior curate, the Rev. Lloyd Wilson. A most sumptuous repast was partaken of. Afterwards, Mr. C. H. Hattersley thanked the Archdeacon and Mrs. Jones for their very kind hospitality, and said that never before had the Sheffield Parish Church ringers been so highly entertained. They all looked upon it as a very great honour indeed. Such gatherings as these went to prove that ringers at the present time, taken as a whole, were a bit above the ordinary body of men, but some folks who knew not the difficulties of competency, still had the idea that change ringing was only exercised by an ordinary class of people, but their imagination was altogether wrong, for ringers had in their ranks men of influence such as Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., who was a great authority on the subject, and also men of position in most all professions, whilst a very considerable number of clergy were numbered amongst the practitioners. His first remembrance of ringing with a clergyman was with the late Rev. W. Aldred, the then Vicar of Dore, as far back at 1886, and he assured them he thought it was a great honour indeed to ring with a clergyman, but he was not quite so sure that the reverend gentleman had the same thoughts towards himself. During the last few years the Art had been taken up by ladies, and they had so far progressed as to recently form a Ladies' Guild, whose members had already rung a peal of 5000 changes, which was ably conducted by Miss Edith Parker. This lady's performances were already far superior to what most men could ever aspire to. Touching on the Welsh Church Bill at present before Parliament, Mr. Hattersley said that if ever the Bill became law, he was afraid it would mean trouble for the Constitutional Church of England. In concluding, Mr. Hattersley mentioned that in all human probability their good Archdeacon would be amongst the living for the next forty or even more years, and he sincerely hoped that in the future he would find the same peaceful administration of his work as existed at the present time.

Mr. Sam Thomas, on behalf of the Ranmoor company, in seconding the motion, said he heartily endorsed all that Mr. Hattersley had just said, and he also was very pleased to see the differences that one heard of as taking place years ago between the clergy and ringers had almost entirely disappeared. It was quite common nowadays, when ringing visits took place in the country, to receive a hearty welcome and hospitality from the clergy, although this was not yet the rule in the towns.

Support was also given by Mr. F. Willey, on behalf of the All Saints' company, who said it was a great pleasure indeed to his company to be invited on this occasion. Referring to the remarks of Mr. Thomas, he said he believed the fault of bygone years lay as much with the clergy as with the ringers, inasmuch as they did not get to know their fellow church workers as much as they might have done. This state of affairs was now undergoing great alteration, and the clergy were everywhere recognising the ringers as a respectable body of church workers, and he hoped that the good feeling would continue.

Mr. H. Tomlinson and Mr. G. Heald offered thanks on behalf of the "Peacekeepers," the latter stating he had an unbroken record of over forty years' service under four Archdeacons, and this was the first time he had ever been invited under the roof of the Archdeacon of Sheffield.

ARCHDEACON'S WELCOME.

The Archdeacon, in replying, said the words he had just heard from the various speakers had touched him very much. He was delighted

to be connected with such an excellent body of fellow workers in the service of the church, and it gave Mrs. Jones and himself very great pleasure indeed to welcome the company present that afternoon. He assured them he had experienced great difficulty in getting in touch with his kind helpers, as he found that being Vicar of Sheffield was very different to being Vicar of a parish, for his duties compelled him to enter into the work connected with other Sheffield parishes, with the result that he had to leave part of the Parish Church work to the care of his fellow clergy. He hoped, however, that in time he would get to know them all. He had taken this opportunity to invite the ringers and peacekeepers to the large house and beautiful grounds which had been found for him and entrusted to his care, as it was his wish that so long as he remained there, he could not do better than by asking his fellow workers to share with him God's good gift. It gave him great pleasure to see that some of the company present (notably from Ranmoor) were quite young men who were interested in the art of change ringing, and he wished them every success in the work they had entered upon. He fully recognised that the duty of ringers in calling others to the worship of God was somewhat exacting, and he knew that sometimes they felt inclined to take a rest after their exertions, but he sincerely hoped that all would try to attend at least one of the services each Sunday, and thereby set an example to others to become regular followers of the church. In concluding, the Archdeacon again expressed his delight at meeting such a body of men, and stated that he had recently been elected an honorary member of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, which he considered a very great honour indeed (applause).

Mrs. Jones very kindly expressed her pleasure and thanks for the company of all present, and said she could not let the opportunity pass without making special mention of the delightful performances of the handbell ringers, who had helped to make the afternoon so enjoyable.

A resumption of the games and competitions followed until late in the evening, when the Archdeacon distributed the prizes to the men and Mrs. Jones to the ladies, whilst other tunes and selections were given on the handbells by special request.

The writer feels that he cannot possibly do full justice or even adequately express the appreciation of the ringers and peacekeepers at the affectionate kindness shown them on this auspicious innovation of good fellowship between the clergy and church workers of Sheffield, and the result, it is hoped, will be seen by the continued devotion to duty and unstinted assistance given to the Archdeacon in his future work to the honour and glory of God.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

A quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at North Petherton, on Saturday last, and attended by members representing Bridgwater, Huntspill, Chedzoy, Wembdon, Enmore and Taunton. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. E. de St. Croix (branch chairman), in the absence of the Vicar of North Petherton. After service tea was provided at the Clarence Hotel, followed by the usual business meeting. Wembdon was the place chosen for the next meeting.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. E. de St. Croix for conducting the service and presiding over the meeting.—The members afterwards returned to the tower and kept the bells rolling to various methods for the remainder of the evening.

A successful combined practice of the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Arborfield on Saturday, 18 members being present representing the towers of Sandhurst, Binfield, Hurst, Finchampstead, Easthampstead and Arborfield. Touches of Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Cambridge, College Single and Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung.

A successful practice meeting was also held on Saturday at Goring and Streatley by the Bradfield branch of the Oxford Guild. Tea was very kindly provided by the Rev. H. C. Wilder, hon. secretary to the branch, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was also present. The towers of Goring, Streatley, Pangbourne, Bradfield, Theale, Englefield, Beenham and Aldermaston were represented, the touches rung including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure.

The summer meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Staindrop, on Saturday. The attendance was somewhat meagre, but those who were there enjoyed the afternoon's outing, the six bells of St. Mary's being well utilised. A most excellent repast was served at the King's Arms Hotel. It was a pity there was not a better attendance, as it was a glorious day, and many would have enjoyed a walk in the beautiful country wherein Staindrop is situated.

A meeting for the North-Eastern district of the Essex Association was held at Harwich on Saturday, when ringers attended from Bocking, Mistley, Ipswich, Harwich, etc. Tea was provided at the Norfolk Dining Rooms, followed by a meeting, at which the election of three members of Rettendon and seven of Shalford were confirmed, and a vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells. The ringing during the day included touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

A GLOUCESTER APPEAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I appeal to the wide circle of ringers who take in your valued paper for help towards the restoration of our church tower. Six years ago, thanks to the generosity of our squire, the four old bells in our tower were taken out, and a maiden peal of six (tenor 12 cwt., in F) were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to the great joy of the whole parish; the bells not having been previously rung for about 60 years. A band of young ringers was formed, who soon mastered the Grandsire method, but ringing has had to be stopped now for nearly a year owing to the cracked condition of the tower. Thorough under-pinning is necessary, together with considerable work above ground. The architect employed estimated the

probable cost at £300, and we thought that we might possibly be able to raise this sum locally, although the parish itself is only a small agricultural one of 400 people. Now, however, the lowest tender received is found to be nearly half as much again! and work has not been begun this summer, as was hoped.

I feel sure, judging from the practical sympathy we have received from ringers locally, that there must be many more who would like to help us to get our bells going again.

Any assistance, however small, will be most thankfully received.—
Yours faithfully,
F. VERNON WHITE, Vicar.
Corse Vicarage, Hartpury, S.O., Gloucester.

PRESENTATION TO A LADY RINGER.

On Saturday week the ringers of the Parish Church, Erdington, assembled for a peal on the bells as a farewell to Miss Margery F. Sampson, but owing to the serious illness of Mr. Thomas Wells, Parish Clerk, and who is also one of the ringing band, the ringers in sympathy with him decided to postpone it to some date later. By the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, the party were entertained to tea, to which justice was done. After tea the secretary, Mr. J. Preston, on behalf of the members, presented to Miss M. F. Sampson a gold bell, engraved with the monogram, "M.F.S.," and on the back with the following: "Presented to Margery F. Sampson, on the occasion of her leaving Birmingham, with best wishes from the ringers of the Erdington Parish Church. July 19th, 1913. J. Preston, secretary."

The Secretary, in making the presentation, said they were sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. T. Wells, and the members would sympathise with him and his wife in their trouble, and trusted their colleague would soon be restored to his usual health, and come amongst them once more. He congratulated Miss Sampson on the number of peals she had rung, and said it was the wish of those present that they should give her some memento before she left for her home in Edinburgh. They hoped she would wear it as a reminder of the delightful time she had spent with the ringers. They all wished that she would long be spared in the best of health to continue the art of ringing, and that, if she was in Birmingham at a future date, she would not forget to pay them a visit.

Miss Margery F. Sampson thanked the ringers very much for the beautiful present, and said it was to her a great surprise. She would always remember them for the kindly way they had received her when at Erdington, and would surely not forget to pay them a visit if she came that way.

The manufacture of the gift had been entrusted to Mr. Thomas Russem, one of the ringers, and was executed in fine style, the members expressing their appreciation of the artistic skill shown.—A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston for their kind hospitality.

From the ringers of St. Editha's, Tamworth, with which tower she has been associated, Miss Sampson has received a ladies' dressing case.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On May 6th, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: J. Taylor 1, A. Wilson 2, M. Harris 3, R. Green 4, A. Roberts (conductor) 5, H. Kettle 6.

BOREHAM BELLS DEDICATED.

The parishioners of Boreham, Essex, joined whole-heartedly on Sunday in the service of dedication of their ring of bells which have just been restored by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry. The work has included the addition of two trebles, and the recasting of the 6th and 7th, and the contract has been carried out in the most satisfactory manner. The dedication took place before the usual morning service, the congregation gathering outside the tower, while the clergy, churchwardens and choir took up their position within, and the proceedings were quite impressive. After four verses of the hymn, "When morning fills the skies," had been sung, the dedicatory and other prayers, most of which were taken from the leaflet of the Essex Association's form of service, were offered. The local company then rang the bells for a few minutes, and the sound of the restored peal delighted everyone present. Messrs. Warner and Sons were represented by Mr. Andrew Warner.

At morning service, which followed, the bells were the keynote to everything. The hymns were: "Hark on high the joyful music," "Unchanging God who livest," and "Lifted high within the steeple." Special psalms were also sung, and the appropriate lessons were read by Canon Hulton. The Vicar (the Rev. D. N. Yonge) preaching from the words, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord," spoke of the uses of bells and their sweet voices, and made mention of the beautiful tone of the two new bells. The offertories during the day were devoted to the Bell Fund.

For evening service, touches of Plain and Treble Bob Major were rung by the local band, and visitors from Chelmsford, Fryerning and Coggeshall, including Mr. D. Elliott, District Master of the North Eastern Division of the Essex Association. The opinion of all who were present is that Boreham possesses a very musical peal, the "go" leaving nothing to be desired, and the workmanship being eminently satisfactory. The weights, etc., are as follow:—

	Note.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	F.	4	0	13
2nd	F.	4	0	20
3rd	D.	4	2	17
4th	C.	5	3	1
5th	B flat.	6	2	0
6th	A.	7	2	15
7th	G.	9	2	12
Tenor	F.	13	0	19
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Erdington Bells and Ringers.



About half-way between Birmingham and Sutton Coldfield, in one of the suburbs of Greater Birmingham, stands the grand old Parish Church, St. Barnabas, Erdington, built in the year 1822-3 by the Commissioners for Building Churches on a site given by Earl Howe, and at a cost of £6,000. The church, a picture of which appears on the following page, was enlarged in the year 1883, and in 1893 a very fine open-timbered roof was erected. The church is built of stone in a decorated style, and the chancel contains a fine piece of work over the altar representing the Lord's Supper. The living is held by the Rev. Frederic Smith Swindell, M.A., who has recently celebrated his twenty-fifth year as Vicar of Erdington. The tower contains a clock given by Mrs. Perry to the memory of her husband, and a peal of eight bells (by Messrs. Taylor and Co.) one of the finest in the country, presented in 1904 by the late Mr. Thomas Ryland, J.P., of The Redlands, Erdington, to the memory of his daughter, Mary Proctor Ryland. The tenor is 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., in F, and on each bell is inscribed one line of a verse:—

Treble: Ring on joyous bells; never slumber,
2: Let us hear each message you bring,
3: And our hearts o'erflowing with gladness
4: Must break into music and sing.
5: Sing Praises to God our Creator,

6: Sing Praises to Jesus, our King,
7: Sing Praises to Thee, Holy Spirit,
Tenor: Ring on Blessed Bells ever ring.
Mary Proctor Ryland.

The bells were dedicated on February 21st, 1904, and a month later the first peal of Stedman Triples was rung on them by the St. Martin's Guild. In the same year a band of local ringers was formed under the instruction of Mr. Thos. Russam, their ringing master, of Alton. Great difficulty was found in keeping the men together, but they rang their first peal of Grandsire Triples on June 8th, 1907. The present band, a photo of which we reproduce, consists of the President (the Vicar), eight members and two honorary members. The ringers are very fortunate in having a good friend in the Vicar, who is always most kind and ready to meet them and grant the use of the bells, and also in having a hardworking and painstaking secretary in Mr. J. Preston, to whom credit is due for the fine peal tablets erected in the church to record two peals of Grandsire Triples, one to the memory of the donor of the bells and his daughter, and the other rung on the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary.

Our photo of the band has a pathetic interest, inasmuch as the group, taken on the belfry steps, includes the late Mr. T. Wells, whose death and funeral we record this week. Curiously enough, also, we report



ERDINGTON CHURCH.

in this issue a presentation made by the band to Miss Margery Sampson.

Those in the group, commencing from the top are: Chas. Cottrell, Rev. F. S. Swindell (Vicar), John E. Pywell, Geo. F. Swann, the late Thos. Wells, Geo. Garrison, Jonathan Preston, John Sanders, Thos. Russam, Miss Margery F. Sampson, Wm. J. Meers.

BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— LINCOLN.

SOME ADDITIONAL NOTES BY J. R. JERRAM.

As my account of Lincoln Cathedral bells was necessarily somewhat curtailed on account of space, I herewith submit the following additional notes to your readers.

The late Mr. North mentions several traditions as to the origin of "Great Tom," most of which he considered to be without foundation. All that can be gathered is that a large bell hung in the north-west tower for several centuries. I gave an account in my former article of the casting of the Great Tom of 1610 from an older, and somewhat lighter bell, by Robert Newcombe and Henry Oldfield in that year. I may add that this bell used to be swung, up to the year 1802. After this the ringing was discontinued on account of the supposed instability of the tower, and after this it was only tolled by means of a clapper rope. When the bell was cracked in 1827, among other proposals, James Harrison, bell founder, of Barton-on-Humber, recommended the casting of a peal of ten bells from the metal of the eight in the south-west tower and the six in the central tower, all to be hung in the central tower, with a new Great Tom in the centre! The Dean and Chapter fortunately did not accept his proposals. William Dobson, of Downham, proposed casting a new Great Tom from the metal of the old one, and that of the six Lady bells, then hanging in the central tower; adding about 10 cwt. more metal, and hanging the new bell in the central tower. Another proposal, broached by the Precentor, was to recast the old Great Tom, and to cast two new quarter bells; the metal for the latter being provided by melting up the front four bells of the peal of eight in the south-west tower! Happily this proposal was not entertained.

Up to 1827 the clock was in the north-west tower, and used on Great Tom, the quarters being struck on the fifth and tenor of the peal of eight in the south-west tower; the hammers being connected by means of cranks and wires carried along the west front from one tower to the other.

I mentioned in my former article the cutting off of nearly

9 cwt. of metal from the old Great Tom, with the idea of excising the crack. I may say that John Briant (then retired from business as a bell founder) warned the Dean and Chapter that this would be useless. Nevertheless they tried the experiment. When the order was finally given to Mr. Thomas Mears to cast a new Great Tom from the metal of the old one, and that of the six bells in the central tower, to save trouble, the old bell was broken into seven or eight pieces. The demolition took place after morning service on Wednesday, June 18th, 1834, the clapper being used as a battering ram.

With regard to the peal of six Lady bells in the central tower, the note of the tenor is said to have been one note above the tenor of the old peal of eight in the south-west tower. The total weight of the six bells when taken down and weighed was 68 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. The ropes of the four largest bells were carried down and fastened to rings at the base of one of the piers in the nave below for the purpose of chiming. Two were chimed for service on ordinary days, and four on the Eve of Saints' days, Saturdays and Sundays. On Lady Days, March 25th, the singing boys used to go up to the bell chamber and chime them with cords on the clappers in the following order: 1, 3, 1, 2, 4, 1, 5, 1, 2, 6. This was supposed to fit to the words "A-ve-Ma-ri-a-or-a-pro-no-bis." The third was rung at 6 a.m. in summer, and 7 a.m. in winter. The tenor was rung as a "Pancake bell" at noon on Shrove Tuesday. She was also tolled forty strokes at the shutting of the Cathedral doors every night, after which the searchers walked round and searched the building throughout.

It is a great pity that these six bells should have ever been sacrificed just for the sake of increasing the weight of Great Tom and providing two quarter bells. Lincoln was the only Cathedral which could boast of possessing two peals of bells.

ODD CHANGES.

We would remind our readers of the urgent appeal which has been issued for help for Mrs. Nunn and her three young children, who are left totally unprovided for by the tragic death of Mr. F. A. Nunn, at Boreham. Contributions will be thankfully received by "F. R.," care of the Rev. F. Rice, The Vicarage, St. Ann's Road, South Tottenham.



YORK MINSTER.

**MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
Spitalfields Foundry, London, have been entrusted
with the following rings of 12 bells:**

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH (Tenor 28½ cwt.)

CHELMSFORD PRO CATHEDRAL (Tenor 32 cwt.)

The aptitude with which ladies acquire the Art is often wonderful. The Fakenham band have as recently as Easter last, admitted Miss A. E. Adcock to their circle, but she has made such admirable progress, that on Sunday week she succeeded in ringing the treble to 720 Bob Minor, the company being: Miss Adcock 1, A. Baldwin 2, C. S. Tuthill 3, C. Wybrow 4, C. E. Ebberson 5, G. Beverley 6, R. Cooke (conductor) 7, W. M. Tuthill 8. It was rung with 6-8 covering, and as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. E. Ebberson and R. Cooke.

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A correspondent of "The Guardian" makes an appeal to the Church not to miss the opportunity which presents itself of becoming the pioneer of carillon music in this country. If carillons are going to become common, he hopes it will be through the instrumentality of our Cathedrals and Churches, instead of being left to the initiative of municipal and other authorities. There is no country in the world, he adds, which has done more for bells and bell-ringing than England, and there is no body or institution which has done so much in this respect as the Church of England.

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St. Chad's company, Shrewsbury, under the instructorship of Mr. C. R. Lilley, are making rapid strides and, we understand, developing into a really good band. Those who know the enthusiasm of C. R. Lilley will not be surprised to hear this. The Abbey bells, which are at present hung for chiming only, will in the near future, it is hoped, be hung for ringing.

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In connection with the Hertfordshire demonstration of protest against the Welsh Church Disestablishment Bill, held at Hatfield last Saturday, Canon Lord William Cecil invited members of the Herts Association of Ringers to use the bells of the Parish Church, and members attended in considerable numbers from many parts of the county. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung.

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We have received from Mr. John Beams, a member of the Surrey Association, a specimen of Peal Book, which he is putting on the market at 3s. 6d. Its pages are about the size of *The Ringing World*. Many ringers, we are sure, have had difficulty in obtaining a really suitable book for recording their peals, and in the neatly-bound volume of 300 pages, which Mr. Beams is now offering, this need is admirably met. As will be seen from an advertisement among our notices, Mr. Beams offers to write in the first peal in the book free of charge, if particulars are enclosed with the order.

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It is astonishing how ringers, after giving up the Art, frequently come back to "the old love." Recently, at Galleywood, Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service, the tenor man having previously not touched a bell rope for 16 years. The ringers were: H. W. Kirton 1, A. Head 2, H. Head 3, H. Richell 4, H. R. Dawson 5, J. Walden 6, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 7, G. Head 8.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The meeting of this Guild at Aldington on Saturday week revived a custom that was at one time an annual summer event among its members. The threatening weather accounted for several absentees, but representatives attended from Appledore, Ashford, Brabourne,

Mersham, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower. The bells were kept going in the afternoon and evening, Grandsire Doubles, Kent Treble Bob Major and Bob Minor being practised, a 720 being scored in the last-named method. Mr. C. Slingsby kindly entertained the visitors to tea, and Mr. A. C. Kay (Ashford) presided at the business meeting. The annual outing was discussed, and it was decided to visit Margate on Saturday, August 16th. Thanks to the financial prosperity of the society, 2s. will be allowed to each member attending.—It was also decided to attempt a peal at Ashford to-morrow (Saturday), if it is possible to secure the bells.—Mr. E. S. Ruck (Mersham), Messrs. C. Slingsby, E. J. Wanstall, G. Hooper, and W. Shorwood (Aldington) were elected members, and the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. Nunn) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Slingsby for providing tea in such an hospitable manner.

DEATH OF MR. T. WELLS, ERDINGTON.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Wells, Parish Clerk of Erdington, one of the ringers and honorary auditor of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, who passed away at his residence, 66, Church Road, Erdington, on July 24th, in his 45th year. The deceased had been ailing for sometime, although his end came very suddenly, and as a great surprise to many of his friends. It was only a fortnight before that he journeyed to Tewkesbury with the Erdington ringers for their annual outing, and seemed in the best of spirits, and it was a pathetic circumstance that in his speech at dinner he remarked that probably it would be the last time he would be with them as a ringer. He took to his bed on the following day, and lay for the greater time unconscious. An operation was performed, but without success, and Mr. Wells passed away on Thursday week. It was a great blow to his fellow ringers who had met the previous Saturday at the church for a peal which had to be postponed, and who then had to meet the following week for his funeral.

The interment took place on Saturday last at the Parish Church, amid great sorrowing, the church being filled with a large number of sympathising friends. The cortege was met at the entrance by the choir and clergy. The service, which was choral, was very impressive. It was conducted by the Rev. F. S. Swindell, M.A., Vicar, assisted by the Rev. A. W. R. Turner and the Rev. A. Johnson. There were a large number of wreaths, including a floral bell from the ringers of Erdington. After the service, the "whole pull and stand" was rung recording the deceased's age, and afterwards a muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect by the members of the Erdington Parish Church Society, including Miss Margery F. Sampson, who came at personal inconvenience to ring in the peal. Owing to a previously arranged outing of St. Martin's Guild, and such short notice, the members of the Guild could not be present, but sent an expression of their sorrow and regret.

The deceased has, during the short time he was connected with ringing, taken part in nine peals, seven of Grandsire Triples and two Stedman Triples.

The service on Sunday morning was a memorial one, and was attended by the ringers. The Vicar paid a great tribute to the late Mr. Wells for his good work in the parish.

RAINHAM BELLS DEDICATED.

St. Margaret's Day, which fell on Sunday week, was a red-letter day in the history of Rainham Church, Kent, for not only was it the dedication festival of the church itself, but also the occasion of the dedication of the two new bells which have been added to the six just renovated and rebung "in remembrance of our late Sovereign Lord King Edward VII, and in commemoration of the Coronation of our Sovereign Lord King George V and his gracious Consort Queen Mary."

For some months the bells have been silent, through dilapidation, but on Sunday crowds of people from the surrounding district came to hear them peal forth once more those melodious sounds which only bells can produce. The services throughout the day were conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Tamplin), and the special preacher was the Rev. Canon E. A. Stuart, of Canterbury Cathedral. In the morning, the Canon took as his subject, "The Transfiguration," and preached from the text, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." The dedication took place in the afternoon. Just before the sermon, Canon Stuart, the Vicar and churchwardens (Messrs. J. A. Walter and E. Jelly) wended their way to the west tower, where the Canon read appropriate prayers, and pronounced the words of dedication. Three leads of Grandsire Triples were then rung by the following representatives of the Kent Association: W. Cook 1, W. Haigh 2, F. Ockwell 3, W. Wilkins 4, W. Spice 5, W. Pastor 6, J. Champion 7, C. Belsey 8, and this was followed by an inspiring sermon by Canon Stuart on the first four verses of Psalm lxxxiv.

At the evening service, the church was again crowded, and an impressive sermon was preached by the Canon on the "Joy of Jesus," and an inspiring and happy day was brought to a close with the singing of the Doxology. After both the afternoon and evening services, some good touches were rung on the bells by ringers from Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, Bromley, Sittingbourne, Borden, Tunstall, Upchurch, and Swancombe, while Mr. Taylor himself, whose firm is responsible for the splendid work done to the bells, was also present at the dedication.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A SUFFOLK MOTOR TOUR.

The annual outing of the St. Margaret's Society, Leiston, took place on Saturday, an early start being made by motor. A circuitous route was taken, and touches were rung at the various places en route. The first halt was made at Laxfield, where the bells were set going to Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles, much to the delight and surprise of the villagers. Then, after refreshing the inner man, tracks were made for Stradbroke, where a cordial welcome was accorded to the ringers by the Rector. Owing to the bells being somewhat heavier than the members are accustomed to, a start was made with a touch of Kent, followed by a course of Superlative and a touch of Stedman Triples. Horham was the next place of call, and here the tower contains the lightest peal of eight in the county, the tenor weighing only 7 cwt. Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung. After Horham came Worlingworth, where a good dinner awaited the party. A game of bowls was afterwards indulged in, Mr. D. Collins acting as instructor to some of the novices. When tired of the green, the party made for the church, and Oxford and Stedman Triples were rung. Journeying on to Framlingham, the members were pleased to meet Mr. H. E. Smith, who conducted them to the tower, where Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung. The final call was made at Rendham, Kent and Stedman Doubles being indulged in here. Leiston was reached again at 8.15 p.m., exactly 12 hours from the start. The members wish to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and all who helped to make the outing a success.—It was unanimously agreed that this was the most enjoyable excursion since the inception of the society.

STOWMARKET.

The Stowmarket ringers visited Yarmouth for their annual outing. On arriving at the famous resort, steps were made for St. Nicholas' Church, where the visitors, having inspected the fine building, were met by Mr. R. Christian, of Yarmouth, who escorted them to the tower. Grandsire Triples and Caters, and a course of Double Norwich on the back eight were rung, and with the help of Messrs. D. Hayward and Hammond rounds on the twelve were tried. After dinner, the party dispersed to indulge in the many pleasures which Yarmouth provides, and met again at 5 p.m. for a visit to Beccles. They were met there by Messrs. Goate, Reynolds and Baxter, who had the tower and bells ready, but time only permitted a course each of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Bob Major, and a plain course of Grandsire Caters, with the help of the local men. Stowmarket was reached again about 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The company extend their best thanks to Messrs. Christian, Hayward and Hammond, of Yarmouth, and to Messrs. Goate, Baxter and Reynolds, of Beccles, for their kindness.

VISIT TO ARUNDEL.

For their annual outing the Holy Trinity Guild, Gosport, visited Arundel, which was reached about 10 a.m. After several touches of Grandsire had been rung on the bells of the Parish Church, an inspection of the building and the Catholic Church followed, and after lunch in the park, the party was increased by the arrival of the Vicar and friends. A drive and boating on the river were enjoyed in the afternoon, and then a company, numbering about 40, sat down to tea. In the evening another visit was paid to the belfry, and subsequently some enjoyed a trip by motor launch, and others a drive, before returning to Portsmouth. The Guild wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. Blackman for their attentions.

DISS RINGERS ENJOY THEMSELVES.

Thirteen members of the Diss company had a pleasant tour for their annual outing. Leaving Diss at 7 a.m., the party was conveyed in a brake to Kenninghall, where some fine touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were brought round. Passing along Quidenham "long lane," with its mile of overhanging trees and beautiful hedgerows, a call was made at the Parish Church. The belfry being small and the bells hastily raised, the fact that a rope was missing was not discovered until the eighth man entered the belfry, when, with a look of surprise, he exclaimed, "Here, where's my rope gone?" However, it was possible to ring Minor, and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round.

Iltingham was the next stop, and some touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were accomplished in fine style. The church is a grand old building, with a beautiful tower, and a belfry quite six yards square, containing a fireplace in one corner. After a stay of half-an-hour the party left for Wymondham, where an excellent dinner was provided at the Queen's Head. After due justice had been done to all the good things (and certainly the "fragments that remained" were very small), the Old Abbey Church was visited, and the bells were soon going to the strains of Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples. The bells are in good condition, they "go" splendidly, and the ringers very much enjoyed the "pull."

From Wymondham, a cross-country ride brought the party to New Buckenham. The stay here was short, owing to the bad condition of the bells—a peal of six. Winfarthing, with its newly cast peal of six was the final call, and some touches of Treble Bob Minor were rung in good style.

Diss was reached at 9.30, after a most enjoyable ride. The company would like to thank the Rectors of the parishes visited for giving permission to ring, and also the steeplekeepers for having everything ready.

A DAY IN ROMFORD AND HORNCHURCH.

The Stansted (Essex) company visited Romford and Hornchurch for their annual outing. At the former place they were met by three of the local company: Messrs. Watson, Butler and Jay. At the church, touches of Cambridge, Superlative and Stedman were rung, and the Vicar gave the visitors a hearty welcome to Romford. Dinner at the Fox and Hounds Hotel was done full justice to, and Mr. H. F. Dawkins here joined the party, who subsequently returned to the tower and rang a course each of London and Bristol Surprise. Hornchurch was reached about 3.30 p.m., Messrs. Butler and Watson accompanying the party who were met by Mr. Dale, the steeplekeeper. Ringing, however, could only be indulged in for one hour, owing to a garden party in the adjoining grounds. Touches of Stedman, Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung, and an excellent tea was partaken of at the Bull Inn. The members wish to thank the Vicars for so kindly granting the use of the bells, Mr. H. F. Dawkins for making arrangement to ring, and also the steeplekeepers for having everything thing in readiness.

SHREWSBURY RINGERS VISIT LIVERPOOL.

The members of St. Chad's Society, Shrewsbury, visited Liverpool for their annual outing, and spent a very enjoyable day. They were met at the landing stage station by Mr. Caunce, who had very kindly arranged for the use of the bells at Aughton Church, which is about ten miles out of Liverpool, for a peal attempt which, however, unfortunately came to grief after 1 hr. 5 mins. good ringing, the method being Stedman Triples. The band meeting one short, the vacancy was filled by Mr. Gardiner, of the local company. Some of the members who were not in the attempt, visited the exhibition at New Brighton and other places of interest in the neighbourhood. The rest of the day was filled up by viewing the splendid decorations and illuminations which had been prepared for the Royal visit. The ringers wish to thank, through the "Ringing World," the Vicar of Aughton Church for the use of the bells; Mr. Caunce for standing in the attempt and arranging for the bells and acting as guide through the day; and Mr. Gardiner for filling up the vacancy at such short notice.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE'S 150 PEALS.

	Tower.	Hand.	Cond.
Seven Methods, Doubles	1		1
Five Methods, Minor	1		
Bob Minor		1	1
Bob Triples	1	1	2
Bob Major	6	11*	6
Bob Royal		1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1	2
Grandsire Triples	2	1	1
Grandsire Major		2	
Grandsire Caters	5	1	1
Grandsire Cinques	1		
Stedman Triples	9	1	
Stedman Caters	8	2	
Stedman Cinques	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	6		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	8		1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		
Forward Major	1		
Forward Royal	1		
Duffield Major	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	27		
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters	1		
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	12		
Cambridge Surprise Major	10		
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2		
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1		
Norfolk Surprise Major	4		
Bristol Surprise Major	7		
London Surprise Major	3		

* Including 6720, 11,200 and one peal with four conductors and four composers.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFS.—On June 3rd, at the Parish Church, 1008 Grandsire Triples: S. Danby 1, E. Starkey (longest length with a bob bell) 2, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 3, T. Westwood 4, R. Faux 5, C. Starkey 6, T. Verry 7, R. Speakman 8. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 1st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Jones 1, *W. H. Jones 2, *A. Jones 3, M. J. Morris 4, J. Corrigan 5, W. Davis 6, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 7, C. Allen 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. SUGGESTED QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The members of the Manchester branch met on Saturday last at the Old Parish Church of Radcliffe. Manchester, Pendleton, Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne, etc., were represented, and after a little ringing, the members, at the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. R. Lavers-Kemp), adjourned to the Schoolroom, where a substantial meat tea was provided for them. Afterwards the Rector kindly presided over the business meeting, and welcomed the ringers to Radcliffe, knowing that they, along with the choir, wardens and other lay helpers, were workers together with God for His glory and good of the church. He hoped in the near future that several alterations would be made in the tower to the advantage of the ringers.

Four members of the Radcliffe company were elected members of the Association, Messrs. W. H. Baines, J. Rothwell, W. Emerson and F. Emerson.

A discussion took place as to the advisability of admitting the Ladies' Guild to the Central Council. The meeting was of opinion that the matter should again be brought up at some subsequent meeting so that the delegates would know how to vote at the next Council meeting.

A suggestion was also made with regard to the monthly meetings, it being thought advisable that a tower should be chosen in Manchester (it being the centre of the branch), where members could meet with easy facility and have the opportunity of practising the higher methods.

It was also suggested that the meetings should be quarterly instead of monthly as at present. This matter will come up for further consideration at the next meeting, which will be held at Worsley.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for providing tea; and also to the local ringers and the ladies who looked after the members' wants.—The ringers then adjourned to the church, where further ringing was indulged in.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BIDSTON.—At the Parish Church, on May 14th, 720 Killamarsch Minor: J. Griffiths 1, C. E. Wilcox 2, H. Rogers 3, C. Rimmer 4, W. Wilcox (conductor) 5, S. Wood 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, and first by the Wirral branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—On May 25th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (with 40 singles), in 25 mins.: T. Wharmley 1, W. J. Sevier 2, A. Elliott 3, C. Cottam 4, T. H. C. Hand 5, W. Wharmley (conductor) 6. For the evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 13th, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Kerley 1, J. Figgures 2, *J. Wilkins 3, S. Clarke 4, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 5, G. Arnold 6, C. Morris 7, *F. Knewitz 8. *First quarter. Rung as a wedding compliment to C. Morris, who was married on the previous day.

SWANBOURNE, BUCKS.—On May 24th, at St. Swithin's Church, 720 York Surprise: H. Sear 1, H. C. Edwards 2, E. Yates 3, A. J. Green 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all and believed to be the first by the Guild. Also 720 of Cambridge Surprise: H. C. Edwards 1, H. Sear (first in the method) 2, C. A. Valentine 3, A. G. Green 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, E. Yates (conductor) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on May 24th, a quarter-peak of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Gregory 1, R. Evans 2, J. Evans 3, J. Cox 4, W. Smith 5, D. R. James 6, B. Thorpe (conductor) 7, J. Skyes 8. Rung after an attempt for a peal of Stedman, which came to grief after 50 minutes' ringing.

WALLASEY.—On June 1st, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 St. Clement's Bob: D. Joynson 1, E. A. Webster 2, A. Sparks 3, J. A. Webster 4, T. Rogers 5, J. R. Griffin (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and for all the band.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On May 26th, 774 Grandsire Caters: R. Christian 1, G. Clayton 2, C. Harding 3, W. Blyth 4, D. Hayward (conductor) 5, H. W. Needham (Leicester) 6, H. Wright 7, W. Lee 8, F. Pestell 9, H. Hammond 10.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA.—On May 31st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Wright 1, R. Christian 2, A. Webber 3, H. W. Needham (Leicester) 4, D. Hayward (conductor) 5, W. Lee 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Needham.

BATH.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 25th, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: E. Alexander 1, M. Whatley 2, A. Alexander 3, F. C. Rich 4, T. Hogsflesh 5, C. Densley 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 1st, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. MacCaffrey 1, A. K. Harrison 2, J. Francis 3, F. C. Rich 4, S. J. Hector 5, C. Reason 6, R. J. Cousins 7, W. Baxter 8.

REFTON.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on May 25th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. Silver 1, J. Holland (conductor) 2, L. E. Mears (first 720 Doubles) 3, H. Thorpe (Grantham) 4, F. J. Craddock 5. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Francis Craddock, who has since sailed for Canada.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: *W. J. Nelder 1, F. Andrews 2, *Rev. J. A. S. Bullock 3, H. Franks 4, T. Walker 5, H. Hills 6, J. Puplett (conductor) 7, *W. Arnold 8. *First quarter-peak.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 14th and 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on August 5th and 19th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, on August 5th; Southwark Cathedral on August 12th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on August 19th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 2nd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Joseph Ogden, Branch Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pendoylan on Saturday, August 2nd, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price and John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, August 2nd, at Beighton. Church of St. Mary (6 bells, tenor 9 cwt.) available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Henfield Branch.—The bells of the above tower (which have recently been recast and rehung) have kindly been placed at the disposal of the association on August Bank Holiday, and all members of the association will be heartily welcome. Tower open from 3 till 9. Short service at 6. Tea in Parish Room at 5.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 4th. Bells available: Cathedral (5), St. Mary's (6), St. John's (8). Service at St. John's at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting after at the Bedford Temperance Hotel. Usual reduction to those notifying secretary early.—F. T. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual all day meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday. Ringing at Hersham 10 a.m., Walton 12 a.m., Oatlands Park 2.30 p.m., Chertsey 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall, Chertsey, at 6 p.m. All ringers will be gladly welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, 1913. The bells of the Parish Church of St. Hilda will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. Tea (on the tables at 4.30 p.m.) will be provided at Bucks (Clifton Hotel). Members 6d., non-members 1s. 6d. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Woburn on Monday, August 4th. Tea in the Town Hall at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. R. Dickinson. Woburn bells (8)

will be available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and the Husborne Crawley bells (6) after the service.—A. Rust, Honorary Secretary.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, the tower of St. Mary's Church will be open for ringing from 2.30 to 9 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells available all the afternoon. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late The St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at All Saints', Isleworth. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.; business meeting to follow, all ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

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