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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. BEOK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

A NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCE.

The performance of Miss Hilda Willson in ringing two peals, one of Double Norwich and one of Stedman Caters, in one day is another remarkable tribute to the prowess of the lady ringers. Speaking "without the book" we are not sure that such an achievement has ever before been attained by a member of the fair sex, but in any case it is a performance sufficiently rare to be noteworthy. Indeed, when one considers the age of this young lady, the feat appears little short of remarkable. To stand at the end of a rope for something approaching seven hours with only one short break is no mean test of endurance even for a man, but for a girl of only 14 years it is a great triumph of pluck and perseverance, and it obvious that Miss Willson is possessed of grit and no inconsiderable skill. She is a credit to her association and to her enthusiastic father.

This performance only goes to emphasise what we have several times previously pointed out, that the realm of campanology which was once looked upon as the exclusive domain of men is fast being conquered by the gentle sex, as they are surely conquering all other positions upon which mere man is already established, whether in the pleasures or the more serious things of life. The presence of ladies in the Exercise is no passing fad. In ever-increasing numbers they are taking to our Art, and while, we suppose, they will always lack the physical strength successfully to tackle long lengths on heavy bells, there has been ample proof that in the scientific side of ringing a lady can be equally as clever as a member of the sterner sex. It is pretty clear, from the trend of opinion which has shown itself at various association meetings, that ringers generally are ready to welcome the ladies on an even footing, for a good many societies have expressed the view that they should be admitted to the Central Council when their Guild reaches the requisite number of members, and when the matter comes before the central authority next year at Winchester there is little doubt that a majority will be found in favour of admitting ladies.

The first record of their prowess in the tower, is now in the belfry of Cubitt Town, where the ladies' peal was rung. The handsome marbette tablet recording the performance and subscribed for by the ringers of England, has been erected and awaits the unveiling ceremony, which, however, cannot take place until October 4th. Canon Simpson, of St. Paul's, is to perform the ceremony and the occasion will doubtless be one for a considerable gathering of ringers, both male and female. The tablet is a worthy one and will provide a fitting memento of a performance, which we believe is only the prelude of many and even greater achievements to come.

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

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

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lbs.

| | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| ALFRED NAYLOR | Treble | *PERCY J. JOHNSON | 6 |
| REV. A. T. BEESTON | 2 | JOHN MCKELL | 7 |
| JOSEPH BROADLEY | 3 | †REV. W. P. WRIGHT | 8 |
| THOMAS HAIGH | 4 | FRANCIS BARKER | 9 |
| WILLIAM PEARSON | 5 | SAM THOMAS | Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs.

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|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------|
| CECIL J. BAKER | Treble | EDWARD C. GOBEY | 5 |
| CHARLES WILKINSON | 2 | NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON | 6 |
| JOSEPH HALL | 3 | WILLIAM THORNLEY | 7 |
| ARTHUR FREEMAN | 4 | HENRY W. WILDE | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

This peal was arranged for Henry W. Wilde, who hails from Pulford, Cheshire.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------|
| WILLIAM HOLMES | Treble | THOMAS LANCASTER | 5 |
| WILLIAM POLLARD | 2 | ALEXANDER MACFARLANE | 6 |
| HARRY PARRISH | 3 | SAMPSON T. WRIGHT | 7 |
| JOHN GEORGE HALL | 4 | THOMAS METCALFE | Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

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|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| ARTHUR E. MOORE | Treble | ROBERT WILDING | 5 |
| GEORGE DEBENHAM | 2 | THOMAS FITZJOHN | 6 |
| REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON | 3 | *JAMES CHINERY | 7 |
| JOHN SPARROW | 4 | HARRY A. TURNER | Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

* First peal in the method.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| *ERIC FILTNESS | Treble | WILLIAM LATTER | 5 |
| HUBERT J. BLACKWELL | 2 | SPENCER MARSHALL | 6 |
| REGINALD BROUGH | 3 | ISAAC EMERY | 7 |
| ARTHUR T. VERRALLS | 4 | †JOHN LYDDIARD | Tenor |

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

† First peal. * First peal of Grandsire.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

| THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. | | Tenor 16 cwt. | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER | Treble | WILLIAM A. COOPER | 5 |
| THOMAS HUGHES | 2 | REUBEN HALL | 6 |
| BERT HORTON | 3 | EDWIN J. TYLER | 7 |
| EDGAR MARLOW | 4 | BENJAMIN GOUGH | Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN J. TYLER.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Dutch Scouts to Sedgley.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

| VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. | | Tenor 21 cwt. | |
|------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| † ERNEST PARKER | Treble | WILLIAM BENNETT | 5 |
| WILLIAM HOYLE | 2 | HENRY MOORE | 6 |
| GEORGE STACEY | 3 | GEORGE ATKINS | 7 |
| SIDNEY MASON | 4 | WILLIAM THORNE | Tenor |

Conducted by G. ATKINS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

| Tenor 11 cwt. | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| THOMAS HUGHES | Treble |
| REUBEN HALL | 2 |
| EDGAR MARLOW | 3 |
| BERT HORTON | 4 |
| BENJAMIN GOUGH | 5 |
| EDWIN J. TYLER | 6 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER | 7 |
| WILLIAM A. COOPER | Tenor |

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

This peal was rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Price, members of the above church. Mr. Price having been a sidesman for over 25 years. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. Price entertained the Vicar and his wife (Rev. and Mrs. J. Arthur Price), the ringers and several friends to supper, the Vicar, Mr. B. Gough and Mr. Bert Horton heartily congratulating them on attaining 25 years' married bliss.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

| TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. | | Tenor 24 cwt. | |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------|-------|
| A. R. SOWDEN | Treble | G. ARCHER | 5 |
| W. IRELAND | 2 | J. SMITH | 6 |
| A. G. BENNINGTON | 3 | J. SOUTER | 7 |
| C. MORE | 4 | A. LEEDER | Tenor |

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

The peal was arranged for A. G. Bennington, who hails from London.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

| Tenor 16 cwt. | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| * ALFRED HOWARD | Treble |
| DAVID HUGHES | 2 |
| EDWARD W. DUTTON | 3 |
| † WILLIAM HUGHES | 4 |
| THOMAS H. ASHLEY | 5 |
| HENRY WILLIAMS | 6 |
| THOMAS MURRAY | 7 |
| ALBERT WOOSNAM | Tenor |

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and

Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung, with the bells muffled, as a memorial peal to the late Mrs. Maitland Wood, wife of the Ven. Archdeacon Maitland Wood, who was formerly Vicar of this parish.

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

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

| THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. | | Tenor 12½ cwt., in F. | |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| WILLIAM SHILVOCK | Treble | JOSEPH PIGOTT | 5 |
| WILLIAM SHORT | 2 | SAMUEL GROVE | 6 |
| ARTHUR CHAMBERS | 3 | JOHN BASS | 7 |
| ALFRED DAVIES | 4 | ROBERT MATTHEWS | Tenor |

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

| Tenor 15½ cwt. | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| ALBERT FLEMING | Treble |
| JAMES MOTTS | 2 |
| EDGAR PEMBERTON | 3 |
| WILLIAM MOTTS | 4 |
| WILLIAM P. GARRETT | 5 |
| CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE | 6 |
| ADOLPHUS ROBERTS | 7 |
| ROBERT H. BRINDLE | Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

The peal was arranged and rung especially to oblige Mr. Adolphus Roberts, who belongs to the St. Michael's Society, Stoke Coventry, and who was spending his holiday in the Ipswich district. Mr. Albert Fleming, who hails from Winesham, near Ipswich, a busy ringing centre in former years, kindly rang the treble, this being his first attempt in the method on the treble.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

| THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| MISS EVELYN STEELE | Treble |
| ARTHUR PAYNE | 2 |
| MATTHIAS HOBBS | 3 |
| ARTHUR PETTIT | 4 |
| CHARLES W. BIRD | 5 |
| FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT | 6 |
| WALTER PERKINS | 7 |
| ALFRED KNIGHTS | Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in the method and first peal of Stedman rung in the county by a lady. Arranged especially for Miss Steele and W. Perkins, who hail from Bedford and Irlthorpe respectively.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, August 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF ST. SIMON'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

| Tenor 17 cwt. | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| JOHN SIDDALL, JUNR. | Treble |
| WILLIAM TAYLOR | 2 |
| HENRY GREGORY | 3 |
| THOMAS WHITE | 4 |
| JAMES L. WRIGHT | 5 |
| EDWIN BLACKWALL | 6 |
| ALFRED C. WRIGHT | 7 |
| JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE | Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and by the Association.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

| Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr., in E. | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| * ARTHUR PAYNE | Treble |
| * GEORGE R. HARRISON | 2 |
| ROBERT W. FALCONER | 3 |
| JOHN G. GREEN | 4 |
| ROBERT GOFTON | 5 |
| JOSEPH A. GOFTON | 6 |
| R. ALDER GOFTON | 7 |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON | Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble | FREDERICK PAGE 5 |
| JOHN CAPP 2 | CHARLES PAGE 6 |
| ARTHUR H. WHITE 3 | ALBERT D. STONE 7 |
| CHARLES W. CLARKE 4 | KEITH HART Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HOLT'S TEN-PART. | Tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. |
| *WILLIAM AUDSLEY Treble | JOHN WHEADON 5 |
| ISAAC EMERY 2 | REGINALD BROUGH 6 |
| GEORGE POVEY 3 | EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. 7 |
| FREDK. W. RICHARDSON 4 | WILLIAM FLOYD Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

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| Tenor 16 cwt. | |
| GEORGE H. CROSS Treble | GEORGE HOWCHIN 5 |
| FRANK R. COPEMAN 2 | BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6 |
| GEORGE MOY 3 | JOHN MOY 7 |
| A. G. BENNINGTON 4 | FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Arranged for A. G. Bennington, of Deptford.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tenor 20 cwt. | |
| WILLIAM DICKINSON Treble | ARTHUR HAGUE 5 |
| WALTER H. WOOD 2 | *COLIN RYDER 6 |
| JOHN T. HOLMES 3 | ALBERT H. WARD 7 |
| CHRISTOPHER WARD 4 | RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal and first attempt.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

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| Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. | |
| PERCY C. ARTIS Treble | BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 5 |
| FREDERICK KNIGHTS 2 | GEORGE HOWCHIN 6 |
| *ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 3 | FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 7 |
| FRANK R. COPEMAN 4 | WILLIAM STEELE Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs. | |
| JOHN ALDIS, Senr. Treble | ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 5 |
| GEORGE HOWCHIN 2 | CHARLES F. WOODS 6 |
| FRANK R. COPEMAN 3 | ERNEST LINCOLN 7 |
| FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4 | WILLIAM STEELE Tenor |

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

TODMORDEN, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)
On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tenor 14 cwt. | |
| EDWARD SCHOFIELD Treble | STANLEY PICKUP 5 |
| LUKE SUTHERS 2 | *JAMES WHITEHEAD 6 |
| *HUGH REYNOLDS 3 | WILLIAM ASHWORTH 7 |
| HERBERT DAVENPORT 4 | WILLIAM CRABTREE Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
It is 42 years since there was a peal of Major rung on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.
On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat. | |
| EDWARD EVANS Treble | EDGAR PEMBERTON 5 |
| REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2 | JAMES MOTTS 6 |
| WILLIAM MOTTS 3 | *REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 7 |
| ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 4 | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by J. MOTTS.

* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. | |
| *WILLIAM BIBBY Treble | REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5 |
| *THOMAS MURRAY 2 | EDWIN H. LEWIS 6 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON 3 | WILLIAM DAVIES 7 |
| E. MAURICE ATKINS 4 | HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the Patronal Festival. For calling see C.C. Collection No. 175.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. | |
| JOHN W. BARKER Treble | CHARLES A. PRATT 5 |
| †EDMUND J. HOBBS 2 | FRED BLOOD 6 |
| JOHN HARE 3 | WILLIAM J. MAYES 7 |
| †HORACE H. SMITH 4 | *EDWARD HUSSEY Tenor |

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by J. W. BARKER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells which were recast and rehung, and three memorial bells added (given by local residents) to complete the octave, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. J. W. Barker belongs to Bedford, Smith and Hobbs to Husbome Crawley, J. Hare to Hitchen, J. W. Mayes to Old Warden, C. A. Pratt, E. Hussey and F. Blood to Biggleswade.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| JAMES HUNT Treble | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5 |
| ERNEST PYE 2 | REUBEN SANDERS ... 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... 3 | ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Bristol on the bells. After the peal the band were sumptuously entertained by Mr. F. L. Vaux (churchwarden), to whom a cordial vote of thanks was passed.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| F. TOWNSEND Treble | A. F. MARTIN STEWART... 5 |
| E. T. GREEN 2 | CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 6 |
| WILLIAM A. GARRARD ... 3 | WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 7 |
| HAROLD JAMES 4 | ALFRED OSMAN Tenor |

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This is the first peal in the method by Harold James, who is 18 years of age, and it was his first attempt. He is also thought to be the first native of Poole to ring a peal of Stedman. The peal was arranged for Messrs. Garrard on the occasion of a visit to the district.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ROBERT R. GREEN ... Treble | LAWRENCE B. PORTER ... 5 |
| WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 2 | HENRY MANCE 6 |
| FRANK A. SMITH 3 | FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 7 |
| HENRY Y. GOWLETT ... 4 | RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARDY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. William Hardy (brother of the conductor) and Miss Alice Witcher.

PRIVETT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr., in F.

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| *REGINALD ROUTH ... Treble | §CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. 5 |
| HUBERT CHAFFEY 2 | ALFRED R. ELKINS ... 6 |
| †ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 3 | CHARLES EDWARDS ... 7 |
| ‡WILLIAM G. ELKINS ... 4 | *ALBERT E. KING ... Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples with a bob bell. § First peal on eight bells. Arranged and rung as a 20th birthday compliment to A. R. Elkins.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *WALTER PUGH Treble | GEORGE CONDICK, Senr. ... 5 |
| THOMAS NEWMAN 2 | JOHN AUSTIN 6 |
| JOHN W. JONES 3 | *EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 7 |
| JESSE GILLET 4 | *ARTHUR S. BOAR Tenor |

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT, and

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal of Bob Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, July 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In five methods, being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight and Bob Minor, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| ERNEST HAMMOND ... Treble | ALFRED LING 4 |
| JAMES STARLING 2 | HENRY PUTTOCK 5 |
| ALDERMAN LING 3 | WILLIAM SAWYER ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, July 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In five Minor methods, being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight and Bob Minor, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

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| ERNEST HAMMOND ... Treble | JAMES STARLING 4 |
| JAMES WARDLEY 2 | HENRY PUTTOCK 5 |
| ALDERMAN LING 3 | WILLIAM SAWYER ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| WALTER W. BONHAM ... Treble | ALBERT J. GREEN 4 |
| HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2 | THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5 |
| EDWIN YATES 3 | CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor |

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

LISS, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of College Single, two of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Oxford Single Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| *JOHN WOOLACOTT ... Treble | CHARLES EDWARDS 4 |
| ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 2 | †ALFRED R. ELKINS ... 5 |
| HUBERT CHAFFEY 3 | CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal upon the bells.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lbs., in G.

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| ALFRED R. ELKINS ... Treble | HUBERT CHAFFEY 4 |
| ALBERT CROUCHER 2 | CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. 5 |
| ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 3 | CHARLES EDWARDS ... Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, College Single and Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| *ROBERT SUMMERS Treble | ALLEN GWYNNE 4 |
| †JOHN BEVAN 2 | EDWARD SUMMERS 5 |
| JOHN GWYNNE 3 | WILLIAM POSTON Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal away from tenor as cover. † First peal on inside bell.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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| S. ELLIS Treble | *W. LEVER 4 |
| J. SPALDING 2 | W. C. AYERS 5 |
| A. G. BENNINGTON 3 | J. LARTER Tenor |

Conducted by J. LARTER.

* First peal. Mr. A. G. Bennington hails from London, the others belong to local towers.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| FRANK DAINY Treble | OSWALD RICHARDSON 4 |
| JOHN J. JUTSON 2 | *FRANCIS DAVIS 5 |
| WILLIAM WALDRON 3 | GEORGE JUTSON Tenor |

Conducted by G. JUTSON.

* First peal. First peal on tower bells by ringer of treble away from tenor behind. This is the first peal on the bells since June 11th, 1849.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *CHARLES J. TYRELL ... Treble | WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4 |
| EDWIN YATES 2 | ALBERT J. GREEN ... 5 |
| THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 3 | CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor |

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| WALTER W. BONHAM ... Treble | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 4 |
| HARRY W. GAYTON 2 | THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5 |
| EDWIN YATES 3 | CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor |

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

Messrs. Yates and Tompkins were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Sandiacre Pleasure, Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford and Kent, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| WILLIAM THORNLEY ... Treble | ARTHUR FREEMAN ... 4 |
| WILLIAM HALFORD 2 | HENRY W. WILDE ... 5 |
| JOSEPH HALL 3 | EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F sharp.

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| *HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... Treble | *MUS. VICT. A. JARRETT, R.E. 4 |
| FREDERICK HAYES 2 | *CORPL. J. BENNETT, R.M.L.I. 5 |
| GUY R. AMBROSE 3 | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal in seven methods. This peal was arranged for Messrs. V. A. Jarrett and J. Bennett, of Chatham, and H. A. Holden, of Meopham, the others being members of the local band. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick Hayes.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Thursday, July 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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| FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 1-2 | HARRY A. TURNER ... 5-6 |
| FRANK J. LEVITT 3-4 | JAMES CHINERY 7-8 |

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by FREDERICK G. DEWELL.

Umpire: ERNEST HUNT.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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| FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 1-2 | JOHN SPARROW 5-6 |
| HARRY A. TURNER 3-4 | FRANK J. LEVITT 7-8 |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.

Umpire: ALFRED ELY.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Thursday, August 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

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| ALFRED ELY 1-2 | HARRY A. TURNER ... 5-6 |
| FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 3-4 | FRANK J. LEVITT ... 7-8 |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and

Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.

Umpire: WILLIAM GOODSHIP.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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| *WALTER PERKINS 1-2 | DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 5-6 |
| J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3-4 | FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 7-8 |

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal away from the tenors.

A LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR.

The following peals were rung during a holiday tour in Leicestershire.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *MISS HILDA F. WILLSON...Treble | FRANK BENNETT 5 |
| JAMES HOUGHTON 2 | E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3 | *JOHN OLDHAM 7 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4 | WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First attempt in the method.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, August 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

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

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

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| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...Treble | WILLIAM WILLSON 5 |
| HARRY WHITTLE 2 | FRANK BENNETT 6 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3 | JOHN OLDHAM 7 |
| EDWARD JACKSON 4 | JAMES HOUGHTON Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a farewell peal to Edward Jackson, on his return to Western Canada. The company desire to thank the Vicar, Rev. W. D. Gee-Clarke, M.A., for the use of the bells.

LEICESTER.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

On the Royal Memorial Bells of St. John the Divine,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

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| *MISS HILDA WILLSON ...Treble | FRANK BENNETT 5 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2 | E. MAURICE ATKINS 6 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3 | ALBERT P. WAKLEY 7 |
| JAMES HOUGHTON 4 | WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor |

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

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LEICESTER.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

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| *HARRY THORPE... ..Treble | FRANK BENNETT 5 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2 | *WILLIAM G. THORPE 6 |
| WILLIAM SHERCLIFF 3 | JAMES HOUGHTON 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4 | WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5011 CHANCES;

Tenor 30½ cwt., in D flat.

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| *MISS HILDA WILLSON ...Treble | WILLIAM J. NEVARD 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2 | FRANK BENNETT 7 |
| *EDGAR VALLANCE 3 | JOHN OLDHAM 8 |
| HARRY WHITTLE 4 | WILLIAM WILLSON 9 |
| E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. 5 | JOSEPH POWELL Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First attempt at Stedman Caters.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAM.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| WILLIAM WILLSON ...Treble | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5 |
| *MISS HILDA WILLSON 2 | WILLIAM J. NEVARD 6 |
| HARRY WHITTLE 3 | JOHN OLDHAM 7 |
| FRANK BENNETT 4 | E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

Mr. A. Barnes, of Reddish, writes that the peal at Widnes, on August 2nd, was the first peal by the Association, and of Major in Lancashire, in which a lady had taken part, and adds his congratulations to Miss Gillingham on her success.

APPEALS.

Writing from Corse Vicarage, Hartpury, S.O., the Rev. F. Vernon White requests us to acknowledge the following sums in answer to his appeal for funds towards the restoration of the tower: North Forest branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, 10s.; Newent ringers, 5s.; Mrs. Fielding, St. Michael's, Newent, 2s. 6d.; Capt. C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. Exmouth, 2s. 6d. Further donations will be most thankfully received.

We would also remind our readers of the appeal for help towards the restoration of Rayne bells; and of the urgent need there is for assistance in the case of Mrs. F. A. Nunn and her three young children, left unprotected for by the tragic death of Mr. Nunn. Subscriptions to this latter fund should be sent to "F.R." care of the Rev. F. Rice, the Vicarage, St. Ann's Road, South Tottenham. The treasurer acknowledges with thanks 5s. from Capt. C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I.

PRESENTATION.

On Saturday week some of the old ringing friends of Mr. Frank Sharp, now of London, but until lately captain of the Marden (Kent) band, met at Marden to attempt a peal of Bob Major. As recorded in our last issue, this was successfully accomplished. At the conclusion of the ringing, the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Johnston) visited the belfry, and presented a valuable silver watch and chain to Mr. Sharp, who had been one of the principal advisers in getting Marden bells restored, and increased from six to eight. The Vicar spoke of the great assistance Mr. Sharp had been in the ringing at Marden, and of the pleasure it gave him (the Vicar) to make the presentation.—Mr. Sharp, who was taken completely by surprise, thanked the Vicar and ringers for their gift, which, he said, would constantly remind him of the many pleasant hours spent in Marden belfry.—The watch is inscribed: "Presented to F. Sharp, as a memento of faithful services as captain of bell ringers for 14 years at the Parish Church of Marden, Kent, August 2nd, 1913."

OFF TO NEW ZEALAND.

To-day the s.s. "Athenic" bears away from our shores another ringer who will strengthen the ranks of the band of Auckland—Mr. C. J. Hamblin, of Woking, and formerly of Hersham, Surrey, sailing with his wife and two daughters, to join his two sons, who are already in New Zealand. Mr. Hamblin is one of the original band formed at Hersham when the bells were put in about twelve years or so ago. Always a regular attendant at service ringing and practice, he has been able to render valuable help at the belfries in the district, and his departure will be much regretted. Mr. Hamblin takes with him the best wishes of a large circle of ringing friends in West Surrey, who were anxious to give him some tangible token of their regard. He has, however, had to leave England before the gift—a gold bell pendant—was ready for presentation, and it will be forwarded to him. Mr. Hamblin has rung quite a number of peals, up to Double Norwich, and it was some source of disappointment that he was unable to ring a peal of Superlative before his departure. On Sunday, two quarter-peals were rung as a farewell. In the morning, at Otlands, 1299 Stedman Triples was rung in 43 mins., by: F. E. Dawe 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, H. Walters 3, J. B. Hessey 4, C. J. Hamblin 5, F. G. Shepherd 6, F. J. Shepherd 7, A. E. Gray 8. In the evening a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung, in 43 mins., at Hersham, by: G. Edser, senr., 1, A. Woodrow 2, C. J. Hamblin 3, F. J. Shepherd 4, W. Shepherd (conductor) 5, W. A. Woodrow 6, A. F. Shepherd 7, J. Emery 8.

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Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
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Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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MR. WILLIAM SHORT.

There is no more popular figure in the Midlands, and certainly no more able ringer on all numbers of bells from five to twelve, than the valued instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild, Mr. William Short, who rang his 600th peal on Bank Holiday. There are many things necessary to make a successful instructor, patience and perseverance being no less in importance than skill, and of all these Mr. Short is possessed to a large degree. He has spent eleven winters in raising the standard in both methods and striking, and the results of his work are to be found in many towers in the diocese. Of a genial but retiring disposition, Mr. Short has made for himself a host of friends, and the Hereford Guild is indeed fortunate in having as the occupant of such an important office one so well versed in the practical side of the Art. Mr. Short was born at Pershore on Easter Day, 1868, but his first experience in ring-



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ing was gained at Clent in 1887, the year after he had left his native heath. His first visit to a belfry was on Jubilee Day, and he was taken in hand by Mr. Thomas Barber (the father of Messrs. John and W. H. Barber), with four others, and taught to ring. Their first 720 was scored in March, 1888, and the first peal of Triples on November 24th in the same year, the first by all except the conductor, Mr. Henry Martin, of Belbroughton. Having no conductor in their band, Mr. Short was given some tips and conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples in the following January and a peal of seven Minor methods in December, while on the Boxing Day he conducted a peal in seven methods and another of Grandsire Triples—two peals in a day at that time being very rarely rung.

In 1890 Mr. Short went to London, and during a stay of 18 months rang 41 peals, including the first peal of Minor in the Metropolis, which he conducted at St. Michael's, Wood Green; the second peal of Cambridge Surprise rung in London and Grandsire Triples at Windsor Castle, the only one rung there in the last century. Returning to Kidderminster he rang Superlative, Double Oxford and

Duffield, and going to Birmingham in 1895, he rang his first peals of Stedman Caters, Kent Maximus and Stedman Cinques. In January, 1899, he was elected Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild. During his occupancy of the office the first peals of Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Superlative and Cambridge were rung in the city, and the first of London for the Guild was rung at Kidderminster, conducted by Mr. William Pye. This was Mr. Short's first peal of London, and his next was the record 14,112 at King's Norton. In 1899 he took part in the first peal of Stedman Caters and the first peal of Royal in Ireland, and on a subsequent visit conducted the first peal of Treble Ten in Erin, and rang in the first Surprise peal rung out of England—Superlative—at Bray. On the return journey he called the only peal that has ever been rung on the sea, a peal of Stedman Caters on SS. "Cambria" between Dublin and Holyhead, and the same day rang in the first Surprise peal in Wales—New Cambridge—at Bangor.

In addition to the record peal of London, Mr. Short has taken part in several other long lengths, including the record 11,111 Stedman Cinques, which he conducted; 10,176 Double Oxford; 9,328 Superlative; 8,888 Stedman Caters, on handbells; and 7,392 Double Norwich. Among his other noteworthy performances have been the first peal of Major (Double Norwich) at Pershore. This he conducted, as well as having called the quickest peal of Major, rung in 2 hours 35 minutes, and taken part in the quickest peal of Minor, in 2 hours 17 minutes, on tower bells. Of his 600 peals 230 have been rung for the Worcestershire Association, about 200 for St. Martin's Guild and 102 for the Hereford Guild. The others have been rung for the Cumberlands, Middlesex, Midland Counties, Stafford, Salop and Gloucester and Bristol Associations. In addition to the peals which go to make up the 600, Mr. Short has had the misfortune to take part in false peals of Stedman Cinques and Caters, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major.

| | Rung. | Hand-bells. | Conducted. |
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| Stedman Triples | 113 | 4 | 40 |
| Double Norwich (6,160) (6,944) (7,392) ... | 70 | | 18 |
| Grandsire Triples | 59 | 1 | 41 |
| Seven Minor Methods | 47 | | 26 |
| Grandsire Doubles | 44 | | 30 |
| Stedman Cinques | 37 | | 13 |
| Stedman Caters | 35 | 6 | 12 |
| Superlative Major | 31 | | 3 |
| Kent Treble Bob Major | 27 | 1 | 10 |
| Bob Major | 24 | 2 | 10 |
| Cambridge Surprise Major | 17 | | 4 |
| London Surprise Major | 14 | | 6 |
| Five Methods Minor | 9 | | 8 |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal | 8 | | 2 |
| Grandsire Caters | 7 | | 2 |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major | 6 | | 6 |
| Double Oxford Major | 6 | | 5 |
| Canterbury Major | 4 | | 3 |
| Bob Triples | 4 | | |
| Grandsire Minor | 3 | | 3 |
| Bob Minor | 3 | | 2 |
| Four Methods Minor | 3 | | 2 |
| Bristol Surprise Major | 3 | | |
| Three Methods Doubles | 3 | | 2 |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal | 2 | | |
| New Cambridge Major | 2 | | |
| Bob Royal | 2 | | 2 |

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| Kent Treble Bob Maximus | 2 | 1 |
| Three Methods Minor | 2 | 2 |
| Duffield Major | 2 | 1 |
| Oxford Treble Bob Royal | 1 | |
| Canterbury Royal | 1 | |
| Bob Caters | 1 | |
| Erin Cinques | 1 | |
| Forward Major | 1 | |
| Grandsire Major | 1 | 1 |
| Stedman Doubles | 1 | 1 |
| Six Methods Minor | 1 | 1 |
| Kent Minor | 1 | 1 |
| Canterbury Triples..... | 1 | |
| Union Triples..... | 1 | |
| Total | 600 | 258 |

These peals have been rung in 165 towers (in 107 of which Mr. Short has conducted peals) in 22 counties in England, Ireland and Wales.

ODD CHANGES.

The handsome peal board, executed by Messrs. Caspar and Co., recording the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town, has been placed in the tower, where it awaits the unveiling ceremony, which will be performed by Canon J. G. Simpson, of St. Paul's, on October 4th. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Hartley) is taking the utmost interest in the proceedings. Full particulars as to arrangements will be published in due course.

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The marriage of Mr. T. Faulkner while Master of the College Youths recalls the fact that it is a rare occurrence for a President or Master of any ringing society to be married during his term of office. Mr. Martin Stewart joined the benedicts a year or so ago while Master of the Salisbury Guild, but we have to go back twenty years to find an instance of the Master of the College Youths married in office. This was Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was wedded on October 7th, 1893, at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, where a fine peal of Stedman Cinques was rung in the evening, under the conductorship of the late Mr. J. Pettitt. St. Bride's Church was selected because it was the only twelve-bell tower in the city where the bells could be "fired."

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Ringers visiting Shrewsbury from August 20th to 22nd and desiring to ring should communicate with Mr. C. R. Lilley, 63, King Street. St. Chad's Society will be pleased to meet visitors, and ringing can be arranged at St. Michael's (6 bells) on August 20th, St. Mary's on the 21st, and St. Chad's on the 22nd at 7.30 p.m.

THE SUGGESTED APPEAL TO MR. CARNEGIE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested and pleased to see your article last week on the suggested appeal to Mr. Carnegie, and perhaps more so to see you are dwelling on the subject again this week. I have been down to Yarmouth and Gorleston this holiday, and met many ringers there, and all those to whom I mentioned the matter seemed to like the idea very much. There is no doubt that the Central Council are the people who ought to try and move in the matter by setting the ball rolling, and who knows but what we may have among our clergy some who are personal friends of Mr. Carnegie, and whose influence might help to bring success. I certainly hope to keep the ringers in this district interested in the matter, and do what little I can, and I only hope that success may be our reward.—Sincerely yours,

FREDK. KILBORN.

Desborough, August 9th.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, when members attended from Yaxley, Maxey, Wisbech, Whittlesea and Pinchbeck, with the local companies. Among the visitors were the Rev. E. V. Cox (Wallsall), Messrs. York Green (London), Fourt (Isham) Giddings (March), Miss D. Steele (Bedford), etc.

The service was held at St. John's Church, and conducted by the Rev. M. A. Tester, who also gave the address. A good company afterwards sat down to tea at the Bedford Cafe, the proceedings being presided over by the Rev. Canon Bury, supported by the Rev. E. V. Cox, Mr. F. T. Cooke (secretary), etc.

The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough, supported by Canon Bury, Mr. W. Chattle, Mr. R. Gamble, etc. The report and balance sheet were accepted. The former recorded that nine peals had been rung since last December, the Wisbech band being highly commended for the progress they had made during the last twelve months, while Mr. G. Jutson, conductor of the St. Mary's company, Peterborough, was also congratulated. The balance sheet showed receipts £9 18s. 1d., and expenses £3 14s. 6d., leaving a balance of £6 3s. 7d. The number of honorary and ringing members is now about 100.

Mr. F. T. Cooke resigned the office of secretary, being unable to give the necessary time required, and Mr. J. J. Jutson was unanimously elected to succeed him.—Mr. G. Jutson voiced the feeling of the meeting, in expressing regret at Mr. Cooke's resignation, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him for his services during the two years of office. The other officers and committee were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Cooke and Mr. O. Richardson to the latter.

Mr. Ralph Narborough, the society's representative on the Central Council, gave an excellent report of the proceedings. With reference to the Ladies' Guild, it was felt that they should be represented on the Council as soon as their number warranted it.

The sum of £1 was voted to the fund for restoring St. Mary's tower, Whittlesea.

A vote of thanks to the Dean and the clergy for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

The methods rung during the day were a peal of Bob Minor at Maxey in the early morning; Bob and Grandsire Doubles at the Cathedral; Plain and Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples at St. John's; Oxford and Kent, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor, at St. Mary's.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

A special meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held on Bank Holiday, at Middlesbrough, the assembly numbering about 40. The bells of the Parish Church were at the disposal of ringers from one o'clock, but prior to this a mixed band succeeded in recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Old Ormesby, a picturesque little village, about three miles from "smoky Middlesbrough."

Ringers were present in the afternoon from Bodale, Hemmingborough, Marske, Middleham, Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Ripon, Skelton, Stockton, West Hartlepool, Pateley Bridge, and these had the additional pleasure of the company of a band of ringers from Shipley, who were spending the week-end in the neighbourhood. Tea was provided at the Clifton Commercial Hotel, Middlesbrough, presided over by the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright), who was supported by Vice-President Dr. H. C. Pauli, the Rev. J. C. C. Kern (Vicar of Ormesby), Mr. Cyril F. Johnston (Croydon), and Mr. T. Metcalfe, secretary.

After tea, the loyal toast was duly honoured, and the President of the Association (the Rev. W. P. Wright) said how pleased he was that the Middlesbrough band had re-joined their Association. He explained that it was in order to welcome them that the meeting had been arranged. He hoped that the Middlesbrough band would again become what it was in the days of old: "A tower of strength to the Association."—Mr. F. G. Laverick responded, on behalf of the Middlesbrough ringers, and thanked the Association for their kind welcome and good wishes.

Mr. Cyril Johnston was elected a life member of the Association, and Mr. J. W. Passman, of Middlesbrough, an ordinary member.

The Shipley ringers, through Mr. A. McFarlane, of Middlesbrough, expressed their appreciation of the courtesy shown to them by the members of the Association.

The belfry was again visited, and several well-struck touches were brought round. These included Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I beg to apologise to two bands for taking part in two false peals: one at Worsley, Lancashire, on April 11th, 1912, and the other at Widford, Essex, on August 5th, 1913. Both were Double Norwich, by Mr. A. Knights, and both conducted by me.—Yours faithfully,

W. KEEBLE.



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 $50\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.)

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH (Tenor $28\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.)

CHELMSFORD PRO CATHEDRAL (Tenor 32 cwt.)

A PLUCKY BUT UNLUCKY RINGER.

Many ringing friends of Ernest C. Hunt, formerly of Kidderminster, who migrated to the United States some years ago, will sympathise with him in the misfortune that has overtaken him while following his employment at the Bush and Terry Carpet Manufactory. Mr. Hunt, who is 39 years of age, while working overtime on the night of March 15th, 1912, was using the elevator, and had conveyed a loaded truck down to the third floor of the factory. During his absence a fellow employe pulled the elevator back to the fourth floor without giving him any warning, and when returning in the dark, Mr. Hunt stepped into the shaft. He fell to the bottom and received terrible injuries, as a result of which he lost the use of his legs (one of them has since been amputated), and suffered impairment of his digestive organs. It is feared that he will never rise from an invalid's chair. His wife was compelled to go to work to keep him and his two children, the millowners refusing to help him. A young lawyer, named Daniel O'Connell, however, took up the case for compensation, which was tried in the district court of Philadelphia, and Mr. Hunt has recently been awarded 7,500 dollars (about £1,250). He was an excellent fellow and a most willing ringer, always ready for a peal, although he had only his thumb and little finger on his left hand. The latter he used as a hook through the end of the rope. He has rung the 7th at Kidderminster to several peals, including the longest on the bells. His peals number about 70, in most methods from Grandsire to London.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

The usual all-day meeting of the Yorktown District was held on August Bank Holiday, and the fine weather was the means of bringing plenty of visitors to the various towers during the day. Ringing was commenced at Hersham at 10.15 a.m., and, after touches in various methods had been brought round, a move was made to Walton, some going by cycle and others on foot. Here there was an hour's ringing before dinner. At 2.30 the new peal of eight at Otlands Park were raised in peal, and to enable all to have a pull, the touches were short and sweet. Mr. Neighbour (one of the churchwardens) welcomed the party on behalf of the Vicar, who was away, and stayed till the end of the ringing. Having a desire to hear some changes on ten bells, a course of Grandsire Caters, on handbells, was rung in the churchyard, after the tower bells had been lowered in peal. At 3.45 the party proceeded to Chertsey, where ringing took place from 4.30 till 6. Owing to Chertsey being without a Vicar, no clergyman was present at tea, and after justice had been done to an excellent repast, Mr. F. Shepherd, senr., took the chair for the business meeting. —The Ringing Master, in his report, made reference to the loss which the district would sustain by the departure of Mr. C. J. Hamblin, who is leaving for New Zealand. —Mr. Hamblin thanked those present for the kind words and good wishes expressed, and remarked that what little he had done had been done purely for the love of ringing. —Messrs. G. Alder, G. Gigg, F. Smith and J. Sparrow, were elected members, and the meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks. —More ringing at the church and some handbell ringing at the meeting-room concluded a very pleasant and enjoyable day. Ringers were present during the day from the following places: Hersham, Yorktown, Otlands, Binfield, Sunbury, Streatham, Shepperton, Leatherhead, Ewell, Rotherhithe, Egham, Woking, Burnham, Brockley, Camberwell, Chertsey, Deptford, Epsom, Sutton, and Surbiton. A feature of the day's programme was the appearance at all four towers of the evergreen Mr. W. Weatherstone, who showed fine form in all the methods rung. One does not often add four new towers to their list in one day, after reaching the age of three score years and ten.

VICAR'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

In celebration of the 86th birthday of the venerable Vicar of Easton Neston, Northants (the Rev. R. C. Collins), the bells of the Parish Church were rung on Saturday week, among those taking part being: Messrs. F. Wilford, F. Hopper, W. Allen, and Farey (Northampton), Clarke (2), Faulkner, Beesley (2), Sharpe (Easton Neston), Law and Rollings (Weston Favell), etc. Subsequently the ringers were entertained to tea at the Pomfret Hotel, where they were met and welcomed by the Vicar and Mrs. Collins. After tea, Mr. F. Wilford proposed the health of the Vicar of Easton Neston, and of Mrs. Collins and family. In doing so he said he was voicing the feelings of all those present when he told them how pleased they were to come over and ring the bells on such an unique occasion as his 86th birthday. They sincerely hoped he might be spared in health and strength for a few more years to carry on the good work he was doing amongst them. —Mr. J. Clarke also added a few remarks, and said he was thankful that he was able to be present on that very enjoyable occasion, to do honour to the Rev. R. C. Collins, a gentleman whom he very much respected. —The toast was drunk with musical honours. —The Rev. R. C. Collins said how very pleased he was to be present with them. If there were one thing more than another which lifted one up, it was the consolation of having been able to gain the good fellowship and kindly feeling of those with whom one had to minister, and the gathering that evening would remain in his memory as long as he lived. —Handbell ringing was afterwards indulged in, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Michael's Church, Melksham, on Saturday. The bells were kept going briskly during the afternoon. Fifteen sat down to tea. A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Master of the Guild), who kindly took the chair, in the absence of the Rev. J. A. Sturton, from whom an apology for absence had been received. The chairman was supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. secretary), and ringing members from Swindon, Melksham, South-broom, Holt, Westbury, Devizes, Beechingstoke, and Wootton Bassett. The two next meeting places were decided upon as follows: September 6th, Erlestoke (with Edington and Bratton combined), and October 4th, at Bradford-on-Avon. —Mr. West proposed, and Mr. Hillier seconded, the election of three new members from St. Peter's, Poulshot. —A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Melksham, for the use of the church bells, was proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. W. Hart, and unanimously carried, and the ringers then adjourned once more to the tower, where ringing was continued during the evening.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association visited the delightful old village of Cranham for a meeting, and the result has been that steps are to be taken to organise a local band at the earliest opportunity. Twenty-four members of the branch from Avening, Minchinhampton, Bisley, Stroud, Painswick, Barnwood, and Cooley, were present, and rang touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob on the musical ring of six during the afternoon and evening. The Rector (the Rev. H. R. Hanson) conducted a service in the church, and in the course of a practical address referred to the way in which the Diocesan Association had linked together the ringers of so many parishes into one great brotherhood, that had been the means of lifting the office of the ringer from a secular one to that of a most efficient and useful body of church workers.

After the service, the visitors were entertained to tea at the Rectory, and the Rector and churchwardens were cordially thanked for their kind hospitality, and the use of the bells. After further ringing, the visitors journeyed to Painswick, where they enjoyed some ringing on the grand old peal of twelve.

COAL STRIKE IMPROVES RINGING.

A DERBYSHIRE VICAR'S VIEWS.

The August meeting of the Sheffield District Society, which is always allotted to a six-bell tower, was arranged for Beighton, and proved very successful. The Church of St. Mary is a pretty little building, and is very pleasantly situated. The ring of six bells (tenor about 10 cwt.) were found to be in very fair going condition, thanks to the efforts of the local company, though the bells themselves could do with the tuner's attention. The day turned out beautifully fine, and the attendance was good, about 45 ringers turning up from Anston, Beighton, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Croydon, Dronfield, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Eekington, Killamarsh, Norton, Rainmoor, Rotherham, Staveley, and Worksop. The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going with intervals till 9 p.m., the striking at times being exceptionally good. The methods rung included Plain Bob, College Single, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Chester and London Surprise Minor.

A substantial tea was provided in the Schools, by the kindness of the local company, and was attended by the Vicar, the Rev. — Maugham, and one of the churchwardens. —A short business meeting followed, Mr. G. Halksworth, President (Doncaster) presiding. Mr. T. Lee (Norton) was elected an ordinary member, and Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon) a life member.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for granting the use of the bells, to the local company for so generously providing the tea and making all arrangements, and to the ladies for their help at the tea table, was proposed by the President, who referred to the fact that this was the first visit of the society to Beighton. He was pleased to note such a large attendance, and also that the Vicar and one of the wardens were present. He hoped that it would be the first of many such meetings, and that the local company would stick to their art and make good progress. —The motion was seconded by Mr. H. Haigh, and carried with acclamation.

The Rev. — Maugham, in responding, said that it was a very great pleasure to him to welcome the society on its first visit to Beighton, and he much appreciated their welcome to himself. He was much struck with the large attendance, and also with the variety in ages of those present, showing as it did great interest in the art among those who practised it. It gave him pleasure to hear such good ringing, and he was very glad that his own company were making such good progress, the improvement in their ringing being very noticeable. He believed that this improvement was in the first case traceable to the recent coal strike, which provided them with plenty of leisure in which to obtain efficiency. It was often said that Satan finds work for idle hands, but in their case at least it was not so. He concluded by wishing the society every success.

After tea, a move was made for the tower again for more ringing, some ascending it to enjoy the pleasant view from the top, while others indulged in games of bowls on the Vicarage lawn.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

THROUGH SURREY.

A glorious day among beautiful Surrey scenery was spent by the Mitcham ringers on the occasion of their annual outing on August 2nd. They began with a touch of Stedman upon their own bells soon after 6 a.m., and then enjoyed a pleasant ride, through the quiet lanes of Morden, Cheam and Ewell, to Epsom. At the old-fashioned "Marquis of Granby" Inn, where Mitcham ringers have assembled annually for many years, breakfast was served, before making for St. Giles' Church, Ashted, where several touches were rung. The charming position of this church, situated in Ashted Park, and surrounded by noble trees, its quietude and restfulness is indeed a pleasant memory. Ranmore was the next objective, and was reached via Leatherhead and Mickleham, and by a sharp and arduous climb to the top of the commanding eminence, from which lovely views are revealed. The Vicar of St. Barnabas had kindly placed the bells at the disposal of the party, and several good touches were rung. Descending the hill, the party came next to Dorking, where they partook of dinner, and spent a pleasant hour with friends met on the way.

Touches at St. Martin's and a look round the church and town preceded the resumption of the journey to the quaint and quiet villages of Betchworth and Buckland, at each of which places ringing was indulged in. Then on through Reigate, where tea was enjoyed, to Kingswood, where a last touch was rung. A moonlight ride over Banstead Downs brought a most enjoyable day to a close.

YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

The members of the York Minster Society journeyed to Scarborough for their annual outing. A pleasant hour was spent in St. Mary's belfry, touches of Stedman, Bob Major, and Treble Bob being rung on the bells, whilst the ladies of the party criticised from seats on the Castle Hill close by. The bracing air and exercise had made everyone ready for tea, at which the President, Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, presided. A bowling match had been arranged for the evening, at the Alexandra Garden Greens, and a very pleasant hour was spent, the form shown by the novices of the company being surprising. After the match the company walked round the noted Marine Drive, and then spent a social hour together. The Minster City was reached again on the stroke of midnight, after a most enjoyable time. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Vicar of St. Mary's for kindly allowing the use of the bells, and the local ringers, especially Mr. Cole, who did everything possible to make the visit such a success, and Mr. Gibson, who met them and took part in the ringing.

A CYCLE TRIP.

A party of half a dozen cyclists from Hinton had a pleasant trip on Sunday week. Going first to Toddington, where they were met by Mr. C. Lawrence, the captain of the local band, they inspected the interior of the church, and then on the light peal of six in the tower rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 41 mins.: A. Keyte 1, H. Cotton 2, F. Johnson (conductor) 3, W. Jones 4, C. Lawrence 5, A. Colley 6. In cycling back a call was made at Dumbleton, another light ring of six, upon which 360 Doubles were rung, T. Sallis and J. D. Johnson taking part. A walk through the beautiful grounds of Dumbleton Hall brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

TRIP TO PLYMOUTH.

The Burnham (Somerset) band had a long day out for their annual excursion. Accompanied by Mr. W. Champion, Mr. J. Prior (churchwardens), and a few friends, they left Burnham at 7.45 a.m., by motor, and joined the Plymouth excursion at Highbury for Plymouth, which was reached at noon. The party then took train for Devonport, where a capital dinner awaited them at Day's Imperial Restaurant. Subsequently they were met by Mr. W. H. Marsh, of Plymouth, and took steamer to Saltash, where, at the Parish Church, they were met by Mr. S. B. Rogers, and the bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. Afterwards the party returned to Plymouth, Mr. Marsh very kindly pointing out the places of interest en route. After tea, a move was made to the Charles Church, where, with the kind help of some of the Plymouth ringers, touches of Triples and Caters were rung. Afterwards nearly all visited the Hoe and other places of interest. The ringers wish to thank the clergy and others for the use of the bells, Mr. S. B. Rogers for getting permission and meeting them at Saltash, and Mr. Marsh, who spent the remainder of the day with them, and did all he could to add to their pleasure. Leaving Plymouth at 9.45 p.m., Burnham was reached about 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, after a day full of enjoyment.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD EXCURSION.

On Bank Holiday, seven members of the Plymouth branch, at the invitation of the President (the Rev. Maitland Kelly), met him at Mill Bay, chiefly for the purpose of paying a visit to Portlsmouth, and having a ring on the six bells recently erected by Messrs. Taylor and Co. This little place lies just across the river from Salcombe, where the Rev. M. Kelly was formerly Vicar for 15½ years. Leaving Mill Bay at 9.10 a.m., they journeyed to Kingsbridge, where they met Mr. Frank Davey, of Exeter, who was spending his holiday in the neigh-

bourhood. Here a waggonette was in waiting for the party, and the first stop was West Alvington, where the nice six were soon set going to Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, etc. This is the church where the present Bishop of Marlborough was formerly Vicar. Expressing pleasure with the comfortable ring, the party proceeded to Marlborough, a very large church with a peal of six. Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were again rung, but not with the comfort one would wish.

The next stopping place was Salcombe, and as the party were passing the Vicarage, a large tree was pointed out to them which Mr. Kelly had planted when resident there. At the Temperance Hotel, the party sat down to a substantial luncheon, which was very much enjoyed, and before making a start for the chief object of the journey, Mr. Walter Marsh, on behalf of the party, thanked the Rev. M. Kelly for his generous hospitality. A little motor ferry took the visitors across the river, and then! Ye Gods! What is this? "Mount Blanc!" Did you ever, gentle reader, try to ascend a mountain after a good feed. But the party got their reward by a most enjoyable ring: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a 720 of Bob Minor, conducted by Walter Marsh. There was a single bell here for years, which Mr. Kelly used to hear on the opposite side of the water. When he found there was to be a peal of six put up, he asked Mr. Taylor to let this one remain as tenor. This has been done, and a very pretty peal they are.

Embarking on a steamer, where they were packed as sardines, never so tightly, a pleasant four miles down the river brought them to Kingsbridge again. The next move was to Brent, by train, where Mr. Davey took his departure. Here the sexton had given the party up and gone home. Never plan things, brother ringers, to a quarter of an hour, or you will surely be disappointed. The sexton was found at last, the bells raised, and two six-scores rung. The bells are a nice peal, and go well. This concluded a most pleasant day.

A VISIT TO MIDDLESBROUGH.

The members and friends of the St. James' Society, Bolton, Bradford, made Middlesbrough the headquarters of their first annual outing, which was spread over the August holidays. They were met by Mr. J. H. Blakiston, who had made their arrangements, and after tea visited St. Paul's, Thornaby-on-Tees, where touches in different methods were rung. On Sunday morning, an early tour of the docks was made, and after breakfasting the visitors rang for morning service at St. Hilda's Parish Church, Middlesbrough. Places of interest were inspected, and much pleasure was experienced at the opportunity of going over the transporter bridge. After dinner, the party made their way to Ormesby, where they found a beautiful peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.), and gladly accepted the invitation extended to them by Mr. T. Metcalfe to ring for service.

On Monday morning, Saltburn-by-Sea was visited, the company being met by Mr. Littleton and Mr. Laycock. The beautiful peal (tenor 23 cwt.) delighted the ringers in the touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples that were rung. Returning to Middlesbrough, a visit was paid to the meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association, which was being held in the town, and this concluded a very enjoyable excursion in which the party received the heartiest possible welcome on all hands. They desire to thank the various Vicars for giving them permission to ring, and all who helped to make the trip such an enjoyable one.

THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

On Bank Holiday, the members of St. Giles' Society, Reading, accompanied by their ladies and friends, the party numbering 18 in all, had their annual outing. Leaving Reading at 7.45 a.m., by brake, they made for Twyford, at which place they had very kindly been invited to breakfast by the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Ackworth), and, needless to relate, this was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all. —Mr. Osborne proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Ackworth for their great kindness, and the tower was then visited, and the bells sent off into the tune of Stedman Triples and Bob Major. A course of Kent, in which Mr. F. Dentry took part, brought the ringing at Twyford to a close. Next, the party wended their way to Wooburn, which was reached after a splendid drive through the pretty country of Cookham and Bourne End. Here again the bells were soon going to Stedman and Bob Major, Miss E. Goodship calling a touch of Stedman and Mr. C. Higgs a touch of Bob Major. After a look round the church and admiring the beautiful screen, a move was made for dinner, which had been most ably prepared by Mr. W. Mellett, of Wooburn Green. The next move was to High Wycombe, where the Parish Church was visited, and a few courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. Tea was next partaken of, and much enjoyed by all. The tower was again visited afterwards, and a course of Kent Royal and rounds on the beautiful twelve bells enjoyed for the first time by most of the party. Time going all too swiftly, the homeward journey had soon to be started on. After a pleasant journey of about 20 miles, which was enlivened by songs, etc., Reading was safely reached about 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The society take this opportunity of thanking all who assisted in making the day such a pleasant one, and especially the respective Vicars and ringers for the use of their bells. A.W.O.

MEARS ASHBY BELLS DEDICATED.

The Parish Church at Mears Ashby, in Northamptonshire, now boasts of a fine ring of six bells, with a tenor of 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs. They are the product of the Loughborough foundry, and replace an old peal of five, which have been recast, and a treble, inscribed "Te Deum Laudamus, 1913," added. The bells, which are tuned on the Simpson principle, have been hung in a new iron frame, and the way in which the contract has been carried out reflects the highest credit upon Messrs. Taylor and Co. The work has cost just over £300, and the whole amount, except a few pounds, has been raised, thanks to the generous gifts of Lady Wantage, Mr. H. M. Stockdale, J.P., Major H. Stockdale, J.P., and others. The dedication was performed by Bishop Clayton, a few rounds being rung in the course of the service. The Bishop, who preached an eloquent sermon from Revelations xxii, 17, spoke of the charm of our village churches, and said the bells gave a voice to the church. By means of the bells the church sent out its message far and wide, and those who lived in the utmost parts of the parish heard their sounds. What did the bells say? What were the thoughts that arose in men's hearts when they heard Church bells? First of all the bells told them that the Church of God, like God, cared for man. Whether the occasion was one of national rejoicing, or whether the hearts of individuals were deeply stirred, the bells proclaimed it. The church had a gospel to preach, and the bells helped to do that. Most of all, the most frequent work of the bells was to give an invitation, and they said to the people "Come."

Subsequently various touches were rung, including 720 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Double Court, and 360 Plain Bob, the ringers taking part being Messrs. F. Wilford, general secretary of the Northants Association; W. Perkins, district secretary, J. Houghton, J. Garrett, J. Mawby, A. Perkins (Irthlingborough), G. W. Ette, H. Ette, H. Pettit (Wellingborough), F. Jones (Earl's Barton), F. Goosey (Mears Ashby), etc.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

For the first time the annual summer festival of the Bedfordshire Association was held on Bank Holiday. The venue was Woburn, but the attendance of members was small, owing, no doubt, to other attractions. Touches of Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung at intervals between 11.30 and 8.30. Tea was provided in the town hall at 5 o'clock by Mr. King, of Woburn, and a service was held in the church at 6 o'clock, at which the Rev. C. R. Dickinson, formerly Vicar of Woburn, gave an excellent address. By kind permission of His Grace the Duke of Bedford, K.G., the ringers were allowed to visit the sculpture gallery and the gardens of Woburn Abbey. After the tea, a vote of condolence to the members of the family of the late Canon Haddock, for many years a vice-president of the Association, was passed.

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 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on August 19th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on August 19th; St. Mary's, Wathamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready at 4.—Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 23rd, 1913. Bells ready

at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 prompt; a good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 23rd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.; a good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wellingboro' District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6 Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, August 23rd. Tower open from 2 till 9. Short service 4.45. Tea 5.15 at the Half Moon Assembly Room, by kind invitation of the Rector. Business to follow.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available at 4 p.m.; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, August 23rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by August 20th?—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

ST. MARTINS GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley, Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Talbot Hotel, 9d. per head, at 5.30; to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Burley on August 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the Parish Room at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Secretary.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Womborne, Staffordshire, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. E. P. Nicholas (Vicar). Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, August 30th. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall after service. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 26th? The bells (10) will be available.—N.B.—All members are requested to try and attend service.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. T. J. Salter's address is now 40, Anchor Fields, Kidderminster.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — Will members please note that my address is now 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield?—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary.

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ST. MARY CRAY BELLS.

The five bells of St. Mary Cray Parish Church have been recast and rehung in a new frame, and augmented to six by the addition of a treble. The work, which also included the overhauling of the church clock, has been carried out in the most satisfactory manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and of the £260 to which the contract amounted, only £10 now remains to be raised by the Vicar and churchwardens. The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Rochester, who commented upon the interesting fact that the restoration had been completed at the time when the parishioners were commemorating a quarter of a century's earnest and faithful work and service by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Ball), and that one of the first and happiest peals that the ringers would be able to ring out on the restored bells would be that in honour of the Vicar's silver wedding.

There was a large congregation at the service, and after the dedicatory prayers had been said, the local band rang a few rounds. The effects produced by the recasting and retuning were at once evident. The bells are lighter in tone than of yore, yet more resonant, while the harmonies produced by the retuning upon the latest method are most beautiful. The Archdeacon preached an appropriate sermon, and at the close of the service members of the Kent Association rang 360 Kent Treble Bob: T. Groombridge, senr., 1, C. F. Johnston 2, W. J. Jeffries 3, J. Wheadon 4, E. Barnett, senr., 5, I. Emery (conductor) 6. The Archdeacon congratulated the band on their striking, and Mr. C. F. Johnston upon the work which his firm had executed. A touch of Bob Minor and 120 Grandsire Doubles concluded the ringing.

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