

# BELL NEWS

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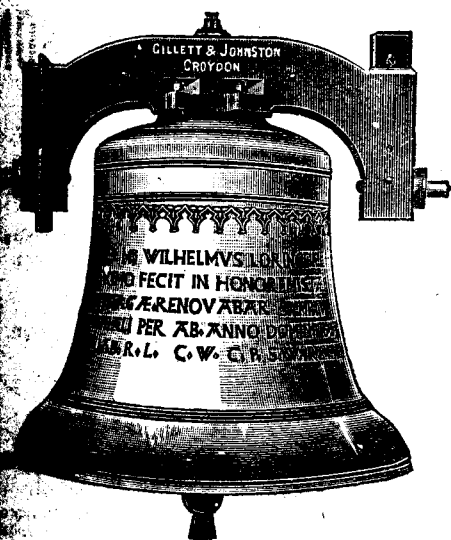
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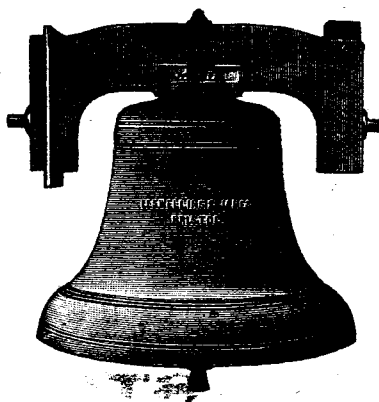
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The chapel at Buckingham Palace where Princess Mary was confirmed Sunday, is so small that it was impossible for any but members of the Royal Family and the principal officers of the Household to be present. It is furnished rather bare but has a good altar cloth, presented by Queen Victoria. The windows, which are of stained glass, are memorials to members of the Royal Family.

# The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

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## ST. PETER'S BELLS, COLCHESTER.

### RE-DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF COLCHESTER.

The bells of St. Peter's, Colchester were re-dedicated on Thursday evening March 13th, at a special service, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, the Right Rev. Dr. Whitcombe, who was assisted by the Rev. C. Triffit Ward, M.A., Vicar, and the Rev. E. J. Goodchild, B.A., Curate.

In addition to the recasting of the bells, two steel girders have been placed for the strengthening of the frame, immediately under same. The first six bells bear the names of those providing for the recasting, viz. :—

Treble.—The Rev. C. Triffit Ward, Vicar, and Mrs. Triffit Ward.

2.—The Churchwardens, Messrs. A. Polley and T. M. Loyd.

3.—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Simkin.

4.—The executors of the late Miss Walker.

5.—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Frost.

6.—Miss Hewitt and Mr. W. W. Hewitt, of Dedham.

Tenor.—“This peal of eight bells cast in 1763 by Lester and Pack, of London. Rev. Wm. Smythies, Vicar, Robt. Duke, Jas. Robgent, Churchwardens, and recast 1913. C. Triffit Ward, Vicar, A. Polley, T. M. Loyd, Churchwardens. This bell was re-cast at the expense of the parishioners, congregation and friends.”

There was a large congregation at the dedication service, which was conducted by the Vicar, and the hymns included “Rejoice to-day with one accord,” “Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him,” and Psalm cl. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung as the clergy were returning, and the Bishop entering the pulpit preached an appropriate sermon, taking his text from the 10th verse of Psalm cxlv. “All Thy works praise Thee O Lord, and Thy saints shall bless Thee.” Having traced the history of bell-making and referred to the romantic history of many church bells, and the notes of joy and sorrow they had uttered, the Bishop concluded with an earnest address to bellringers, urging them to do all their work to the glory of God, saying that there was a danger that in the practice of an art they might forget the inspiration which gave birth to it. The highest effect would be reached, and the truest service rendered only when they who listened to those bells knew that they were never touched, their melodies never evoked, but by devoted servants of Jesus Christ.

The Vicar having mentioned that the sum of £50 was still needed to complete payment, a collection was taken during the singing of the concluding hymn, “The Day Thou gavest Lord is ended.”

After the service the following touches were rung: 240 Bob Major, 112 Grandsire Triples, 288 Kent Treble Bob, and a course of Double Norwich, the following members of the local company taking part: Messrs. A. Burch, G. Burch, Wm. Burch, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Button, W. Chalk, H. Evers, S. Hull, G. W. Dixon, H. T. Pye, W. Schofield and R. W. Stannard, and the following visitors: Messrs. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), G. Lin-

dup (Ashford, Kent), Jas. Newman (Peering), and Mr. E. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough. The following are the weights of the bells :—

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble ...	4	3	4
2 ...	5	1	5
3 ...	6	0	17
4 ...	7	1	7
5 ...	9	1	19
6 ...	11	1	5
7 ...	15	1	2
Tenor ...	21	0	17

The diameter of the tenor is 4 ft. 1 3/8 in. Note E flat.

The tone of the above bells, upon the latest five-tone principle, reflects great credit upon the well-known founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting was held at Tunstall, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 15th. Members were present representing the following towers: Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham, Upchurch, Queenborough, Eastchurch, Sittingbourne, Rodmersham, and Tunstall in the Rochester District, and Charing in the Ashford District.

Ringings commenced about 4 o'clock. At 5 p.m. a short service was held, 30 members being present. The Rector (Rev. H. E. T. Cruso), gave a very good address, also expressing on behalf of his warden and himself, a welcome to the Association to his Church, and that he hoped it would not be long before they come again.

After service, by the kindness of the local ringers and Rector, tea was provided in the schoolroom, 34 members partaking. The business meeting followed immediately, with the Rector in the chair. There were six new members elected. Rainham was selected for the next meeting to be held in June, provided that the bells are back from the foundry. Hartlip was selected, should the Rainham bells not be finished.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Mr. Churchwarden Greensted and the organist, and last, but not least, the local members and their wives who so ably attended to the wants of the inner man. After a few touches on the handbells the tower was again visited. Ringing concluded with a 360 of College Single: other methods were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Cambridge Surprise.

TUNSTALL.—On Sunday, March 16th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise (1344 changes) was rung as a last token of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Lichfield. F. Smith, G. A. Smith, G. Darlington, J. Godber, W. J. Washbrook, jun., W. R. Washbrook, A. Clay, W. Thompson. Conducted by G. A. Smith. Also 640, conducted by W. Thompson.

## USES OF BELLS.

Church bells are often used for parochial meetings and functions of various kinds. This was formerly known as a "Mote Bell," and was ordered by Edward the Confessor in times of danger. The bells in the clochard of Old St. Paul's were used to summon the people to folk-motes in the churchyard. In later days it was rung at Stafford "for all things pertaining to the town." At Worcester the bell of St. Andrew's Church was rung to assemble the members of the Council. Its modern successor is the bell rung for Vestry meetings in Easter week, a custom found in most parishes. At Horncastle, Lincolnshire, the second bell is rung on Easter Monday and Tuesday for the parishioners to pay their Easter dues. Moulton, in Northants, had a special "mote bell" in 1552, as the Inventory of Church Goods shews. At Oakham the 7th bell is rung to call town meetings, and is known as the "Meeting Bell." Some towns had their own bell, usually hanging in the Guildhall or Market Hall; of this a good example is the Town Hall bell at Colchester, dating about 1400; and another is at the Guildhall, Lincoln, cast in the year 1371, with the name of the Mayor inscribed on it.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne there was a Common Bell, of which we first hear in 1593, when it was cast or recast. In 1594 the churchwardens of St. Nicholas received 5s. for "Knelling on Guild Day," i.e., tolling this bell on the election of the Mayor from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., when the election took place; the various guilds were summoned to record their votes by its sound. A popular idea arose that it was rung as the Mayor's passing bell! It was formerly placed apart from the ring in St. Nicholas' tower, but in 1754 it was recast and made the tenor of the ring. In its place a large bell of 7 feet diameter was given in 1831, which rang from 8 to 9 a.m. to summon the gilds of freedmen at Christmas, Easter, and Michaelmas, and is now the hour-bell. It was also rung on fair days, and as Curfew and Pancake Bell. Both of these were recast in 1891.

At St. Mary, Stamford, the 7th bell is known as the Common Bell of the municipality; it bears the interesting inscription:—

STAMFORDIENSIBVS INSERVIENS IPSA CONTEROR.

I wear myself out in the service of the people of Stamford.

Up to 1840 this bell had been rung from time immemorial on the 13th of November at 10.45 a.m., to give warning to clear the thoroughfares of infirm people and children. At 11 a bull was turned into the street, and the crowd proceeded to "bridge the bull," by pitching him over the bridge into the Welland.

On certain days bells were rung in connection with manorial courts, and various parochial rights were attested, At Wellingborough and Duddington, Northants, and at Bisbrooke (Rutland), this was done when manorial courts were held. At Warwick St. Nicholas a bell was rung for the meeting of the Chamberlains of St. Nicholas' meadow; at Hinxworth (Herts.), formerly on Whitsun Eve for the "Cow Common Rights." In Lincolnshire a bell is rung in November at Claypole, and on the last Monday in October at Epworth, for the meeting of the Dykes and Drains Jury.

Market Bells were rung in many towns, and some, such as Shrewsbury, had their own bell for this purpose, and have still at the present day. Watford, in Herts., had one in 1552, as mentioned in the Inventory of Church Goods. At Sandwich St. Peter, in Kent, the market bell was known as the "Brandgoose Bell." At Qundle

Northants, it is rung at noon. At Ludlow there is an old bell at the Butter Cross, used for a like purpose, and at Sleaford an old bell in the tower is called the "Butter Bell." Bells were also rung on fair days, as at Epworth (Lincolnshire), and Market Drayton (Salop). At Scotton (Lincolnshire), a bell was rung on Tuesday evenings in November and December to guide people home from Gainsborough Market.

In provincial boroughs it is still customary to ring at the election of a new Mayor on November 9th, as at Bedford, Boston, Grantham, Safron Walden, and several towns in Salop and Warwickshire. At Warwick St. Nicholas the bells are rung when the judges come to the assizes. It may also not be out of place here to allude to the custom of tolling a Church bell at an execution, as was formerly done at Bedford, Chester, and Worcester. At St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, in 1605, Robert Dowe "gave for ringing the greatest bell in this Church on the day the condemned prisoners were executed . . . for which services the sexton is paid £1 6s. 8d." The clerk or bellman of St. Sepulchre's went under Newgate on the night before an execution, and ringing his bell repeated a warning in a verse of eight lines, ending:—

"And when St. Sepulchre's bell to-morrow tolls,  
The Lord alone have mercy on your souls."

Another writer, however, says that the bell just rung was not one of the ring of ten bells there. Possibly it was the bell removed from Newgate Prison when it was pulled down, now at Madame Tussaud's; it is dated 1780.

In many parishes a "Gleaning Bell" used to be rung during harvest either in the morning only, or both morning and evening. The usual hours were 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.; but it was sometimes rung at 6 or 7 a.m., or at 5 or 7 p.m. Its object was to serve as a signal for the time when gleaning might begin, and when it must terminate; this was to give all—weak and old or young and active—a fair start and an equal chance. Under modern agricultural conditions gleaning has in many parts of England become a thing of the past, and it is now only in the corn-growing counties of the south and east of England that a Gleaning Bell is ever heard. In the Midland Counties, where pasture-land is now everywhere replacing corn-land, as for instance in Shropshire and Warwickshire, the custom has quite disappeared. On the other hand there were in 1905 seventeen instances of its use in Essex (and a much larger number some twenty or thirty years ago), 15 in Beds. and Herts., and ten each in Lincoln and Hunts. In Northants a "Seed-Sowing" bell was formerly rung at daybreak at Rushden, and a Harvest Bell at Moulton and Walgrave at 4 p.m. At Whittering in the same county, the Gleaning was rung by a man with a handbell. At Barrow-on-Humber, Lincolnshire, a Harvest Bell was rung at daybreak and in the evening. In 1713 the parish clerk was instructed to ring it every day from the beginning of Harvest to All Saints Day, for which he received two pecks of wheat at Easter.

In feudal days tenants had both to grind their corn in the manorial mill and to bake their bread in the manorial oven. In some parishes an "Oven Bell" used to be rung, to give warning that the manorial oven was heated and ready for use. In later days it survived, but with a different signification. When gleaning was over, an Oven Bell used to be rung at Keystone, Huntingdonshire, to let the housewives know that the parish oven was ready to bake the loaves made from the wheat they had gleaned. At Melton Mowbray notice was given by a man going through the streets and blowing a horn.

At St. Mary, Warwick, there is a small disused bell dated 1670, which is called the Fire Bell, and there is also one at Sleaford, Lincolnshire. But usually the ordinary bells served for the purpose of giving an alarm. The traditional way was to ring them backwards, as at St. Mary, Shrewsbury, and Barrow-on-Soar, Leicestershire; at Swaton, in Lincolnshire, they are "jangled." But in most cases one or two of the bells

used, as at Saffron Walden, and Thaxted, Essex, and in eleven Lincolnshire parishes. At the Guild Chapel, Stratford-upon-Avon, the great and the small bell are rung. At St. John the Baptist, Peterborough, the Priest's bell is only used for this purpose; it is also used at Lincoln (St. Peter-at-Arches) Horn-castle, and elsewhere. At St. Albans and at Hoddesdon, Herts., the town clock bell is used.

There are a few more uses of Church bells which hardly seem to come under any of the above headings. One is their use at the induction of a new incumbent of a parish, when he is supposed to take possession of his benefice by tolling one of the bells. There is an old superstition that the number of strokes tolled will correspond to the number of years he will remain in possession.

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## CHARLES' PAROCHIAL SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.

The annual meeting of this Society was held in Charles' belfry, the Rev. J. P. Baker presiding, supported by the Rev. E. S. Powell (Holbeton) and Captain C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I. The annual report showed a very successful year's work, under the able management of the leader, Mr. W. H. Marsh. The same officers were elected for the ensuing year as were in office during 8912.

During the meeting a double peal board recording the peals rung on Empire Day and Coronation Day, 1912, was unveiled.

A handsome peal book was also presented to the tower, in which is recorded all the peals rung on the bells of Charles' Church and all those rung by the Society, the records having been tastefully illuminated by Captain Jerram and his wife, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the great interest they have shown in the Society.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded the Rev. E. S. Powell for his work among the ringers, and for the assistance rendered by him, through his instruction, in obtaining the first Minor peal in seven methods ever rung in Devon.

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5024.

23456	M	W	H
*56423			
45623			
64523			
35426	-		
43526			
54326			
†54263	B		
25463			
42563			
65324	-	-	
26354		-	
35264		-	
23564			
52364			
46325	-	-	
53624	-		
62534		-	
56234			
25634			
63254		-	
42356	-		
34256			
23456			

\* The first course is called "Tenor," 5ths and 4ths and "Home."

† "Bob" Before in this course.

Contains the 6th her extent each way in 5-6. The 5024 is contained in 23 courses. Only the first of its kind with these properties.

5024.

23456	M	W	H
45236		-	-
24536			-
52436			-
63425	-	-	-
46325			-
53624	-		-
62534		-	-
56234			-
25634			-
*34625			-
62345		-	-
36245			-
23645			-
42635		-	
†42356	B		
35426		-	-
43526			-
54326			-
32546		-	-
53246			-
25346			-
34256		-	-
23456			-

\* This course is called "Tenor," 5ths and 4ths and "Home."

† "Bob" Before in this course.

This peal contains the 6th her extent "Home." 2-3 never in 6ths place at course-ends. The first 5024 in 23 courses only with these qualities.

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By C. JACKSON, Hull.

1913.

1234567

\*1243657  
2146375  
1264735  
2167453  
2614735  
6217453  
6124735  
1642375  
1463257

724563 1  
467235 3  
S254367 1  
542367 4  
425367 4  
674532 2  
256374 1  
352467 5  
523467 4

675342 2  
546723 3  
235674 2  
S362457 5  
743562 1  
367425 3  
543267 1  
435267 4  
354267 4  
673425 2  
546273 1  
245367 5  
452367 4

\* Backstroke. The last part twice repeated. Has twenty-four 6-7s at backstroke.

## 1260 BOB ROYAL.

By H. PRICE.

234567890 B 4ths IN H

234567089 -  
234567908 -  
423567890 -  
423567089 -  
423567908 -  
342567890 -  
234567890 -

## TWO DATE TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By C. JACKSON, Hull.

1913.

		Start with the same 6 changes.	
123456789		123456789	
213547698			
231456789			
321547698			
312456789		25364978	P
132547698			I 2 3
123457689		32564	- - -
		43265	- - S
25364978	P	54362	- - S
32564	9 in and 3	354	- - -
52463	8 9	435	- - -
42365	8 9	24365	- - S
234	7 8	52463	- - S
342	7 8	452	- - -
24563	8 9	245	- - -
54362	8 9	32465	- - S
435	7 8	53264879	- - -
354	7 8	45362	- - S
25463	8 9 S	24563	- - S
45362	8 9	524	- - -
34652	9 in and 3	35264	- - S
54263	8 9	43562	- - S
24365	8 9	543	- - -
434	7 8	354	- - -
324	7 8	23564	- - S
42563	8 9	42365	- - S
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342756	S 4
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537246	- I
735246	S 4
357246*	- 4
573246	- 4
375246	S 4
263475	S I
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257346	- 4
752346	S 4
527346	- 4
275346†	- 4
632475	S I
326475	- 4
243567	S 5
342567	S 4
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\* Queens. † Whittingtons.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

The half-yearly meeting of this branch was held at Milnthorpe, and proved very successful. About thirty ringers were present from Ambleside, Brathay, Burton, Broughton-in-Furness, Crosthwaite, Dalton-in-Furness, Kendal, Kirkby-in-Furness, Milnthorpe and Silverdale.

The new peal of six (tenor 10 cwt.) were raised about 2.30, and were kept going in various Minor methods till about 4 p.m., when the ringers adjourned for tea, after which the business meeting was held in the schoolroom.

The Rev. T. Heelis, Vicar of Crosthwaite, presided, and the annual meeting was fixed for Dalton-in-Furness in September, when it is expected there will be a new peal of eight available. It was also decided to hold two ringing meetings during the summer, the first at Broughton-in-Furness, on June 7th, and the second at Crosthwaite, on June 21st.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. Pickering (Vicar of Milnthorpe) for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. T. Heelis for presiding, was carried unanimously.

## ST. MARY ABBOTTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On February 19th, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. F. G. Symonds, J. R. Mackman, C. J. Dobbie, W. A. Garrard, W. G. Mathews, A. V. Selby, A. F. Harris, E. G. Stibbons, W. E. Garrard (conductor), H. G. Miles. On March 16th, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. E. G. Stibbons, J. R. Mackman, C. H. Dobbie, F. G. Symonds, W. A. Garrard, A. E. Bradley, C. Charge, A. V. Selby, W. E. Garrard (conductor), A. F. Harris.

## ST. PAUL'S GUILD, HAMMERSMITH.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Thursday, March 13th, at St. Paul's Church, 1280 Bob Major, in 50 mins. W. Stevens, H. Crooke, H. Stevens, H. Cook, R. Mackrill, C. Hunt, F. Skevington, G. Iles (conductor).

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Palm Sunday, March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Jackson, G. Garnett, J. W. Holme, H. Holme, R. Wimpering, H. Palmer, W. W. Wolstencroft, E. Barton. This is the treble ringer's first attempt at Grandsire, and he hails from Mossley.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. R. Dore, H. J. Gray, E. J. Newell, W. Irons, V. Neale (first quarter-peal as conductor), A. E. Creasey, G. Gray, A. Akers.

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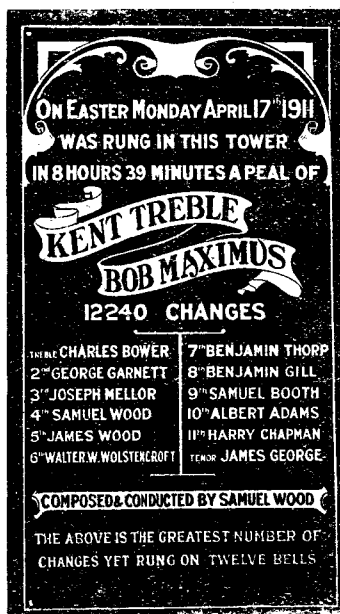
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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1913.

A correspondent sends us the following:—

I recently read two paragraphs of considerable interest and value to two committees who have each the restoration and provision of a peal of twelve bells in hand, and herewith enclose them for publication in "THE BELL NEWS" with the hope that some one concerned in these undertakings may bring influence to bear in the right quarter. No more dignified public work could be conceived than the provision of a suitable peal of twelve bells for a future Cathedral town, and out of a fortune of almost £25,000 surely one large bell could be furnished with the name of the late Mayor Cramphorn placed on it.

"Estate of the value of £49,983 was left by Alderman Thomas Cramphorn, lately Mayor of Chelmsford.

"He left shares in Cramphorn, Ltd., for the benefit of the deserving poor in Chelmsford, and a half share in freeholds at Maldon and £500 to Clacton-on-Sea for public improvements or hospital or education purposes.

"There are a number of bequests to employees of the company, with pensions of 5s. a week for some, to commence at fifty. Half of the residue of his estate he left for the building of a town hall for Chelmsford, or in the carrying out works or improvements most likely to advance the dignity of his native town."

I had the pleasure of ringing with a Mr. Burbage in 1907, and if any of his family happen to be descendants of the Richard Burbage mentioned in the paragraph quoted below, perhaps they will assist with a word in support of a "memorial bell" to the famous Shakespearian actor. The authorities at Shoreditch are possessed of limited means, and a poor district for raising funds, therefore the London Shakespeare League might very well consider the provision of a bell with the name of "Richard Burbage" upon it.

"To arrange for a memorial to Richard Burbage, who died about 1618, and other Shakespearian actors buried in Shoreditch Church, a committee has been formed of the London Shakespeare League. Contributions may be sent to Lady Gomme, 20, Marlborough Place, St. John's Wood, N.W."

## The Metropolis.

### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOS. HENRY HAWKINS* .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5
THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 2	FRANK I. HARRIS .. .. 6
WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. .. 3	GEORGE H. DAVNES .. .. 7
WILLIAM BEVEY .. .. 4	FREDERICK GOOCH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## The Provinces.

### PENDLETON—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH* .. .. Treble	THOMAS BOTTRILL .. .. 5
HARRY WILSON .. .. 2	*WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT .. 6
HARRY WASHBROOK* .. .. 3	*SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. .. 7
JOHN POTTER .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Division).

On Tuesday, March 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED HACKETT .. .. Treble	GEORGE WITHERS .. .. 5
ELIJAH WHITE .. .. 2	VICTOR WHITE .. .. 6
WILLIAM COLBY .. .. 3	WILLIAM H. WEBB .. .. 7
GEORGE N. COCKIN .. .. 4	M. HACKETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. WEBB.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, March 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. Treble	*GEORGE WALKER .. .. 7
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 8
FREDERICK DICKINS .. .. 3	THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 9
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 4	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 10
ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 11
JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. .. 6	JOHN NEAL .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal on twelve bells.

## BATTLE, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN SINDEN .. .. Treble	WALTER FRANKS .. .. 5
WALTER ALCOCK .. .. 2	WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. .. 6
FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. .. 3	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 7
PERCY CARTER* .. .. 4	HARRY DENMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WATSON.

\*First peal in the method.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(The Little Munden Society).

On Thursday, March 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

HENRY CARTER .. .. .Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS .. .. .4
FRED WILLIAMS .. .. .2	ALBERT CARTER .. .. .5
ARTHUR WOOLSTON .. .. .3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

TOM J. BUTLER .. .. .Treble	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. .. .5
A. VICTOR MORGAN .. .. .2	JOHN BUTLER .. .. .6
JOHN W. JONES .. .. .3	SIDNEY DAVE .. .. .7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. .. .4	FRED ATWELL .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by FRED ATWELL.

Rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Viscount Tredegar, Lord Lieutenant of the county (one of the noble 600 that rode in the Balaklava Charge), and who was interred that day at Bassaleg, near Newport.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST J. HUGHES* .. .. .Treble	SAMUEL COTTON .. .. .5
FRED H. DEXTER .. .. .2	R. HENRY BARHAM .. .. .6
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. .. .3	†ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .7
ARTHUR PETTITT .. .. .4	JOSEPH MORRIS .. .. .Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method as conductor. This composition is rung for the first time, and contains the 6th its extent in 4th and 6th at alternate course-ends. Rung on the occasion of a Confirmation Service by the Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD, AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. .Treble	ERNEST PYE .. .. .5
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. .2	RUBEN SANDERS .. .. .6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. .. .3	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. .7
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. .4	WILLIAM PYE .. .. .Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St Clements, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BASELEY .. .. .Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN .. .. .4
CHARLES SANDERS .. .. .2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. .. .5
JOHN HOUGH .. .. .3	DAVID L. COTTON .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by DAVID L. COTTON.

This peal was rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who leaves with the best wishes of his fellow-ringers, for Canada on the 26th inst.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE R.C. ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. JOHNSON'S VARIATION,

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JAMES E. GROVES .. .. .Treble	THOMAS MILLER .. .. .5
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. .2	JAMES L. WELLS .. .. .6
JOHN NEAL .. .. .3	JAMES GEORGE .. .. .7
SAMUEL GROVE .. .. .4	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS HUGHES* .. .. .Treble	GEORGE HUGHES .. .. .5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT* .. .. .2	*ALBERT BLUNDELL .. .. .6
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. .. .3	*JESSE SCREEN .. .. .7
ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. .4	*HORACE BELCHER .. .. .Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT\*, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

\*First peal in the method. This composition contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, without the 2nd a 6ths place bell.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS* .. .. .Treble	ALFRED DAVIES .. .. .5
VICTOR WHITE* .. .. .2	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. .6
JOHN BASS .. .. .3	GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. .7
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .4	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. .Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn and Rochdale Branches.)

On Saturday, March 15 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THOMAS WILSON .. .. .Treble	*HERBERT DAVENPORT .. .. .5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. .2	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. .. .6
WILLIAM CRABTREE .. .. .3	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. .. .7
ALFRED BROOKS .. .. .4	JOHN WATSON .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

\*First peal in the method.

MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(The Maldon and District Guild).

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine and Kent. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. FINCH .. .. .Treble	THOMAS C. GOZZETT .. .. .4
ALFRED SOUTH .. .. .2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. .. .5
HAROLD FINCH .. .. .3	FRED CHALK .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred South,

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs. in E.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. .. Treble	THOMAS BOTTRILL .. .. 5
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
JOSEPH LOWE .. .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7
HARRY WASHBROOK .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First in the method ever rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, and W. Wolstencroft is the only member of the local company.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Coventry, Worcester, London, Wells, Lichfield, Bristol, and Cambridge.

JAMES WALKY* .. .. Treble	WILLIAM WHEELDON .. .. 4
CHARLES PRESTON .. .. 2	ERNEST TIGWELL .. .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON .. .. 3	DANIEL PRESTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. E. WHEELDON.

\*First peal of Surprise. Rang as a birthday compliment to E. Tigwell.

MONNEWDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

HORACE BRIDGINGFIELD .. Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. .. 4
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. .. 2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN .. .. 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

The above peal was rung on the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wightman, of Creetingham, parents of the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th and tenor, and grandparents of the ringer of the 3rd.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
Southern Branch.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Conducted by A. ELLIS.

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

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SALREHURST (Sussex).—On Tuesday evening, March 10th this energetic band added another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins., to their credit; conducted by W. Franks, of Battle, who acted as coach to the band. J. Goodsell, E. Mills, H. Edwards (first quarter-peal), W. Cramp, T. Booth, W. Hoad, W. Franks, S. Goodsell. The above band, since taking up change-ringing seriously, have all accomplished their first quarter-peal in the method.

Handbell Peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9 1913, in Three Hours Twenty-seven and 1/2 Minutes,

AT 43, HEATH ROAD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5555 CHANGES.

HUBERT EDEN .. .. 1-2	E. MAURICE ATEINS .. 7-8
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 3-4	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 9-10
GEORGE E. HOWCHIN .. 5-6	FRANK L. MARTIN .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Thomas L. Simmons. The conductor has called a different peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques from each pair of bells, comprising in all 77,955 changes in 44 hrs. and 26 mins., and is the first person to call a peal from each pair of bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At George the Fourth, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

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GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3-4	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 9-10	

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Umpires—C. T. Coles and W. Hewett. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Grimes, mother of the ringer of 9-10.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Saturday, March 8th, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the landing of Queen Alexandra on English soil, which took place at the Royal Terrace Pier in this parish, within easy distance of the church, 720 Plain Bob. H. Argent, G. Ambrose, P. Ashenden, J. Burles, H. Holden, F. Mitchell (conductor). Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Argent, G. Ambrose, G. Jones, H. Holden, J. Burles, F. Mitchell (conductor). P. Ashenden and H. Holden hail from Meopham. On Palm Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. G. Collins, H. Argent, F. Hayes, J. Burles, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell (conductor). For evening service a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes) in six methods, viz.: Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, G. Collins, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor).

DEPTFORD, S.E.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1274 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. G. Bennington, W. H. Daynes, J. Law, H. E. White, F. W. Richardson, J. Crowder, E. B. Crowder (conductor), C. H. Manklin.

BOXLEY.—On Tuesday evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Sone, G. Foster, G. Burbridge, F. Sharp (conductor), G. Hadaway. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Pantony, W. Gosling, W. Hope, A. Baker, G. Pound, H. Sone (conductor). First 720 by 1 and 4. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Pantony, W. Gosling, W. Hope, A. Baker, W. Kilpatrick, G. Pound (conductor). First 720 by a local band for several years.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Palm Sunday, before and after Evensong, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, 450 and 287 Grandsire Caters, rung half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Right Rev. the Hon. Augustus Legge, Bishop of Lichfield, who died the previous day. H. Hawkswood, H. Mitchell, E. Darrall, T. O'Connor, A. Little, H. Farlow, W. G. Hall, B. Clark, H. Knight (conductor), E. Mitchell.

## Correspondence

*While gladly throwing our columns open for the discussion of subjects of interest, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.*

## LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

*To the Editor.*

SIR,—No one seems to have realised an serious objection to the presence of ladies in the belfry, and I can only suppose this to be because there is none to raise. "Plain Bob," in his letter of March 1st, makes the bald statement that ringers as a body do not welcome the advent of lady ringers and then says there are several reasons why this is so, each of which is sufficient, but does not advance a single one. Why does he hold them back? It puts one in mind of the schoolboy taunt, "I know, but I sha'n't tell you." If there are any reasons let us have them and be done with it. They can then be dealt with. The same writer, last week, says he intended to lay down and prove a series of propositions shewing why the presence of ladies in the belfry is undesired, but there again he stops—for lack of time. He, however, holds out a threat that at some time or the other he is going to take the matter up seriously, and then —! Even when he does take up the cudgels seriously he will not, he says, argue with the fathers, the husbands, the lovers of lady ringers, or with lady ringers themselves. But how will he know with whom he is arguing if they, like himself, write under a nom de plume. "Plain Bob" has, I fear, spoken before he was ready.

Our old friend Margetson waxes facetious over the name "Ladies Guild," and suggests that "Women's Guild" would have answered the purpose just as well. But, after all, what's in a name. The rest of his letter is pointless. If we are to exclude ladies from the belfry how can we allow them to take part in the more immediate services. In many places they form the major part of the choir, and in others the recognised choir is augmented by a number of ladies. This is surely a greater breach of the law laid down by St. Paul than ringing can be.

I know no reason whatever why our wives, our sisters, and our sweethearts should not take a string with us, any more than they should be excluded from the other organisations in a parish. We are quite willing to allow ladies to take the lion's share of the drudgery in connection with the various guilds, societies and committees belonging to the Church; why, then, should we debar them from membership of the ringing societies, and so prevent them from taking part in an exercise which we men look upon as a pleasure. It is a healthy recreation to us, then why not to our wives and sweethearts and sisters. The very fact that they are anxious to have a place in the belfry should be hailed with delight, as evidence that a great change has taken place in the conduct of ringers as a body. Not so very long ago there were happenings in our belfries to which we dare not introduce our lady friends, which even kept many men out; but these are things of the past, and will never return. Until some good reason is shewn to the contrary let us give those ladies who wish it a share in the pleasure we so much enjoy, and a helping hand in the attainment of their highest aims. Wishing the Ladies Guild every success,

Yours etc.,

TREBLE BOB.

SIR,—Why should the floors of our belfries be invaded by the female sex? Surely there are outlets enough for their surplus energy, and ways and means of obtaining

recreation other than the strenuous work of tower bell ringing. Men find it an arduous task to ring a heavy tenor through a peal, and it can be no less to those of the opposite sex: but I suppose they will confine their attentions to the lighter end. Women are admittedly less robust and less able to bear heavy work than are men, and they ought not to be encouraged in a task likely to put an undue strain on them. Why does woman seek to push herself in wherever man is to be found? It can only be their love of notoriety. But the novelty will soon wear off, and then exit the Ladies Guild. The place of a woman is in the home, not gallivanting about the country seeking notoriety at the end of a bell-rope. Women, young, middle-aged, or otherwise, require some recreation, but not of the sort we get in the belfry. It bodes ill for the coming generations that the women of the present day are setting themselves out to vie with men in almost everything. What will the homes of England be like when a generation or two of pleasure-seeking notoriety-loving women have had the bringing-up of her children. Will it make for a better England? I trow not.

Yours etc.

MAXIMUS.

SIR,—I have read your correspondence for the last few weeks, and I am disgusted to find men signing themselves "Plain Bob" and "Grandsire." and I think such men as these, who fire from behind a wall are not worthy of the space in your valuable paper, much less so when women are the enemy. Their views are very selfish. I have two daughters, whom I intend teaching the Art of Change-ringing, as I think it is a splendid exercise. Any young woman who is a ringer may have a cordial invitation to Lightcliffe, and I assure you all our band will welcome her. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are putting a new ring of eight bells into Northowram new church, and we are already instructing a band of young men for the same. I will give an invitation to any female ringer here for the opening of the bells, the date of which will appear in "THE BELL NEWS" a few months hence.

Yours etc.,

ALBERT JAGGER.

Whitehall Street,  
Hepperholme, Halifax.  
March 11th, 1913.

## THE SURPRISE METHODS.

*To the Editor.*

\*SIR,—Mr. Law James has one word for the arguments of those he happens to disagree with—they are arbitrary: his, presumably, are natural; theirs are based always on foolish fancies. his are grounded in eternal truth. But when one has had considerable experience of controversy with him (and who more than I), one speedily finds that when he tells you that your ideas are arbitrary it often means that he has not taken the trouble to understand your arguments, or that he does not happen to agree with your conclusions. Now Mr. James is a very clever man. I really do admire him in many ways, and I am not saying this to "damn with faint praise." But he has many and serious limitations, and the tragic part is that he does not know it. What Gladstone said of Macaulay, that "his mind was hermetically sealed against part of the truth" might almost be said of Mr. James. Especially this is true, that he—he that professes to work on scientific lines alone—cannot by any chance understand a piece of pure logic. I am sorry to have to deal faithfully with one that I have worked with for so many years, but in the interests of truth I must "smite him friendly." There is one thing of which, on his own confession, he knows little or nothing. That is the general laws that govern the extension of a method. He says that he does not think that they exist, which really means that he has not discovered any for

himself, and, consequently, does not believe anyone else has. I have given much thought for many years to the matter, and I wrote out the results, the thing running to several hundred pages of ms., and sent it to Mr. James. He says he does not agree with it. My dear sir, he never understood it; he never gave it a chance. He fell over himself, so to speak, in his eagerness to criticise it, and could scarce endure to read to the end of a sentence before he contradicted it. Incidentally I dealt with the extension of Superlative. I am not going to repeat the argument; it is too long and too complicated. But I will just mention two points on which any average ringer may decide for himself.

1. Superlative Major is derived from Cambridge Major. The problem of Superlative Royal is, therefore, to get a ten bell method from Cambridge Royal in the same way that Superlative on eight is got from Cambridge on eight. The answer is that it cannot be done.

2. The thirds place bell in Superlative Major and in Cambridge on all numbers hunts up, Treble Bob fashion, in front of the treble, lies under her, and hunts down after her. This bell takes a very important place in the construction of the method. In Shipway's and in Mr. James's versions she makes places. The man that can justify that can justify anything. Yours etc.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

#### TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Blakesley, about thirty ringers being present from Cold Higham, Bradden, Lois Weedon, Easton Neston, Greens Norton, Weston Favell, Northampton, and the local tower. Tea was partaken of at the Red Lion Inn, and a short business meeting was afterwards held, with Mr. J. S. Constable in the chair, supported by Mr. Wilford (Secretary of the Central Northants. Association). A letter of apology for non-attendance was read from Mr. Slark. A vote of thanks to the Rev. F. H. Mentha, who was unable to attend, was carried unanimously.

Mr. H. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and in the course of his remarks said he was very pleased to see that several belfries in the district were taking up the art of change-ringing, and making good progress with it. The vote was seconded by Mr. F. Hooper, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman, in reply, said he was much interested in bell ringing, and pleased to do what he could to assist ringers. He knew it was a rather difficult matter to keep a good band together in their belfry, but if only they would stick to their work he saw no reason why they should not have another bell put in to make the six. He could assure them that he would soon make a move in the matter if he saw there was a likelihood of a good band of ringers.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, and Stedman Doubles.

BETHNAL GREEN.—At the Parish Church of St. Matthew, on Sunday morning, March 16th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Hughes, W. Truss, W. Theobald, G. L. Joyce, T. Cranfield, J. Moule, R. Sanders, H. Torble (conductor).

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#### OBITUARY.

##### HARRY CUTTS (ROYSTON, YORKS.)

The death of the above named ringer took place on Sunday, March 9th, at the age of 54, after a painful and lingering illness. He leaves a family of two daughters and a number of grandchildren. The interment took place on Thursday, March 13th, at Royston Cemetery, the Burial Service being taken by the Vicar, who also added an address bearing on the character and life of deceased, chiefly in regard to his patience, industry, and great attachment to the Church, and his skill as a ringer. Muffled peals were rung by the local and other ringers. Harry Cutts was one whom all neighbouring ringers delighted to meet. He was deeply learned in the higher flights of Treble Bob Minor; always doing good, the whiles helping lame dogs over stiles.

##### WILLIAM J. BAKER (ROCHESTER, KENT).

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William J. Baker, a well-known ringer of Rochester. The sad event took place on Sunday morning, March 9th, at the age of fifty-six. Although he had been in poor health for several years, suffering from bronchitis and chest trouble, he only laid up just over a week. He was for more than thirty-eight years a ringer at St. Margaret's Church and the Cathedral, Rochester, his native city. Mr. Baker was a cooper by trade, and of a very cheerful disposition, but never married. As a ringer, he was very reliable, a good striker, and had a fine ear. Though he had not taken part in many peals, it was not for want of enthusiasm, but his health that prevented him. As far as we know, he only rang in eight peals as follows: Grandsire Triples 3, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 1; Treble Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Major 1; Superlative Surprise Major 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 1. These Surprise peals were the first to be rung by the Kent County Association, of which he was a member from its institution. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The interment took place at St. Margaret's Cemetery on Saturday, March 15th. The first part of the service was taken in the Church, the Vicar of St. Margaret's (Rev. W. K. Wilson), officiating. He was followed to the grave by his four brothers, several relatives and friends; the ringers of St. Margaret's and others from the Cathedral and Gillingham Churches. In the evening, at the Church, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect.

May he rest in peace.

W. H.

##### WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL AND ST. PAUL'S.

Sir Francis Fox, addressing a body of engineering students at Manchester on "The saving of Winchester Cathedral," described the work done there, and incidentally remarked that a piece of the oak used in the foundations, in 1079, was sound and hard after all its centuries of burial in the earth or immersion in the water. He had presented it to Sir Alfred Hopkinson, Vice-Chancellor of the Manchester University, for the Museum. He also referred briefly to the danger which has threatened St. Paul's. The dome and the frame of the dome had sunk six inches, and in sinking the dome has torn itself away from the buttresses. There is a distinct movement, although there is no danger, still, if the authorities wished to preserve the building for future generations it must be brought to rest, which it is not at the present time.

The mother church of Stourbridge, St. Mary's, Oldswinford, has just had restored to her the old font which was used in the church for many centuries, and which disappeared, probably at the time the church was rebuilt in the early forties. For many years the font has been used as a flower vase in a Stourbridge garden, near to a rockery composed of the mutilated remains of the stone tracery from the windows of the old church.

Various internal improvements are in progress at St. Saviour's Church, Bristol, including a reredos, a wrought iron screen in the chancel arch, and a sounding-board over the pulpit.

At Twywell Church a two-light window in the chancel has been filled with stained glass as a memorial. The subjects are "The three women at the Tomb" and "Our Lord's appearance to St. Mary Magdalene."

The Cathedral Church of St. Dunstan, at Charlottetown, in the diocese of Prince Edward Island, has been totally destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at 250,000 dollars. The cathedral took ten years to build.

At Windsor, on Tuesday, the bells of St. George's Chapel and the Parish Church were rung in celebration of the 65th birthday of Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll). A royal salute of 21 guns was fired at noon in the Long Walk.

A silk banner presented to the Vicar of St. Mark's, Peterborough (Rev. R. E. Roberts) by the congregation, to commemorate his recent marriage, has been dedicated by the assistant Bishop of Peterborough.

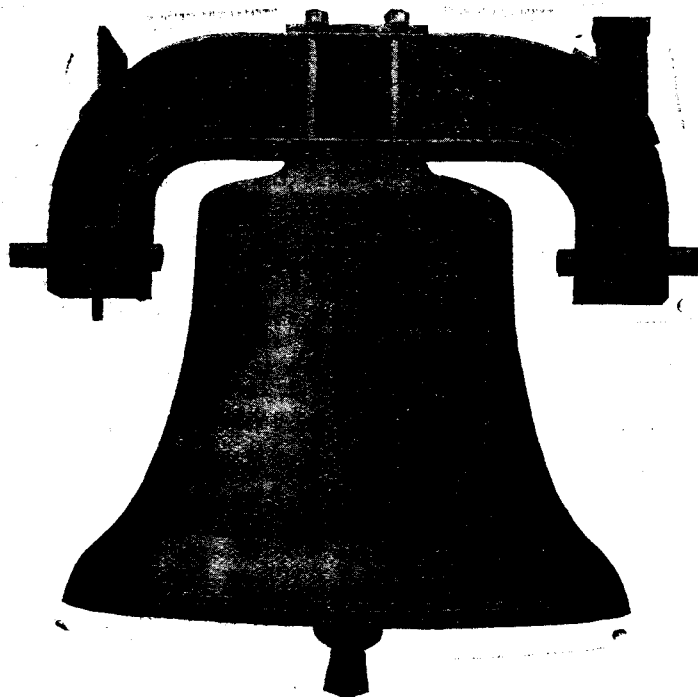
Dr. Augustus Legge, Bishop of Lichfield, died suddenly on Saturday last. His peaceful death harmonised well with his gentle thoughtful, but strenuous life. His work will live after him, for it was as thorough as it was unostentatious, and always regardless of self. Those who knew him well knew also that when his devoted and much-loved wife died some two years ago, his earthly ties seemed broken; he never complained, and carried on his work and hers; but it is certain that the summons hence must have been very welcome to a tired though to the last active servant of the Lord. Dr. Legge, a son of the fourth Earl of Dartmouth, was born in 1839. Educated at Eton and Oxford, after a course of study at Lichfield Theological College he was ordained by the then Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. Lonsdale). For many years he was in London, and in 1891 was nominated by Lord Salisbury to the Bishopric of Lichfield, in succession to Dr. MacLagan, translated to York. The interment took place on Thursday afternoon, in the Cathedral Close, Lichfield, among those present being the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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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 the 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th. Also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, by kind permission of the Rev. C. M. Harvey, on Saturday, March 29th. A service will be held at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, 7d. each with meeting to follow. The business will include the election of a new President, and any alteration of the rules consequent thereon, to make it effective. The following towers will be open for ringing; St. John the Baptist (10), from 2 p.m., and St. Andrew's (8) from 3 p.m. All are welcome.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.  
Church Road, Heston.

C. T. COLES, } Hon. Secs.  
H. C. CHANDLER, }

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Colchester on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter's (8), which have recently been recast, and All Saints (5) will be available from 11 o'clock till 7. Tea, 1s. each, followed by meeting, will be held in the Parish Room adjoining St. Peter's at 4.30.

Sandpit Road, Braintree.

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, Dis. Sec.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting will be held at Walsall on Easter Monday. Bells available—St. Matthew's (10) and Rnsball (6), from 11 a.m. Rnsball tower—penny tram from The Bridge. Short service at St. Matthew's Church at 4 Tea at 4.30 in Masonic Hall, High Street, 1s. each. General Meeting to follow.

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The thirty-first annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, March 24th. The bells at St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mark's, and St. John's will be available for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee Meeting at 3 o'clock in the High Cross Coffee House, followed by tea (1s. each), and General Meeting at 4 o'clock. The towers will be closed during the time of tea and meeting.

Cotgrave, Notts.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

**The Hertford County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, March 23rd. Towers open at 2 p.m. St. Peter's (10), Cathedral (8), St. Stephen's (6), and St. Michael's (6). Ringing can be had upon the peals of 6 earlier in the day by communicating direct to respective conductors. Service in the Cathedral (choral) at 5 p.m., with short address by the Rev. Canon Lord William Gascoigne Cecil, Rector of Hatfield. Tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute adjoining, immediately after service, for election of officers and other business. Secretaries are asked to communicate the probable number of their band attending by first post on Easter Monday, to enable satisfactory tea arrangements to be made. All ringers welcome. Meat tea 6d. each to members, others 1s. 4d. each.

"Duffield," St. Albans.

G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Stourbridge on Easter Monday, March 24th. Service, with address by the Rev. Stanhope Newland, Vicar, in St. Thomas' Church, at 1.45 prompt. General Meeting in the Forester's Hall, High Street, at 2.30. Bells available: St. Thomas (8); Oldswinford (8); and Wollaston (6). Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, March 19th. Subscriptions should be paid to the Branch Secretaries, and Reports obtained in the choir vestry, between 12 and 1. The peal book will also be on view there.

Bransford, Worcester.

J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 24th, at Epsom. Both towers—St. Martin's and Christ Church—will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Martin's at 5 p.m. Business meeting after.

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CYRIL F. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fareham on Easter Monday, March 24th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea at Foster's Temperance Hotel at 6 o'clock. Meeting after.

Fareham.

J. WHITTING, Dis. Sec.

**Peterborough and District Association.**—A meeting will be held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday. Bells—St. Mary's (8), and All Saints (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea at Plumb's, Confectioner, 9d. each. Meeting in St. Mary's Room. Short service at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

F. T. COOKE, Hon. Sec.

195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—The Annual General Meeting will take place at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday March 24th. Service with address by the Rev. H. B. Woolley, of Long Stanton, will be held in St. James's Church at 3 p.m. Bells available—St. James's (10), St. Mary's (8), Horringer (8), Rongbam (6), Great Barton (6), Fornham St. Martin (6). Dinner, followed by usual business meeting will be held at the Suffolk Hotel at 1.15 p.m., 1s. to members, 2s. to non-members.

T. R. DENNIS, General Secretary

33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held in Bedford on Easter Monday. Committee Meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 11. Dinner at All Hallows' Mission Room at 1. General Meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's (10), will be available except from 11 to 12, and from 5 to 6; and at St. Peter's (6) except from 3.30 to 5.30.

A. RUST, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, Br. Sec.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The Committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. Motions for the Agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.

5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

ALBERT E. REEVES, Secretary.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired to welcome the new Vicar of Eccles on the above date.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

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

J. HEMMING, Branch Secretary.

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**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday April 5th. Committee Meeting at 5 o'clock. Tea at 6 p.m. Service in Church at 7.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. A. Smith, 151, Newfield Terrace, High Street, Tunstall, not later than April 2nd, of how many intend to be present.

REV. JOHN REAY, } Hon. Secs.  
J. JOHNSON, }

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT LEICESTER.

We are requested to state that the use of the smoke-room of "The Earl Grey," Ashwell Street, (opposite St. John-the-Divine), is reserved for members and friends throughout the day, with handbells and piano; and for a smoker for them in the evening.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, March 16th, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, on the occasion of a visit in state of Alderman Humpfrey and the Common Council of the Tower Ward of the City of London, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 52 mins. T. King, A. H. Palmer, C. T. Coles (conductor), E. E. Grimes, R. N. Ranham, J. A. Trollope, J. E. Davis, A. W. Grimes (conposer).

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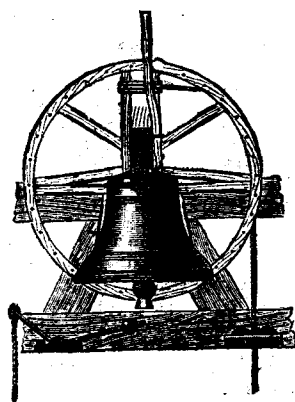
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