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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

When a subject becomes one for general discussion it may fairly be anticipated that some good may result. This we hope will be the outcome of the publicity which is now being given to the matter of excessive peal ringing in populous areas. The matter has been debated before, but it is one which it is well not to lose sight of, and it is given the more prominence at this moment by the lead which Sir Arthur Heywood, the President of the Central Council, is taking. He admits that in thickly populated districts the overdoing of peal ringing is a real danger to the Exercise. Sir Arthur has emphasised the point in speeches both at Birmingham and Leicester recently, and, coming from one in his position, the warning must carry weight. Mr. Arthur King, presiding at the meeting of the Middlesex Association on Saturday, also touched on the same matter. He ably championed the cause of the peal ringer, and, in reply to the advice that is always so readily given that ringers should show consideration for others, he pointed out that ringers are ever considerate, for they would always willingly forego their practice when appealed to in case of illness near a church.

With that view everyone will be in agreement. No ringer would for a moment desire to pursue his pleasure, at the expense of a fellow creature on a bed of sickness, but we think Sir Arthur Heywood's comments are designed to touch a wider state of affairs than this. There are towers—we need not go out of London to find them—where a great deal of ringing goes on. At one, for instance, three peals were recently rung within the space of about a month, and that in the heart of the great city. For our part we do not in the least lay blame upon anyone. The ringers belonged to different associations. Each in turn had applied for the bells, and, having been granted the use of them, naturally made the most of the opportunity.

But all this does not alter the fact that in such districts there grows up among an unappreciative public an opposition to the bells which it is difficult to allay, and while the real objectors may now be small in numbers, they might not find it difficult to win over to their opinion many others who are at present indifferent, and thus, perhaps, raise such a very considerable opposition that church authorities would feel bound to take notice of it. Sir Arthur Heywood's desire is to counsel moderation, before things have the opportunity of reaching this undesirable pass, and those who have the best interest of the Exercise at heart will agree with him, as they also will with Mr. King when he emphasises the need for judgment and tact, and the importance of give and take in these matters. Where there is genuine reason for complaint let it be met by ringers in a spirit of goodwill, and all will be well.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE!
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

SAMUEL GROVE Treble	REV. E. V. COX 6
FREDERICK DICKENS 2	REUBEN HALL 7
HORACE BELCHER 3	JESSE SCREEN 8
JAMES E. GROVES 4	THOMAS H. REEVES 9
JOSEPH WALKER 5	*THOMAS FIELDHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Dr. Augustus Legge, Bishop of Lichfield, and patron of the above society.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5171 CHANCES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 6
BENJAMIN C. DIXON 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3	JOSEPH E. KEEN 8
JOHN FLINT 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9
THOMAS T. GOFTON 5	ROBERT RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

John Holman hails from Sheffield and John Flint from Bolsover. They were elected members of the above Association before starting.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six-and-a-half Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lbs., in E flat.

HENRY F. EWINS Treble	ARTHUR D. BARKER 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	FRANCIS E. DAWE 7
*CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
ROBERT W. GREEN 4	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 9
DAVID WRIGHT 5	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

* First peal on ten bells.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	JOHN W. JONES 6
JESSE GILLET 2	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 3	ARTHUR S. BOAR 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9
FRANK MORGAN 5	GEORGE CONDICK Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS, and
Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

FRED G. MAY Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 6
ALBERT STOWELL 2	HENRY B. BURT 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8
FREDERICK W. WADE 4	HENRY T. HOWELL 9
CHARLES PERRY 5	ISAAC LONG Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

F. G. May's fiftieth peal as conductor on St. Nicholas' bells.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

*GEORGE A. JOWETT Treble	†PERCY J. JOHNSON 6
MARK TATE... .. 2	JAMES MOORHOUSE 7
ALBERT SCOTT 3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 8
GEORGE HINSLEY 4	THOMAS R. HENSHER 9
JOSEPH BROADLEY 5	WALTER PEAKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells and first attempt.
† First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells away from treble.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. WHITE Treble	FREDERICK WEBB 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR. 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE 7
FRANK WEBB 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SENR. 8
*J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
WILLIAM JUDGE... .. 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SENR.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Charles Hounslow, of Oxford.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*ISAAC PURSER Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 6
ALBERT LITTLE 2	ALFRED DAVIES 7
JOHN BASS... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
GEORGE HUGHES 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
GEORGE PIGOTT 5	HORACE BELCHER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters with a working bell. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. The above was rung after meeting short for Bob Maximus. This composition is No. 12 on Carter's Broadsheet.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILEY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS JACKSON Treble	REV. ARTHUR T. BEESTON 6
WILLIAM JACKSON 2	THOMAS BOTTRILL 7
HIRAM MEAKIN 3	GEORGE D. WARBURTON 8
HAROLD JACKSON... .. 4	RICHARD NEWTON 9
WILLIAM LOWERY 5	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

This peal is the first of a series of farewell peals, arranged for Richard Newton, who is shortly leaving the district for America.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

REGINALD BROUGH Treble	CHARLES F. WHITE... .. 5
HAROLD BURTON 2	JAMES HUNT 6
FRANK BENNETT... .. 3	WILLIAM SHIMMANS... .. 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung for the festival of Easter after meeting short for Treble Ten.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*THOMAS R. PERCIVAL ... Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3	JOHN FLINT 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the new bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PHILIP ALLFREY Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
ALBERT D. STONE 2	RICHARD STREDWICK 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*CECIL THOMAS Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
†ROBERT NOAKES 2	BERT CHALLEN... .. 6
EDMUND H. LINDUP ... 3	HENRY STALHAM 7
†ERNEST MARSH... .. 4	HARRY SAMSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to Rev. Blanchard.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN JOYCE Treble	JOB A. ROSS 5
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD... 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	WILLIAM JOYCE... .. 7
JAMES COTTERELL 4	THOS. B. KENDALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM JOYCE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and on the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Chas. Pratt, of Calverley. It was also the anniversary of the re-opening of the bells after their re-hanging.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*GEORGE WILBURN Treble	*DAVID ENGLAND 5
ARTHUR W. JACKSON ... 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
*EDWARD PURDY... .. 3	MARK TATE 7
CHARLES W. KING 4	JOSEPH DRAKE Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal. A. W. Jackson was proposed a member of the Association before starting. This is the first peal to originate from the monthly district practices begun ten months ago.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

T. H. PARKIN Treble	C. H. BIRD 5
N. SHORT 2	H. STRICKLAND... .. 6
T. P. HOCKNELL... .. 3	H. OLIVER... .. 7
J. E. SMITH... .. 4	G. VAMPLEW Tenor

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

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

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES ;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
THOMAS JENNION 2	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
THOMAS MURRAY 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
HENRY FYLES 4	EDWIN BREESE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Jennion and Fyles
were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*CECIL DENNING... .. Treble	*ERNEST STANDEN 5
*WILLIAM FISHER 2	THOMAS E. FRANCIS 6
GEORGE FISHER... .. 3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
FRED ILEY 4	†GEORGE JONES Tenor

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples. Rung as a
birthday compliment to W. Fisher. All the above are members of the
Congresbury band except Messrs. Chamberlain and Iley, who hail
from Burnham and Huntspill respectively.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS 5
ERNEST E. LANHAM 2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
GEORGE WHITING 4	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr. 5
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr. 6
WILLIAM H. J. HOLIFIELD 3	JAMES W. WILKINS 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	GORDON CAUDWELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

* First peal,

CARSHALTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... Treble	ALFRED CLAYTON 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 6
ALFRED BOXALL 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	FREDERICK TILLEY Tenor

Conducted by WM. S. SMITH.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS... .. Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
*JAMES HEMMING 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6
JOHN BASS 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
WILLIAM POTTER 4	JACOB WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt., in F sharp.

HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE 5
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 2	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	CHARLES TRIBE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt., in D.

ROBERT EDWARDS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
ROBERT J. DAWE 4	ARCHIBALD ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

GOUDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
FRANK BENNETT... .. 2	*EDWIN LAMBERT 6
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 3	*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 7
ROBERT J. DAWE 4	CHARLES TRIBE... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT WALLWORK ... Treble	JOHN WELSBY 5
GEORGE PINCOTT 2	ALFRED POTTER 6
HARRY CHAPMAN 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD, Junr. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES ;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
*T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
HAROLD BURTON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SENR., and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM THORLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM SMITH 5
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	WILLIAM TRIGG 7
WILLIAM GOSLING, Senr. 4	JOHN OLDHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

* First peal away from the tenor. Mr. W. Gosling, senr., hails from Mansfield, and is 86 years of age. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Arthur Robbins, R.N., and Miss Sarah Anne Pervin; and Mr. Thomas Marshall and Miss Clara Yates.

MERTHYR TYDVIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TYDVIL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM MORGAN ... Treble	ALBERT HUNT 5
CHARLES PALEY 2	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN 6
EDWARD THOMAS... .. 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER... .. 7
FRANK CHAVE 4	P.C. JOHN E. COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the 3rd, who is leaving for Canada, and is one of the oldest members of the band; also as a birthday peal for the conductor.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

JOSEPH LAW Treble	THOMAS HY. HAWKINS ... 5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6
*FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 7
*ALFRED G. BENNINGTON... 4	*FREDK. H. GOOCH ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Hy. Hawkins.

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

On Thursday, March 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

COX'S SIX-PART Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED COLCLOUGH ... Treble	JOHN A. BROWN 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	JAMES ADAMS 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
CHRIS. WALLATER 4	THOMAS JUSTICE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BROWN.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. J. Rogers upon his retirement from the office of people's warden, after eleven years' faithful service. Also as a compliment to Mr. F. Coleclough, on the eve of his 31st birthday. Messrs. Baker, Grinsell and Gough belong to Coseley, Wallater and Adams to Willenhall, the remainder to Bilston. J. A. Brown was elected a member of the Stafford Society previous to starting for the peal.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

CLEMENT MORE... Treble	GEORGE ARCHER 5
*ARTHUR R. SOWDEN... 2	WILLIAM IRELAND 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	ELLIS HAYWARD 7
WILLIAM ROSE 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (formerly of Diss), and
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

* First peal in the method. Messrs. Clover and Rose hail from Thornham Magna.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES ;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN EMERY Treble	ALFRED WOODROW 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 3	FERRIS SHEPHERD, SENR. 7
WILLIAM A. WOODROW ... 4	ERNEST W. MARSH... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the tenor, who hails from Plymouth, and was elected a member before starting.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES ;

WM. H. JOINER Treble	JOHN S. DANIELS 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	THOMAS STEERS 6
FRANK HOLDER 3	ALBERT CALVER 7
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 4	WM. S. SMITH Tenor

Composed by R. FLEMING, and
Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

ORMESBY.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEBMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK LAVERICK ... Treble	*THOMAS LANCASTER ... 5
*CYRIL POLLARD 2	WILLIAM BROADLEY... 6
JOHN GEORGE HALL 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
WILLIAM HOLMES 4	THOMAS LEYBOURNE... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal of Stedman.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lbs.

SIDNEY GRIDLEY Treble	ARTHUR MAXIM... .. 5
THOMAS CHINERY 2	FREDERICK INCH 6
WALTER P. GRIDLEY... .. 3	ARTHUR TAYLOR 7
G. BERNARD WARD 4	SAMUEL EVANS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and
Conducted by T. EVANS.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells, and rung at the first attempt.

QUEENSBURY, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE, AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
JAMES COTTERELL 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6
JOE HARDCASTLE... .. 3	FRED SALMON 7
JONAS S. AMBLER 4	JOHN W. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Wright, wife of the tenor ringer. The ringers were entertained to a tea and social at their residence after the peal and a hearty vote of thanks, with congratulations, was accorded to the host and hostess for their hospitality.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES ;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

*CHARLES CHURCH Treble	*GEORGE FLEMING 5
*ALBERT FLEMING 2	*GEORGE BENNETT 6
REV. WM. C. PEARSON 3	*GEORGE FARNISH 7
*SIDNEY W. PILGRIM 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by DR. F. E. W. MEADOWS, and
Conducted by THOMAS W. LAST.

* First peal in this method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*REGINALD BROUGH 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM HILLMAN Treble	HORACE TULETT 5
HARRY EVANS 2	BERT CHALLEN 6
ARTHUR ARNELL... .. 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP... .. 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	JOHN JERVIS Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

B. Challen hails from Shoreham.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHESHUNT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs.

DAVID TUCKER Treble	HENRY CORNWELL 5
*GEORGE ANDREWS 2	HENRY G. ROWE 6
GEORGE MAXIM... .. 3	*HORACE SIMMONS 7
FRANK JELF 4	ROBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal by a local band, and rung at the first attempt. This is the conductor's 120th peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES ;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

ARTHUR G. JANES Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 5
*J. H. R. FREEBORN 2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JOHN EVANS 7
JOHN GRANSBURY 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 30, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES ;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	RICHARD PILGRIM 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 2	GEORGE ABLITT 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
PETER LAFLIN 4	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

CAVERSHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 31, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES ;

HENRY SIMMONDS Treble	JOSEPH HANDS 5
*WILLIAM J. PAICE 2	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 6
HUBERT HATTO 3	HENRY SMITH 7
CHARLES STONE 4	ERNEST W. MENDAY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by ERNEST W. MENDAY.

* First peal of Cambridge.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble	GEORGE FINCH 4
LESTER GRAY 2	ROBERT MILES 5
HENRY PUTTOCK... .. 3	WILLIAM REEVE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PUTTOCK.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BARROW ... Treble	*GEORGE DANN 4
*JOHN BRETT 2	OLIVER COLLINS 5
CHARLES BRETT 3	ARTHUR R. MILES ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt. Rung on the eve of the marriage of Miss Ethel Collins (eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Collins), and Mr. George Murrey (second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Murray), of Reading.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

WILLIAM J. GILBERT... Treble	ARTHUR PETTIT... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WALTER GILBERT 5
PEARL INSKIP 3	GEORGE LINES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LINES.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. T. Watson.

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

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire Minor, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE C. COLLINS ... Treble	JACK BURLES 4
*GEORGE A. JONES 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
GUY R. AMBROSE 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells by an entirely local company. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of Milton (the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.).

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven different 720's, viz.:—One of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN... Treble	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... 4
FREDERICK KILBORN 2	SAMUEL BURDITT 5
WALTER T. WILSON 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The ringers of the 2nd and 5th are members of the local company and this is their first peal in more than one method, and their first attempt for a 720 in two of the methods. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. S. Burditt who came forward on meeting short for seven methods.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

JOSEPH SADDINGTON ... Treble	PEARL INSKIP 4
ARTHUR PETTIT 2	HARRY MEADOWS 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	GEORGE LINES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LINES.

ELSTREE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR TITMUSS... Treble	CHARLES JEFFS... .. 4
JAMES PAYNE, JUNR. 2	RICHARD CHALKLEY... .. 5
JOHN MALYAN 3	FREDERICK JEFFS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the tenor.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Plain Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

H. COOK Treble	T. ROLFE 4
G. MEE 2	E. RIVERS 5
H. MEE 3	H. G. WELHAM... Tenor

Conducted by T. ROLFE.

FOUR PEALS IN A DAY.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs.

WILLIAM J. WOOD ... Treble	WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 4
CECIL BISHOP 2	WILLIAM NYE 5
JAMES NYE 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was started at 6.50 a.m.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WOOD ... Treble	WILLIAM NYE 4
CECIL BISHOP 2	JAMES NYE... .. 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was started at 10.20 a.m.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WOOD ... Treble	JAMES NYE... .. 4
WILLIAM T. HYLAND... .. 2	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 5
WILLIAM NYE 3	CECIL BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was started at 2.45 p.m.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 4
WILLIAM NYE 2	JAMES NYE 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND... .. 3	CECIL BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was started at 6.50 p.m. W. J. Wood hails from Queensborough, W. H. B. Wilkins from Sheerness, W. and J. Nye from Rodmersham, W. T. Hyland and C. Bishop from Upchurch. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the several clergy for granting the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY.

On Sunday, March 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WALTER RADLEY 1-2	ARTHUR E. MOORE... .. 5-6
FREDERICK G. DEWELL 3-4	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 7-8

Composed by G. CROSS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.
Umpire: HARRY MOORE.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
IN THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

A. ELY 1-2	H. TURNER 5-6
W. W. KEMP 3-4	*J. HUNT 7-8

Composed by A. T. KING, and
Conducted by H. TURNER.
Umpire: W. GOODSHIP.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell compliment to W. Kemp who is leaving for Lexden, Colchester.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 1-2	ARTHUR HAGUE 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	WILFRED LLOYD 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpires: L. BRIGHTMAN and C. RYDER.

First peal and first attempt by Miss Hague, who is the first lady to ring a peal for the Association, and who was heartily congratulated on the way she manipulated her bells throughout.

The time of the peal at Leatherhead on March 15th was 3 hours 10 minutes, not 3 hours 18 minutes as stated.

SWANMORE.—Winchester Guild. — At St. Barnabas Church, on Easter Day, for early service, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor: G. Laishley 1, F. Hoar 2, W. Cooper 3, E. Jacobs 4, H. Ainsley 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6. For afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Harris (first 720) 1, E. Jacobs 2, A. Millard 3, G. Laishley 4, H. Ainsley 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: W. Linter, junr., 1, F. Hoar 2, G. Laishley 3, A. Millard 4, H. Ainsley 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 College Single Minor: H. Ainsley 1, E. Jacobs 2, W. Cooper 3, G. Laishley 4, A. Millard 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A REMINDER TO MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I remind all whom it may concern that time is on the wing, and that when these words appear in print there will be left but one brief week before notices of motion, reports of committees, and other matter in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the Council should be in my hands, the last day for the receipt of these being Saturday, April 12th, as duly notified in the preliminary notice published in these columns in the first two or three weeks of the year?

Of 40 affiliated Associations, at the moment of writing only 21 have paid affiliation fees. I earnestly request hon. secretaries of the remaining ones to forward the desired postal orders as soon as they can possibly do so.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Frotherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

A SPILL ON THE ROAD.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS SECRETARY IN A MOTOR SMASH.

While returning from London, on Tuesday of last week, Mr. Fred Wilford, the popular hon. secretary of the Central Northants Association, and Mrs. Wilford, met with a serious accident. Mr. Wilford was driving his motor cycle, and Mrs. Wilford occupied the side car. When near Dunstable, a motor-car coming out a side road, collided with them. The cycle and side car were smashed, and Mrs. Wilford was thrown out heavily. She sustained slight concussion and shock, and received a cut over one eye. Mr. Wilford suffered badly skinned knees and bruises, as well as shock. Both were detained at Dunstable until last Friday, when they were removed to their home, at 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton. Mr. Wilford hopes soon to be about again, but Mrs. Wilford is still very ill. Ringers throughout the country will sympathise with them in their accident, and wish them both a speedy recovery.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday the Surrey Association held a quarterly meeting at Epsom. The 40 members, who took advantage of using the two eight-bell rings of St. Martin and Christ Church, which the Vicars and churchwardens kindly placed at their disposal, were well rewarded, the "go" of the latter, a light ring, being much appreciated, though both towers have been the scene of many peals scored to the credit of the Association.

Possibly a dread of Epsom "Salts" (or a wholesome fear of "the Turf?") rendered the meeting an unusually small one; but those who were absent, missed much, for the visitors had, what to this Association is a rarity, the privilege of being addressed by a "ringing Parson," the Rev. W. D. Bainbridge-Bell; and his quiet earnest words of encouragement in the ringers' office as "preachers," with his reasoned adjuration to practice what they preached, had the "ring" about it of sincerity and sanctified common sense, and came with weight from one who in his earlier years had done yeoman service in the cause at Mitcheldever.

The reverend gentleman subsequently conducted the business meeting, which followed the tea, and his courteous yet firm and impartial chairmanship were warmly appreciated, as was evidenced by the plaudits which accompanied the vote of thanks.

The cash account showing a decided increase to the balance in hand, owing largely to economy in the matter of teas, was read and adopted, together with the committee's report on the year 1912, in which the following points were noted: The creation of the office of Master and the popular installation therein of Dr. A. B. Carpenter. The formation of the Southern District with its accretion of 53 members. The election of 27 other new members, making the total membership 396, as against 333 in 1911. The ringing of 36 peals as against 20 in 1911, with congratulations to Messrs. J. A. Lambert and J. Hoyle on their 100 peals each for the Association. The institution of monthly combined practices. The labour expended by Mr. Beams in the unique and beautifully kept record of the Association peals. The urging of a fuller attendance at the corporate services before the quarterly meetings—and a plea for a good understanding between each incumbent and his ringers—as well as for good feeling and fellowship amongst the ringers.

Votes of thanks were unanimously carried to the Vicars, churchwardens, and steeple keepers, of the two churches, and to the organist of St. Martin's, for their respective good offices bestowed on behalf of the Association in this branch of the work of "Christ's church militant here in earth."

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

An interesting wedding took place on Easter Monday at the quaint little village Church of Blackrod (Lancs), between Mr. John B. Greenhaigh, a member of the Westhoughton Parish Church band of ringers, and Miss Alice Hodgkinson, of Blackrod, daughter of an old Blackrod ringer, and "mine host" of Ye Old Green Barn Inn. Here to celebrate the auspicious event an excellent repast was provided, followed by a musical evening. Ringing could not be indulged in to any extent, as the "go" of the bells is very far from pleasing, but a few touches of Grandsire and "firing" did honour to the occasion by the local and Westhoughton bands, including Messrs. H. Gerrard, G. Wise, A. Jones, W. Marsh, P. Crook (Bolton), J. Edwards, etc.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL PROGRESS.

The annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Bury St. Edmunds, on Easter Monday when a good number of members and friends attended from Cambridge, Horringer, Lavenham, Rougham, Great Barton, Ely, Mildenhall, Long Stanton, Thetford, Newmarket, Henley, Ipswich, Fulbourn, Stowmarket, London, Royston, Ickleton, and the local ringers. Ringing started soon after 9 o'clock at Fornham St. Martin, where 720 of Kent was brought round. The peal of eight at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, were set going to Grandsire and Bob Major for an hour, after which ringing was transferred to the Norman Tower, till time for service, which was held in St. James' Church. The service was conducted by Rev. F. Morton (curate of St. James'), and the Rev. H. B. Woolley gave a short and interesting address. His text was taken from Psalm cl. v. 5, "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals, Praise Him upon the loud cymbals." The preacher remarked that the text formed a very appropriate invitation to the Association, especially at the season of Easter. They had met to exercise an art. The bells which they rang were the products of a very high form of art, for the bell was a very complicated musical instrument. And as with the casting of the bell so with the ringing. Ringing was a progressive art. They had only to compare the ringing papers of to-day with those of years ago to see that the number of peals had enormously increased, higher methods were more generally tackled in their execution. All this was as it should be. It was not only natural, but it was right that ringers should wish to perfect themselves in their art as much as possible, and that to this end they should practice their art as much as possible. Moreover their art was an art of the church. It was inseparably connected with the church, and could not exist apart from it. Ringers as well as choristers were Churchmen and churchworkers, and they shared with them the privileges and the responsibilities of the position.

PUBLIC'S LACK OF SYMPATHY.

Did it not appear to them sometimes, however, that the public at large were sometimes rather lacking in sympathy with what he might call the higher phases of the art; that they were no more pleased when changes were rung than they would be at rounds or call changes, or anyhow, that they were no more appreciative of a touch or peal of London or Bristol than of Plain Bob or Grandsire. But would not this help them? They had a critic whom it was more worth their while to please than any others. One who had made bells and bell ringing a possibility—Who must have had these things in His mind when he created all things—and One, too, who was always present—present in every tower, at every practice, at the Sunday ringing, whenever a peal was started or brought round, Who noted all the care and patience and skill that was employed—an expert and a critic indeed. Surely it was an incentive to them to persevere with their art when they considered what satisfaction their efforts might give to Him, what honour their work, if done in the right spirit, might bring to God. "Laus Deo," this surely ought to be written large over all the work that was done in the belfry. And let them never forget what was the first object of the church bell, to summon to the worship of God. And those bells that they rang called them, as well as others, to that worship. The Master of the Oxford Guild, in his report for the year 1912, had enumerated "some of our imperfections," which, though primarily intended for the members of that Guild, would apply equally to ringers in general. He said "there is in some quarters still too much justification for the reproach that we neglect the duty of worship." If that be so, let them see to it that as far as they themselves were concerned the reproach was entirely taken away. There was nothing so likely to alienate the sympathy of their fellow churchmen than for this to be said. On the other hand there was nothing which would commend their cause and their art to those who did not understand or practice it than the fact that they had a real love of their church, and were consistent in their duties as churchmen.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual dinner and business meeting took place afterwards at the Suffolk Hotel, where a company, numbering 67, sat down to an excellent repast. The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey presided, and those present included the Rev. H. B. Woolley, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, and Messrs. T. R. Dennis (general secretary), P. Webb (district secretary), J. Taylor, E. Webb, A. Symonds, H. A. Turner, F. C. Turner, S. H. Symonds, W. B. Kempton, W. Doran, F. Fitzjohn, and others. Letters regretting inability to be present were read from the President (the Lord Bishop of Ely), Ven. Archdeacon Hodges, Rev. R. F. Wilson (Vicar of St. James'), and the Rev. T. Brocas Waters (Vicar of St. Mary's).

It was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday.

THE REPORT.

The annual report and balance sheet were then read and adopted. The report mentioned that during the past year the Isle of Ely Archdeaconry branch had made steady progress, and it was interesting and pleasing to note that Sutton and Wilburton had rejoined, and that they had a promise of Haddesham coming in this year. There were still many towers unaffiliated, such as March, Wisbech, Soham, etc., which it was hoped might be induced to join this year. The

Archdeaconry of Ely branch remained in much the same condition, and did not visibly expand. It was regretted that Over and Whittlesford had dropped out, but it was hoped that this was only temporarily. They welcomed the old secretary, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, back to Association life, and trusted his stay would be long and successful. It was impossible to speak too highly of his excellent work at Long Stanton, where as the result of his efforts the church now possessed a splendid peal of eight bells. They condoled with him in the misfortune of the cracking of the tenor, and hoped he would soon be provided with a new bell. In the Sudbury Archdeaconry branch progress had been very marked. The consummate skill which had been shown by the St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmunds, and the Lavenham company, in ringing both handbell and tower bell peals, had greatly improved the position of the Association. They regretted that the late district secretary had removed from the diocese, and they tendered their heartiest thanks to him for his past services. The Rev. R. L. Gardner had succeeded him, and there was every reason to expect the district to thrive in his capable hands. The Hunts Archdeaconry branch had suffered a severe loss by the death of the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, district secretary and representative of the Association on the Central Council. They desired to record their keen appreciation of his long and faithful service to the Association. The Archdeaconry, although small, contained some energetic members, and they commended Mr. C. D. Coleman and his band on their plucky efforts to keep ringing alive in Hunts. The scarcity of tower bell practice was a great handicap to their progress, and if the fine peal of eight at St. Neots were rehung they would render a still better account of themselves. The report also mentioned that the financial position of the Association was very satisfactory, the balance in hand being £16 8s. 6d., compared with £12 4s. 9d. last year. The hon. members contributed generously to the support of the Association, but there was a great lack of ringing members, the number of whom might well be doubled in the diocese. Fifty-eight peals were rung during 1912, of these 26 were on handbells, and 32 on tower bells. This splendid record was indeed a welcome change after the small number that were contributed in 1911, and was only three short of the record of 61 rung in 1905. In conclusion, the generous support and unselfish effort of every ringer in the diocese to do something to help the Association to maintain and increase its efficiency and usefulness was asked.

TREASURER'S RETIREMENT.

The following officers were then elected: General secretary, T. R. Dennis; treasurer, F. C. Turner; district secretaries, Sudbury district, the Rev. R. L. Gardner; Archdeaconry of Ely, P. Webb; Isle of Ely, F. Rowlinson; Hunts, the Rev. H. B. Woolley; delegate to the Central Council for two years, T. R. Dennis; auditor, W. B. Kempton.—Before the election of the treasurer took place, the Chairman read a letter from the Rev. K. H. Smith, announcing his intention to resign the treasurer's office owing to ill-health.—Regret was generally expressed at his retirement after so many years of activity in Association work.—The Chairman moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded him for his past services, which was carried with enthusiasm.

An alteration of Rule 9 was proposed by Mr. P. Webb, that three district meetings be held annually in each Archdeaconry instead of one as at present.—An amendment was proposed by Mr. H. A. Turner that the number be two, and on the amendment being put to the vote, it was carried by a large majority.

New members from Cavendish, Southwold, Halesworth, Slough, Lavenham, Monks Eleigh, Rougham, Little and Great Walsingham, Hadleigh, Bury St. Edmunds, and Fulbourn, numbering 17, were elected.—A vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. James' and St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, Rougham, Fornham St. Martin, and Great Barton, was carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. W. B. Kempton made a collection for the Long Stanton tenor, and the sum of 13s. 1d. was handed over to the Rev. H. B. Woolley, who thanked the company for their generosity.

Ringling was carried on during the afternoon at the Norman tower, and St. Mary's. Touches of Grandsire Caters and Kent Royal were rung at the former, and Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent, Double Norwich, and Stedman at St. Mary's.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Leeds on Easter Monday. A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted in the morning, but, unfortunately, was lost half-way, but a peal of Oxford Treble Bob was rung at Shipley.—The business meeting was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, the President being in the chair, supported by members from Bolton, Holbeck, Hunslet, Headingley, Shipley, Mirfield, Pudsey, and Queensbury and the local company. After the election of officers, when Mr. F. Hopwood was appointed to succeed Mr. F. R. Cundale in the office of secretary, the balance sheet was read and passed.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Mr. F. Woodhead, and seconded by Mr. W. Joyce.—The President replied, and put forward a new scheme for meetings for the coming year.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, and the local company, was moved by Mr. J. Broadley, seconded by Mr. H. Lindsay, and carried, Mr. F. Woodhead responding.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MISS LILIAN WILLSON, OF LEICESTER.

Among the most talented, as well as one of the best known, of the lady ringers, who are now coming so prominently to the front in the Art, is Miss Lilian A. Willson, the eldest daughter of Mr. William Willson, of Leicester. Miss Willson was born on March 27th, 1893, and, therefore, reached her 20th year a week ago yesterday. Coming of a ringing family, and having no brothers, before she entered her 'teens she frequently helped her father with the chiming apparatus at the church of St. John the Divine. At fourteen she was ringing the treble to Triples, and attempted her first peal—Major—on Boxing Day, 1908.



MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON.

Perhaps her father's promise of a cycle if she was successful was an incentive; anyway, the peal was rung at the first attempt, and she was ready for the cycle sooner than "W. W." anticipated!

During the next year Miss Willson rang four peals, and was an "inside man." Then followed Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples (called by Mr. Ernest Pye) and Double Norwich. Miss Willson has not many opportunities for peal ringing, her time being much occupied in the teaching of music. She holds the diploma of A.V.C.M. and the silver medal for highest possible points in pianoforte examination. In addition to ringing, she renders service by teaching in the Sunday School.

Up to date she has rung 22 peals, one of which was with the ladies' band. They comprise Grandsire Triples, seven

Minor methods, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich, and one (treble) to Superlative. One of the peals of Kent Treble Bob Major was conducted by her, but she does not aspire to bob calling. Miss Willson is one of the first members of the Ladies' Guild, and it has been her experience from the commencement of her career in the belfry to meet with the utmost courtesy from her brother ringers.

ODD CHANGES.

At last four peals have been rung in a day by the same band, and the honour falls to the six-bell men of the Kent Association. They accomplished this performance on Easter Monday, when four separate 5040's were rung, each in seven Minor methods. This is how they were rung:—

	Start.	Finish.	Time.
Upchurch	6.50 a.m.	9.28 a.m.	2 hrs. 38 mins.
Newington	10.20 a.m.	12.56 p.m.	2 hrs. 36 mins.
Bobbing	2.45 p.m.	5.25 p.m.	2 hrs. 40 mins.
Tunstall	6.50 p.m.	9.25 p.m.	2 hrs. 35 mins.
Total time ...			10 hrs. 29 mins.

Between the time of the first start and the finish of the last peal 14 hrs. 35 mins. elapsed, out of which 10 hrs. 29 mins. were actually occupied in change ringing. This is the first time four peals have been rung by the same band in one day, but within the last year or so two other attempts have been made on eight bells. On each of these occasions two peals were rung.

This performance recalls an episode in Sussex about 14 years ago, when four ringers took part in five 5000's, which were completed in less than 31 hours.

In aid of the "Bells Fund" for Shoreditch bells a lecture on church bells will be given next Saturday week at the Parish Room, Shoreditch, by Mr. H. J. Sudell, Master of St. Matthew's, Clapton, band. During an interval a selection on handbells will be given by the Spitalfields Foundry band. The lecture will commence at 8.30 p.m., and the charges for admission are 1s., 6d. and 3d.

There is a remarkable performance in our peal columns to-day, for we record a peal of Grandsire Triples in which Mr. Gosling, senr., of Mansfield, took part, at the great age of 86, and we have it on good authority that he is "full of peal ringing yet." Apparently there is absolutely no age limit to peal ringing. At any rate Mr. Gosling is as keen on it as any youngster.

On Tuesday week he was in an attempt for a peal of Stedman at Loughborough, which failed past half way through no fault of his. On the Wednesday he scored the peal of Grandsire, when he rang his bell without a fault, and on the next day he attempted a peal of Stedman Triples which was lost after ringing a little over an hour. What an example of enthusiasm!

Two more ladies have scored their first peal. Miss Kathleen Holifield, of Appleton, rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples on Easter Monday. At Rotherham Miss Hague has rung her first peal by taking 1-2 in Grandsire Triples on handbells. The ranks of the lady peal ringers are steadily growing.

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

FUND COMPLETED FOR RECASTING THE TENOR.

The following further amounts are acknowledged with thanks: W. P. 5s., A. N. J. W. 2s. 6d., four Bristol ringers, (H. J. W., J. G., W. A. C. and W. K. 1s. each), 4s.; E. B. J., £4 14s. Total received £35 16s. Amount required £35.

The Vicar and churchwardens have much pleasure in announcing the completion of the fund for recasting the tenor, and take this opportunity of again thanking all those ringers and friends who have so kindly and generously helped them in their misfortune. The bell has been sent off to the foundry, and is expected back towards the end of the month. It will be noticed that the amount received slightly exceeds the sum appealed for; the sum in excess will be devoted to defraying the cost of the inscription and other incidental expenses.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly general meeting of this Association was held at Salle on Easter Monday. The newly restored and augmented ring of eight at the Parish Church, and the ring of six at Whitwell, were at the disposal of members throughout the day, and were largely used.

The Rector of Salle (the Rev. H. C. O. Lanchester) presided at the dinner and meeting, supported by the Rev. W. A. Partridge, Mr. T. P. Humphrey (churchwarden of Salle), Mr. A. Coleman, Messrs. G. Moy and W. J. Howson (district secretaries), C. E. Borrett (secretary), and representatives from many towers in the neighbourhood—a total company of fifty-five.

The Chairman gave a very cordial welcome to the visitors to his magnificent church and bells, and also invited the whole company to the Rectory to tea.—The Secretary voiced the thanks of the members for the kind hospitality and assistance shown to the Association by the Rector and people of Salle, and the business proceedings ended with the election of new members.—The meeting was of a most enjoyable character, and should prove of benefit to the new company lately formed in the parish.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A RECORD YEAR FOR PELAS.

The annual meeting for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Walsall, on Easter Monday. The number of members in attendance was comparatively small; otherwise the meeting was successful. The bells at St. Matthew's, Walsall, and St. Michael's, Rushall, were made good use of during the day.

Tea was provided in the Masonic Hall, followed by the general meeting, Mr. S. Reeves being voted to the chair.—The report and balance sheet were presented. The record number of 55 peals had been rung, and the accounts showed a balance in hand of £22.—The officers were re-elected, and the Rev. J. A. Price, Vicar of Coseley, was added as one of the committee. Three honorary and 19 performing members were enrolled.—After some discussion, it was decided that the annual meeting be held in June in future, to prevent clashing with meetings of neighbouring associations.—The quarterly meetings are to be held at Stafford, Penn, Handsworth, and Wednesbury. Cycle runs are being arranged for "missionary" work to towers otherwise difficult to get to: Norton Canes being the place fixed for April.—The customary votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, when a goodly number of members attended to take advantage of the splendid welcome offered by the incumbent, the Rev. Gardner. The following towers were represented: Peterboro' (St. John's), Ramsey, Whittlesea, Chatteris, St. Neots, Eynesbury, Raunds, and the local company. A short service was held in St. Mary's Church at 5.0 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Gardner, and an excellent address was given by the Venerable Archdeacon Vesey, and greatly appreciated.

After service, the business meeting took place in the Archdeaconry Library, the chair being taken by the Rector. Whittlesea was the place chosen for the meeting on Whit-Monday.—A vote of thanks was then accorded the Rector for the use of St. Mary's and All Saints' bells.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED GIFT TO CHELMSFORD CHURCH.

A very successful meeting of the North Eastern district was held at Colchester on Easter Monday, members attending from about 17 towers. Tea, followed by the meeting, was held in the Parish Room adjoining St. Peter's, upwards of 50 being present.—The Bishop of Colchester presided, and was supported by the Rev. C. Triffitt-Ward (Vicar), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary of the Association), and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master).—Ten ringing members were elected.—Harwich and Coggeshall were suggested as being suitable places for the next meeting, and the majority favoured the latter.

The Master next explained the position of the Association with regard to the proposal to give a new treble bell for the peal of 12 at Chelmsford. The original suggestion was that it should be provided by voluntary subscriptions, but others favoured giving the bell from the funds of the Association. After some discussion, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this meeting strongly disapproves of providing a new treble bell for Chelmsford out of the funds of the Association, but recommends the Association to give the bell and raise the amount required by voluntary subscriptions."

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the Bishop of Colchester for presiding, and to the Vicars of St. Peter's and All Saints' for use of the bells.—Touches in the following methods were rung during the day: Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, and Cambridge Surprise.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Bangor, on Easter Monday, and was well attended. A short service was held in St. David's Church, the sermon being preached by the Dean of Bangor.

The business meeting was held in St. David's Schoolroom, and the following towers were represented: Bangor, Portmadoc, Rhyl, Wrexham, Gresford, Hawarden, Buckley, Ruthin, Dolgelly, and Chester.

A resolution proposed by the Dean of Bangor, and ably seconded by Mr. W. H. Evans, Portmadoc, against the proposals of the Government to disestablish the Welsh Church, was unanimously carried. Copies of the resolution are to be forwarded to the twelve Welsh M.P.'s.

The annual report of the hon. secretary showed that seven peals had been rung during the year.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.—Two new members were elected, and all the officers were re-elected unanimously.

Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob were rung during the day, the successful proceedings closing with tea kindly provided by the genial President, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Bangor.—A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Evans (Portmadoc), seconded by Mr. E. Rowlands (Wrexham), was carried with loud cheers.

The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Portmadoc, in September, and the annual meeting at Gresford next Easter.

HULL.—On March 26th, at All Saints' Church, 1470 of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr.: G. Hedges 1, H. Jenkins 2, D. Meadley (longest length as conductor) 3, T. Harrison (longest length with a bob bell) 4, G. W. Stickney 5, B. Cook 6, T. Whitfield 7, J. B. Whitfield 8. Also 630, with J. W. Stickney (conductor) 2.

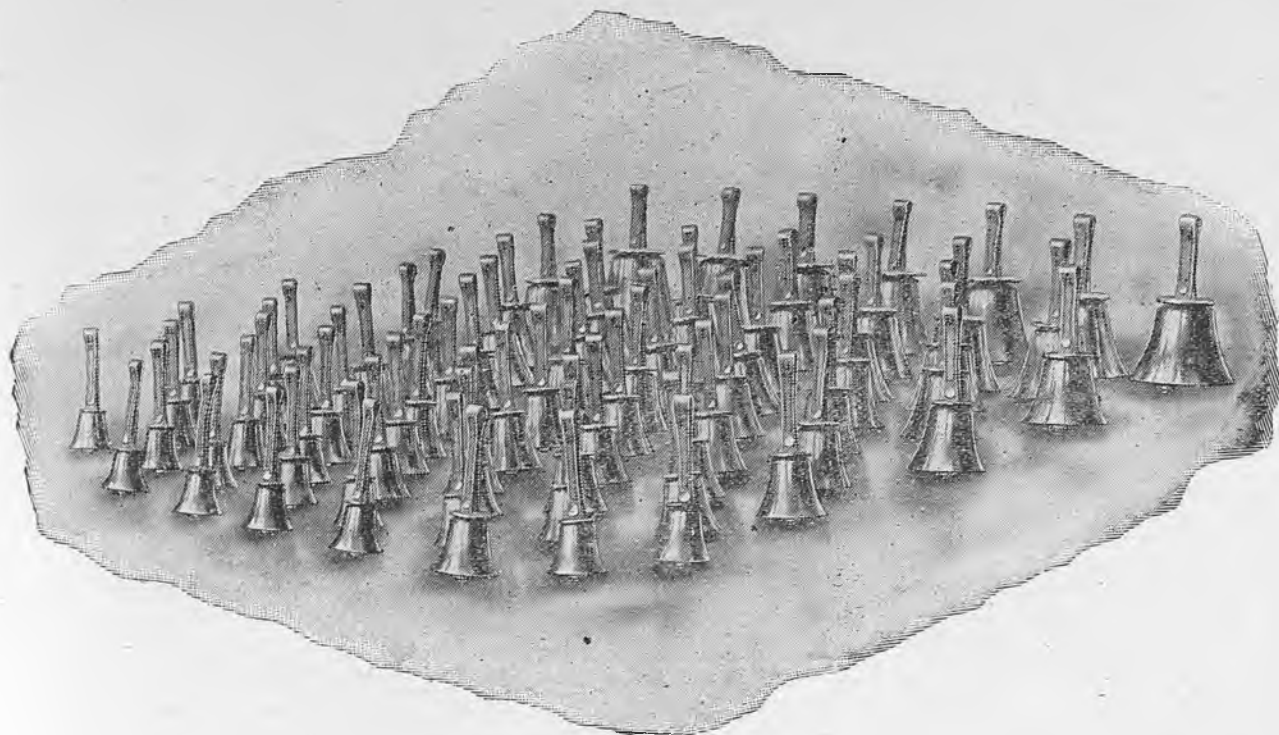
BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On March 9th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Bevan 1, A. Gwynne 2, J. Blake 3, J. Gwynne 4, E. Summers 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6.—On Good Friday (muffled), 720 Oxford Bob. For early service, on Easter Day, 720 Oxford Bob. For 11 a.m. service, 720 Canterbury: R. Summers 1, A. Gwynne 2, J. Blake 3, E. Summers 4, J. Gwynne (conductor) 5, W. Poston 6.—On March 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob.

UPPER GLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.—On March 19th, at St. Matthew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: R. E. Pellatt 1, H. J. Sudell 2, H. J. Cantor 3, C. Gray 4, S. H. R. Cooper 5, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 6, H. J. Rumens 7, L. G. Hicks 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Dr. Thomas Gurney, whose funeral took place that day, and who was an old ringer, and for many years a sidesman at this church.

READING, BERKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Good Friday, at St. Giles' Church, 840 Stedman Triples: L. Osborne 1, N. Cox 2, R. Bishop 3, Miss E. Goodship 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Osborne 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. Durman 8. Also 168 and 144 in same method: E. Pulker, G. Goodship, C. Higgs, A. Durman, A. Bailey and F. Griffin, taking part. Rung for service in the evening with the bells half-muffled.

HULL.—On Good Friday, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bell's half-muffled, for morning service, in 52 mins.: F. Dale 1, G. Dowling 3, C. Jackson (conductor) 4, W. Brown 5, J. Highfield 6, T. Morton 7, G. T. Miller 8, J. Chamberlain 9, F. Merrison 10.—On Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Dale 1, H. Jenkins 2, C. Jackson (conductor) 3, G. M. Kilby (Willesden) 4, D. Meadley 5, E. Cutsforth 6, G. T. Miller 7, J. Chamberlain 8. For evening service, 521 Grandsire Caters: F. Dale 1, C. Jackson 2, G. Dowling 3, M. Hedges 4, F. Merrison 5, J. Highfield 6, T. Morton 7, G. T. Miller 8, W. Brown 9, J. Chamberlain 10.

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A RECORD YEAR.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

The vitality of the Middlesex Association was fully demonstrated on Saturday, when the annual meeting was held. Although the gathering took place at Hillingdon, which, while it has excellent ringing facilities, being possessed of a peal of ten and another of eight, is very much off the beaten track, and by no means easy of access for the majority of the members, there was an attendance of nearly 100. Ringers were present from Barnet, Harrow Weald, Southgate, Stanmore, Upper Clapton, Bushey, Walthamstow, Romford, Hornsey, Acton, Ealing, Heston, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Isleworth, Norwood, Uxbridge, Willesden, etc. There was ringing during the afternoon and evening at both the churches, and service was held at St. John's, the preacher being the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Harvey.

The Vicar first spoke of God's individual knowledge of men, recognising each one. We might not and probably did not, think much of our own individuality, he said, yet it gave much value to our lives. We liked to be among those whom we knew and who knew us. There was no loneliness like that which was felt among a crowd of strangers when we knew no one and no one knew us. And the opposite was quite as true. It added much to any success with which we met that it would bring pleasure to those who knew us, and who wished us well, those who cared whether we succeeded or failed. And when we had been misjudged or misrepresented, it was a comfort to feel that there were those who knew and understood us thoroughly, and who would assuredly be certain that we had been thoroughly honest and upright in our motives for action. And it should be a help to us to feel that God knew us thoroughly; that we were of individual interest to Him, and that His thorough knowledge of us could not be mistaken. But, then, from this individual knowledge of us, we must remember our individual responsibility for what we did. We were responsible for ourselves and for others, for the society in which we mixed, for the example we continually set. We might not be able to do much, but God, Who knew us individually, knew well what we could do, and expected us to do it. He knew what our individual share was, and expected to see it from us. An old Chinese proverb told us that the best way to keep a town clean was for everyone to sweep before his own door. They knew how it was with a regiment at a review—the men marched part the saluting officer with the strictest precision—dressing and bearing being in perfect order. It was the result of each man individually feeling that he was responsible that any lack of steadiness of attention would spoil the efforts of his companions. They might see it, also in that with which bell ringers had so much to do. Surely the success of a peal depended upon the individual care and attention of each member of the band of ringers. Let one fail to listen to the conductor's voice, and let eye or mind stray from the work in which he was engaged, and the efforts of the others would be neutralised and the peal would probably fail. There was individual responsibility resting on each one to secure the success of the efforts of the whole band. He would say, cultivate this feeling of individual responsibility in all that they did. They were all their brother's keepers, responsible for the example they set, the encouragement they gave, the kindly spirit they shared. Let them bear in mind that they were workers in God's house, and that the bells which they rang carried their message of sympathy to many a heart. There was a motto given to him by a ringer which he had had put up in the belfry of his church, and which he would commend to them:—

Who rings this bell.
Let him look well
To head and hand and heart.
The head for wit,
The hand for work,
The heart for worship's part.

For the right use of head and hand and heart they were individually responsible. Their messages through the bells brought up many memories to them on whose ears they fell. They gladly used head and hand in making the bells carry their message. Let them not forget to use heart, too, in the work, remembering that the message, which their head and hand caused the bells to send, was God's message, that in sending it they were individually responsible workers together with Him. Let their hearts go with it and bid men "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and call upon His name."

The business meeting, preceded by tea, took place in the Schoolroom. Mr. F. A. Milne, the hon. treasurer, presided over the first part of the proceedings, and was supported by the Rev. C. M. Harvey, the Rev. F. O. Sutton, Vicar of St. Andrew's (who has succeeded in the living the Rev. H. G. Bird, who was President of the Association for many years), the Rev. J. Wooster, Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., Messrs. C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler, joint hon. secs., Mr. W. Pye (Master), etc.

The report for the past year was presented, and was of a very gratifying description. It stated that it was not too much to say that in point of variety and excellence the work of 1912 had been unequalled since the Association was formed. The number of successful peals was remarkable, being 153 (made up of 121 on tower bells and 32 on handbells), as compared with 83 in the previous year. They were made up of Kent Treble Bob Major, 6; Royal, 1; Oxford Treble

Bob Major, 2; Grandsire Triples, 20; Caters, 3; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Bob Minor (1 method), 1; Bob Minor (3 methods), 2; Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 8; Cambridge, 6; New Cambridge, 4; Norfolk, 2; Gloucester, 1; London, 6; Bristol, 21; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 5; Stedman Triples, 28; Caters, 16; Cinques, 8; total, 153. The 32 on handbells consisted of: Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Royal, 1; Grandsire Triples, 9; Caters, 3; Bob Major, 2; Stedman Triples, 4; Caters, 9; Cinques, 2.

SOME MEMORABLE PEALS.

The report proceeded:—

This remarkable increase is due in part to an increase in the interest taken in ringing peals on handbells; but it is noticeable at the same time, and we are glad to call attention to it, that there has been during the past year an increase in the peals rung on tower bells in nearly all the methods practised by the members, from Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques and Surprise Methods. By far the greatest ringing achievement of the year was the record peal of Bristol Surprise Major, consisting of 15,264 changes, which was rung at Hornchurch on Whit-Monday, May 27th, in 9 hours and 49 minutes. This is the longest Surprise peal ever rung, and the longest length in any method by the Association. It is also the only "record" held by the Association, and we heartily congratulate the band on their splendid performance, especially Mr. William Pye, who so ably conducted the peal, thus adding another to his long list of triumphs as a conductor.

During the eight days ending on November 16th a series of peals were rung by the Edmonton band, to commemorate the 21st birthday of Miss Edith Parker. Out of seven attempts, six peals in six different Surprise Methods were brought to a successful issue, including the first peals of Gloucester and Norfolk Surprise in the county of Middlesex, the former also being the first in the method by the Association. This peal was ably conducted by Miss Parker, to whom our heartiest congratulations are due. It may be truly said of Miss Parker in all that she has taken part in during the year—*nihil tetigit quod non ornavit*—she has handled nothing that she has not adorned, whether on tower bells, or on handbells. During the year Miss Parker conducted for the Association three peals of London, three of New Cambridge, one of Gloucester, and three of Superlative Surprise, in addition to a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells, all of them truly admirable achievements.

Amongst many other noteworthy performances, mention must be made of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by members of the Metropolitan Police Force at St. Magdalene, Holloway, on April 25th. The band consisted of one sergeant and seven constables, the conductor being Mr. Cornelius Charge. The peal is, we believe, the first ever rung by a band of policemen.

A "George" peal was rung by members of the Association on June 29th at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, conducted by that well known ringer, Mr. George R. Pye, whilst the first peal of Norfolk Surprise by the Association was rung at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 25th, conducted by Mr. James E. Davis. On November 5th the Finchley band rang a peal of Minor, in the three following methods, viz.:—Oxford Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob, under the conductorship of Mr. F. A. Barker, who thus had the satisfaction of calling his first peal. We mention this performance, confident that the Finchley band will feel encouraged by it to attempt Minor peals in seven methods, as they once did. If anything could be done to the Hendon bells, it would be a red-letter day in the history of the Association, for they, too, have a band of six bell ringers second to none in the county, and yet are outside the privileges of peal ringing owing to the bad "go" of the bells. It seems a pity that where all else at Hendon has been restored, nothing should have been done to the bells. Many peals were rung in various methods on handbells during the year, members of the Edmonton band ringing peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major, whilst others of our prominent handbell performers rang peals of Stedman Triples, Caters, and Cinques, and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal. Undoubtedly handbell ringing is becoming more popular amongst the exercise, and we are glad to be able to place it on record that our own Association is not behind hand in prosecuting this delightful branch of the ringers' art.

THE INFLUX OF MEMBERS.

During the year we elected seven honorary members and 127 ringing members, and after allowing for deaths, resignations, etc., we close the year with a very satisfactory total membership of 606.

New bands have been formed in the North and East District at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. James', Clerkenwell, and instruction is being given. Considerable progress has been made at Clerkenwell with half-pull ringing, whilst there are not wanting signs of improvement at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. The St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, band has also come in. On the other hand, the Pinner band has resigned membership.

In the South and West District two towers have become affiliated to the Association, viz.:—Acton and West Ealing. At the former instruction is being given by Mr. J. R. Mackman, with every sign of success. Satisfactory progress is being made at West Ealing.

The report also records a number of bell restorations, and adds that 226 members took part in the 153 peals, and that the 121 tower bell peals were rung in 58 different towers. There were 30 conductors. The report, together with the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £20 3s. 10d. on the Central fund, was adopted.

The Chairman said the Association had to proceed to the election of a President, in place of Mr. Bird, who they were all so sorry to lose. He had to submit the name of one who for many years had been well known to them, and to whom the Association owed so much; one, in fact, who was the maker of the Association—their old friend, Mr. King (applause). Mr. King came along when the old Association had fallen to a membership of about 60, and he brought the new Association up to over 600 members. They would all agree that they could not have a better President than Mr. King (applause).—Mr. Lucas seconded, and the motion was carried amid applause.

DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENTS CREATED.

When Mr. King took the chair he was greeted with enthusiasm and by the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow." He said when he was asked to become their President he had some difficulty in reconciling himself to the idea, not because it was distasteful to him, but because he had a keen notion that the first duty of a president was to preside, and how could he, living at Southsea, come up to preside at every meeting of the Association? He could not, of course, undertake to be present at all the meetings of the Association, but he thought he could undertake to be present at all the important meetings, and in order that the Association might not suffer, he hoped he might be allowed to nominate two vice-presidents, one in each of their districts, who should correspond with him on all subjects concerning the welfare of the Association—Mr. Milne, for the North and East District, and Mr. Hesse for the South and West District. Mr. King went on to pay a tribute to the great and unostentatious work which Mr. Bird had done for the Association as its president. He knew all that was going on in the Association; he could sympathise with them when there was need of sympathy, and he could render advice when there was need of advice and aid. He (Mr. King) wanted to make any poor services he had to offer effectual, and he thought by means of the vice-presidents they could be made perfectly effectual. He hoped during the next year that they would all try to become a deal better men, as well as better ringers, for after all that was the great aim. Let them not only show how united they could be in ringing, but also how united they could be in the service of the Church. The Church needed her sons to stand by her when there were so many attacks made, and their service would be gratefully accepted.

CONSIDERATION FOR THE PUBLIC.

Continuing, Mr. King said in past years many subjects of interest had been discussed in the Association's reports, which were forced into prominence in the present day. He had just been reading in "The Ringing World" how Sir Arthur Heywood was cautioning people against excessive peal ringing. That had been done a long time before, and if they would turn to the pages of their old reports they would find all the pros and cons. It was argued very thoroughly that ringers must not be a nuisance to their neighbours, and they were not a nuisance, for they were always considerate of their neighbours. If there were any illness, who were so ready to stand aside as ringers? It was an axiom of their belief; they might be disappointed in so doing, but they always did it, and did it gladly. They must not, of course, be constantly asking for the same tower, but by the exercise of a little judgment, and, above all, by the exercise of a little give-and-take they could do a good deal. Unfortunately those who opposed them were all take and no give. They were absolutely unyielding. Those who objected to bells did so on principle, but he did not know where the principle came in; all he knew was that one man who objected made row enough for a thousand (laughter). But those people had to be dealt with, and it was of no use to rub them the wrong way. They must exercise care and tact, and they must be reasonable in all they wanted to do. They knew there were times when they ought to be silent as ringers, and they knew there were other times when they were not expected to be silent, and when they were the interpreters of the joys and sorrows of a parish. The man in the street did not make any difference between the man who jangled the bells out of tune, and the man who rang the bells with all their scientific ability. But they could put up with that as long as they made progress, and there was progress in their Association. It had been said that the growth of their society was in some measure due to him. He did not think it was. It was the members themselves who made the Association. He could not have done anything for the Association unless the men had helped him in the best possible way, and he hoped they would continue to help him. Mr. King concluded by quoting from a letter from the Rev. H. G. Bird, in which he sent his best wishes "to all the fine fellows." They welcomed that evening Mr. Bird's successor at St. Andrew's, and if he was not a ringer himself, he came from Newdigate, where there was

a peal of six, and it was exceedingly nice to have amongst them one who could be in sympathy with them as ringers.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded the motion for the appointment of vice-presidents, and it was carried unanimously.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The following officers were re-elected: Master, Mr. William Pye; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; joint hon. secs., Messrs. C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth.

It was resolved to give the printing of the next annual report to "The Ringing World," who have done it upon the last two occasions, and who, the President said, "had done it uncommonly well."

It was decided not to have further peal books written for the Association, but to utilise for the purpose of the record the annual report.

THE ASSOCIATION AND THE WARNER CUP.

Mr. Coles reported that the committee had considered a scheme, based on that adopted by Durham and Newcastle, for the encouragement of Sunday ringing, but had been unable to come to a decision on the matter, being of opinion that it would be difficult to work with success in Middlesex. They were anxious to produce a scheme satisfactory to all, and hoped by the next annual meeting to be able to place before the members one based on attendance (regular and punctual) if the members would consent to this being postponed.—This was agreed to.

The question of the cup offered by Messrs. Warner and Sons for peal ringing had been, it was reported, carefully considered by the committee at a time when the position of the Association in the Analysis was not known, and they were of the opinion that the members should be asked to decide whether or not the cup should be accepted, should the Association be in the position to do so.—The President stated that he had no doubt that Messrs. Warner had been actuated by the highest motives in offering this cup for competition, and all ringers thought the same, but the idea of ringing peals to win a cup was abhorrent to him, and, he believed, to most ringers. They rang peals solely for the love of the bells, and for their art. It was not yet known which of the Associations would be top in the Analysis, but as the Middlesex Association was usually thereabouts, the committee would like to know the wishes of the members. He, therefore, proposed the following resolution:—"Resolved that should it be found at any time that this Association is placed first in the order of merit by the compilers of the Analysis, the cup so generously offered by Messrs. Warner and Sons be not accepted for custody. The members of this Association do not for one moment seek to disparage Messrs. Warners' generosity; but they had hoped that bell ringers, being church workers, might have been able to rely upon time-honoured friendly rivalry to encourage their efforts, in preference to the less acceptable incentive of a cup competition."—The resolution was seconded by Mr. B. Prewett, and on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.—It was left to the committee to decide where the next annual meeting should be held.

The President proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. John the Baptist's and St. Andrew's for the use of their bells, and also to the former for his splendid address, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. King reminded the members that the new Vicar of St. Andrew's was amongst them that day, and he hoped that he would often come amongst them. He included in the vote of thanks the curate (the Rev. J. H. Wooster), the organist and choir, the local ringers, and all who had helped to make the members comfortable.—The vote, on being put to the meeting, was carried with great enthusiasm.—This concluded the business.

The ringing during the day included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Ten, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, and London.

THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Fareham, on Easter Monday. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire were rung in the afternoon by members from Wickham, Portsea, Upham, Curdridge, Portsmouth, Gosport, Winchester, Titchfield, Swanmore, Fareham, Brading, and visiting ringers from St. Alphege, Greenwich and Oatlands Park. Although only 25 members had given the secretary intimation of their intention to be present, upwards of 55 turned up, and all attended Divine service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Jarbat). The ringers then adjourned to the tea rooms, where the host was taxed to the utmost to provide room. Tea over, the party had to adjourn to the Parish Hall (kindly lent by the Vicar) for the meeting.—Mr. A. T. King was unanimously voted to the chair, and was supported by Mr. J. Whiting (district secretary), Mr. E. J. Harding (representative), and Mr. Thornton (Greenwich). The business was much of a routine character. One hon. member and a few probationers were elected.—Mr. A. T. King gave a very interesting account of the work entailed in allotting the points for peals.—A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. King for presiding, to the Vicar for use of bells and parish hall, and to all the officers.—Much sorrow was expressed at the absence of the Master (the Rev. C. F. Matthews), on account of illness.—The bells were afterwards kept going to Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE BELLS OF FINEDON.

The famous old pile, yeapt Finedon Church, was the scene of a Central Northamptonshire Association meeting on Saturday last. In days gone by, the late Master of the Oxford Guild—the Rev. F. E. Robinson—had a warm corner in his heart for Finedon, and that regard would have been accentuated had he lived to have heard and rung the new bells now hanging in the tower. More than once has the Master called his pet peal—the four-part—as peal tablets on the belfry walls testify. A year and a half ago the old eight bells were condemned as unsafe, and as it had taken two strong men on the tenor to “put her through” the last peal, the condemnation was justified. After various tenders had been discussed, that of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, was accepted, to recast five, to retune and rehang the whole peal in a modern iron frame with up-to-date fittings.

The project was considered some four years ago, when Canon Paul, now deceased, held sway at Finedon, but the intervention of “The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings,” with its well-meant, but erroneous, fossilised and antiquarian ideas, postponed the accomplishment of “a consummation devoutly to be wished.” With the advent of the present Vicar (the Rev. I. Greaves, M.A.), the matter was revived, and has now been brought to a successful conclusion. About 50 members turned up, despite the wretched weather, and enjoyed themselves to the full in various methods, as suited their capabilities. They came Bedford, Kettering, Wellingboro’, Irthingboro’, Higham Ferrars, Northampton, Desboro’, and Leicester, and the belfry was taxed to its utmost capacity.

At four o'clock, the Vicar gave an address to the members from the pulpit of the quaint edifice, and listeners realised that they had in the Vicar of Finedon an ideal “ringers’ parson.” Discoursing on the voice of the bells, the reverend gentleman compared the muezzin of the Mohammedans to the ringer. Among other things, he said: “While journeying in the East, what impressed me most was the consistency of the native. Every day at 8, 12, 4 and at sunset, the muezzin would ascend the Minarets of the Mosque and call the faithful to prayer, when everyone, no matter how engaged, would kneel at once and pray to Allah. How lax we are, and yet how readily we might at least copy them in this.”

THE VICAR AS A RINGER.

After the service, the following assorted members rang a course of Bristol Surprise Major: W. Rogers 1, J. Houghton 2, W. German 3, D. Nichols 4, H. Horn 5, A. Tyler 6, W. Perkins 1, W. Willson 8; followed by a course of Cambridge Surprise, by: A. Martin (Higham) 1, W. Rogers (Northampton) 2, Miss E. Steele (Bedford) 3, W. Perkins (Irthingboro’) 4, R. Turner (Kettering) 5, E. Chapman (Kettering) 6, W. Willson (Leicester) 7, W. Sawfoot (Northampton) 8. The company then adjourned to the Schoolroom, where a tea awaited them. The Vicar occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. Owen (curate), Dr. Burland, Miss Steele, Mr. J. Slarke, of Easton Neston, Mr. Meadows, Mr. W. Willson, and Mr. W. Perkins (local secretary).—At the subsequent speech-making, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar by Mr. D. Nichols, of Kettering, who congratulated the Vicar and wardens on the splendid peal now in their charge.—Mr. W. Willson, in seconding the vote, explained the difference between the old and new styles of tuning and hanging. Asked why “chiming” the bells for Sunday service was not more used as of old, Mr. Willson described how swing chiming wore the gudgeons oval, from bearing only on the underside.—The vote was carried by acclamation, and the Vicar, in reply, in a humorous speech, expressed his pleasure in meeting the Association, and said he would not only go in for ringing himself, but endeavour as far as was practicable to convert his fellow parsons to the ringers’ ideals.

Returning to the tower, the following rang the first course of London Surprise on the new bells: A. Smeathers 1, W. Rogers 2, E. Chapman 3, H. Horn 4, J. Ward 5, W. Willson 6, J. Houghton 7, W. Perkins 8. Until about 9 p.m. the bells were kept going in various methods, when they were lowered, and the company retired to the ancient hostelry, “The Bell Inn,” where Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob and Treble Bob Major, on handbells, were indulged in until time broke up the gathering. The bells now harmonically tuned are a grand ring in D, the tenor of 22 cwt. giving one the impression of being much heavier, and heard over the countryside pours out a rich melody like a band of music.

The following are the diameters and weights of the bells:—

No.	Note.	Diameter.	Weight		
			cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	D	30 3/8 in.	6	2	16
2	C sharp	31 5/8 in.	7	0	20
3	B	31 7/8 in.	6	1	15
4	A	33 1/4 in.	6	0	21
5	G	37 in.	8	1	20
6	F sharp	40 1/8 in.	10	3	5
7	E	45 in.	15	3	21
Tenor	D	51 3/16 in.	21	2	23
Total weight			83	1	4

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BELFRY REPAIRS FUND TO BE STARTED.

The Northern Branch was this year visited on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, which was held at Stourbridge on Easter Monday. The weather was good, and the welcome most hearty, and all the circumstances combined to make the meeting a decided success. Members commenced to arrive early and the bells at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, and Old Swinford were soon in demand. Service was held in St. Thomas' Church, at 1.45 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Stanhope Newland), who gave an excellent address.

The business meeting was afterwards held in the Foresters' Hall, the Vicar presiding. Apologies were received from the President (the Dean of Worcester), the Rev. Canon Cloughton, the Rev. J. F. Hastings (clerical secretary), Mr. E. J. Dowler (Northern Branch secretary), and others. A recommendation from the Central Committee was laid before the meeting, to the effect that “a Belfry Repairs Fund be started, with a grant of £10 from the general fund, and that interest on the Savings Bank account and a sum equal to life member's subscription be added, and that grants be made at the discretion of the Central Committee for bell repairs.”—After discussion, the motion was put to the vote, and was carried with some slight opposition.

It was decided that the branch officers be recommended to arrange two or three ringing meetings independent of the quarterly meetings, the place, date and methods to be advertised in the ringing Press.

The annual peal was arranged to be rung at Stourbridge, conducted by Mr. R. Matthews.

WORCESTER THE NEXT MEETING PLACE.

When the place for the next annual meeting came to be discussed, it was unanimously decided to return to Worcester next year, and by the remarks that were made, it will, apparently, be some years before it is held anywhere else.

The new members elected included the Revs. Canon Southwell, J. T. Conan Davies (Lye), and T. Robinson (Grimley); also the ringers at Cradley, Grimley and Redditch.

As it had been decided that obituary notices should be published in the annual report, the Secretary asked that all particulars should be sent him; at the same time he called attention to the fact that mistakes occasionally occurred in the reports of peals in the ringing papers, and that such mistakes were liable to be entered in the peal book, unless he was advised of the alterations required.—Some discussion took place as to the advisability of an umpire being present during peals on handbells, but this was deferred until the next meeting.

No change was made in any of the officers, the President, Vice-Presidents, Master, Clerical Secretary, General Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors all being re-elected, the Rev. Canon Southwell being added to the Vice-Presidents.—The meeting then closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, to the incumbents of Old Swinford, Lye and Wollaston for the use of their bells, and to Mr. G. H. Pagett for making all the arrangements so satisfactorily.

A NEW CERTIFICATE.

After so much discussion, tea, which was served in the same room, came as a most welcome change, and full justice was done to an excellent repast, partly contributed by the members of the St. Thomas' Church Council.—Everyone was pleased to see present Mr. W. Rock Small, of Tipton, and at the conclusion of the tea, a hearty vote of congratulation was, with much acclamation, accorded him and his wife on the celebration of their golden wedding.

The issue of a new certificate is in the hands of the Central Committee, and during the evening two excellent designs by members of this Association were considered, the one sent in by Mr. J. Pigott, of Smethwick, being eventually chosen, and will be printed in black and white.

During the evening ringing was the main consideration, and the various bells available were visited; those at Lye, tenor 3½ cwt. and treble 60 lbs., were found, by those not used to them, to be most difficult to ring, owing to their light weight. The “go” of those at St. Thomas' show a marked improvement, and those responsible are to be congratulated.

In conclusion, attention should be drawn to the fact that last year was a record in the history of this Association, both in number of members, financially, and in the number of peals rung. In fact, the reports of the last two or three years show conclusively that the formation of the three branches, has been in all ways of very great assistance in promoting the objects of the Association.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

The annual meeting of the All Saints' Society, Fulham, was held on Saturday. During the past year five peals have been rung on handbells, viz., two of Bob Royal, one of Grandsire Caters, one of Stedman Caters, and one of Bob Major, all conducted by Mr. W. Shepherd. Only two failures had to be recorded.—The presence of the Vicar at tea, kindly provided by him, was much appreciated.—Courses of Treble Ten and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Double Norwich concluded a very enjoyable evening.

NEW BELLS AT TWYFORD, BERKS.

THE DEDICATION.

Easter Tuesday will be a day long remembered by the parishioners of Twyford, for on that occasion the new ring of eight bells was dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Berks. There have been great improvements in the church since the present Vicar (the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth) went there about eight years ago. The church has been enlarged at the east and west end, an organ chamber and a new clergy vestry built, and not the least, a tower has been erected, in addition to many interior improvements. The work has now been completed by the provision of a ring of eight bells.

On Tuesday, long before time for service, the church was packed. The choir and clergy entered the west door singing the hymn, "The Day of Resurrection." The clergy present, besides the Archdeacon of Berkshire, were the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth), the Revs. M. H. Waller (curate), G. F. Coleridge, Rural Dean; C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild); G. P. Crawford (Sonning); E. E. Broome (Hurst); S. P. Marcartney (Ruscombe), G. F. Williams (Remenham), T. H. Wrenford (Littlewick), W. Vicars (Bear Wood), H. S. Acworth (Chobham), G. W. Williams, W. Henley and W. McFarlane. Evening service was proceeded with, the first lesson being read by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and the second lesson by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, after which the clergy and choir proceeded to the Baptistry under the tower, where the churchwardens asked the Archdeacon to dedicate the bells to the honour and glory of God. After the prayers a few leads of Grandsire Triples were rung by the following, while the choir was returning to the chancel: F. Dentry (Twyford), conductor, 1, S. Paice (All Saints', Wokingham) 2, A. E. Reeves (St. Mary's, Reading) 3, L. Russell (Sonning) 4, H. Bungay (Binfield) 5, W. Newell (St. Laurence, Reading) 6, G. Martin (All Saints', Maidenhead) 7, W. Fuller (Wargrave) 8. Each of these ringers was presented with a medallion made of the bell metal, by the churchwarden, Mr. H. W. Verey, as a memento of the occasion.

The ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God who livest," was afterwards sung, and the Archdeacon gave a most practical address, after which came the hymn, "At the name of Jesus."—The Vicar stated that all the money for the bells and furnishing the ringing chamber had been subscribed, and the offertory would be given to the Bishop of Oxford's Fund, which had subscribed liberally when the church was enlarged.—The offertory amounted to between £8 and £9.

After the service, the bells were kept going to a late hour. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge. Ringers to the number of nearly 50 were present from Hurst, Wargrave, Sonning, Reading, Maidenhead, Slough, Windsor, Burnham, Farnham Royal, Binfield, Swindon, London, Hughenden, Wokingham, and other places.

THE NEW PEAL.

The bells are in an iron frame on steel girders, and the whole of the work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. The tone of the bells are excellent, and the "go" is all that could be desired. The firm has also fixed an apparatus for "silent" ringing, which can be heard only in the ringing chamber. This apartment has been nicely panelled with oak, and the walls above are finished with white enamel.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells and their weights:—
Treble. To the Honour and Glory of God most High. This peal of bells was placed in the Parish Church of Twyford, in Berkshire, in the year of our Lord, 1913.

Weight: 3 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.

2. May God bless all whom we do call.

Weight: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

3. In memory of father, mother, sisters and brothers, and in gratitude for many mercies this bell was given by Mary Hedges.

Weight: 5 cwt. 0 qrs. 13 lbs.

4. Hear my prayer, O God.

Weight: 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb.

5. Now at length our bells are mounted.

In their Holy place on High.

Ever to fulfil their mission,

Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

Weight: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

6. Glory to God in the Highest.

Weight: 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

7. In memory of Henry Verey and Ann Patience, his wife. This bell was given by their children, grand-children and great grand-children.

Weight: 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

Tenor. To commemorate the Coronation of King George V. This bell was given by many parishioners. God save the King.

Weight: 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs.

LEWES BELL RINGERS' DINNER.

WELCOME TO NEW RECTOR.

The annual dinner of the Southover Guild, Lewes, Sussex, was held on Wednesday week at the King's Head, a large company sitting down under the genial presidency of the new Rector (the Rev. T. H. Windle), Mr. J. R. Lusted (people's warden) was in the vice-chair, and among those also present were: Messrs. T. A. Stewart-Jones (Rector's warden), J. T. Glandfield, H. E. White, E. Bedford, F. A. Walston, Councillor W. T. Fowler, Sergt.-Major R. Souter, Messrs. A. J. Turner (captain and hon. secretary), E. J. Pannett, C. Errey, F. S. Sturt, G. H. Sturt, G. Stroud, W. A. Hillman, R. J. Dawe (Seaford), C. Sadler, W. Morris, G. W. Moppett, E. Rann, junr., E. Stidworthy, E. L. Blaber, P. Kenward, E. A. Card, F. S. Hewett, W. H. Court, S. Shoemith, junr., T. Groves, J. Ward, H. Moore, W. Moore, etc. Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor (Councillor Hugh Stott), Mr. F. Verrall, Mr. F. G. Courthope, Mr. W. F. Ingram, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman (who is in Paris), Alderman G. Holman, Alderman J. Miles, Mr. J. G. Gaster, Councillor E. A. Glover, Mr. F. J. Wood and Mr. E. G. Burbidge. Mrs. Goldsmith, who has catered for the Southover bell ringers for 36 years, provided an excellent repast, and after dinner, the loyal toasts were enthusiastically honoured.

Mr. F. A. Walston proposed "The Southover Church Bell Ringers' Guild," and remarked that he was proud to be associated with such a splendid lot of fellows, whose services in the belfry were very highly appreciated (hear hear). In these days when the good old Church was being bitterly attacked it behoved all of them to stand up for it, and the best way in which they could do that was by regular attendance at Divine service. He would like to see a bell ringers' pew, and he would give them the best pew in the church (hear, hear). He extended a hearty welcome to their Rector, who had already gained a warm place in the hearts of the people of Southover (applause). They hoped he would continue among them for many years (applause). They would all remember on such an occasion as that, Mr. H. H. Ebrall, who for several years was hon. secretary of their Guild, and who was now in Western Australia. He would be glad to forward a message of goodwill to Mr. Ebrall from members of the Guild, by whom their former secretary would always be kindly remembered (applause). He wished the Guild and its members every success (applause).

Mr. A. J. Turner (who has captained the Southover Ringers' Band for 20 years, and whose name was coupled with the toast) remarked that the ringers appreciated very much the kind references made to their work. They tried to do their little bit towards the work in the parish, and the way in which the members assembled in the belfry after a hard day's work to teach young ringers was very creditable. Bell ringers had to apply their mind to their work, as everyone else did. It took months and even years to become a first-class ringer, and it was a very fascinating pastime, better even than football, for a man could continue ringing for many years. So enthusiastic was the speaker that he told of his experiences of bell ringing since 1889 in rhyme, which greatly amused the company. Bell ringing, he continued, was one of the best exercises for body and mind, and brought into play all the muscles. He thanked the supporters of the Guild for their assistance, which enabled the Guild to finish the year with an excellent balance on the right side (applause).

Mr. F. S. Sturt, in proposing "The President and Vice-Presidents," alluded to the interest which the late Rector (the Rev. H. S. Anson) took in the Bell Ringers' Guild for about six years. The speaker welcomed the new Rector on behalf of the bell ringers (applause). His kindness in presiding at that gathering augured well for the future. He hoped the Rector would regard the ringers as church workers. They were also pleased to see with them their old friend Mr. Lusted, who had been with them on many occasions; also Mr. Glandfield and Mr. Stewart-Jones, who had been very kind friends to them (applause).

The Chairman, in responding, said he appreciated the honour done him in asking him to accept office as President of the Guild. He would accept the office with very great pleasure (applause). He regarded the bell ringers as church workers who were, or should be, doing a most useful work in a parish. He had never heard a peal of ten bells till he came to Southover, and it was a joy to him to listen to them. He was delighted with the historic church and parish, and hoped he would be blessed with health and strength to be a help to the parish, because that was his desire (applause). During the two weeks he had been in the parish he had found everyone ready and willing to help and co-operate, and he felt sure he could rely upon assistance from them in the future.

Mr. Lusted, who said it was over 30 years since he first attended the annual dinner of the bell ringers, Mr. Glandfield and Mr. T. Stewart-Jones also responded.—The toast of "The Hostess" was also drunk.—During the evening, a capital musical programme was carried out, some excellent songs being interspersed with handbell ringing.

HALESOWEN.—Worcestershire Association (Northern Branch).—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: E. White 1, V. White 2, G. Cockin 3, J. Henning 4, A. Hackett 5, A. Greenfield 6, W. H. Webb (conductor) 7, M. Hackett 8.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW.**AN APPRECIATION.**

"Let us now praise famous men; and our fathers that begot us."

Many a fond memory circles round the honoured name of Charles Hounslow, whose death and funeral were noted in last week's "Ringing World." One of nature's true gentlemen, he had long ago made his mark among a large circle of ringers and musicians: a friend to all, he was valued by those of high degree as well as by those who stood on a lower rung of the social ladder. Of his great abilities as a ringer and conductor few were more conversant than those of a generation back, who, whether as members of the City or University Societies, were associated with him at Oxford. Ever ready for a peal, he was equally ready to instruct some beginner in the art, either on the practical or theoretical side. Fond of music, he proved an inimitable siffleur, his skill in whistling long pieces of music being marvellous. He made a practise of attending the Sheldonian Theatre whenever an oratorio was produced with full orchestra by a suppliant for the degree of Mus. Doc.—his opinion of the music—not to mention the composer—proved later to be rarely at fault.

Probably no man living ever yet conducted Holt's Original by a method similar to that invented by Charles Hounslow: the notes of the bells "before" were whistled by him in silence when conducting. So accurately had he mastered the order of the notes which ran like a tune or chant, that a false call was rarely, if ever, made by him. The whole peal would be whistled off to an inquiring listener in a couple of minutes or less with an accuracy which was only equalled when the peal was rung with intervals of two minutes more or less between the bobs.

Much, indeed, does Oxford owe him for preserving the Art from falling into oblivion in those early days before the Diocesan Guild was formed. Associated with its first Master, who had rung much with him, he took part in most of the noteworthy peals rung at Drayton, Appleton and elsewhere; he was also the life and soul of not a few ringing tours, notably in the west.

By profession a painter and writer, much of his beautiful work may be seen in various towers. The most notable peal board for beauty of design and writing, with elaborate detail, hangs in the tower of St. Lawrence, Reading. His last appearance as a ringer was at the dedication of the screen in memory of the late Master at Drayton—a touching appearance indeed—the aged man, with wit as keen as ever—his eye undimmed, but his natural force abated—a frame feeble with the weight of four score years; looking back in memory on the days of long ago—chatting of the past with his numerous friends gathered round him. It was an appearance to be remembered, for it was the last time, though we knew it not, that we should see his face again this side of the Great Hereafter. Wrapped comfortably in the Master's great coat, a swift motor took him back to "Ringwell," his home in Oxford, from which not many weeks afterwards, he was slowly borne to his long home, accompanied by a few relatives, and about 50 ringers, who lined the churchyard path as the bier was wheeled into the church, and, after the service in church, gathered round his grave.

In the person of Charles Hounslow, a firm and steadfast friend has gone the way of all flesh. The world is the poorer for his departure hence: a true life has been rung out, the Exercise loses one of its brightest ornaments. May he rest in peace!

G.F.C.

NOTICES.

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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. Bells (6) at 3 p.m., Evesham (10), Bengeworth (6) available from 7.45 p.m. till 9 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

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

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Potton to-morrow (Saturday, April 5th). Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock. — F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

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

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

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available at 4.30. Tea at the Cafe, High Street, at 5.15. Meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly on Saturday, April 12th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth on Saturday, April 12th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30. — G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 15th and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 29th; St. Michael's, Corn-

hill, on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 22nd. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, April 19th. Bells opened at 3 o'clock, 11.5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector of Waldron (the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts, M.A.). Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by the 14th.—Geo. H. House, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at St. Mary's, Battersea; tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow; all ringers invited. — F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron on Saturday, April 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 19th. The bells at East Retford (10) and Ordsall (6) will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. at Howard's Restaurant, free to members, non-residents 1s., and to others 1s. 3d. per head. A hearty welcome will be given to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on April 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the association will be held on Monday, April 21st, at St. Boltoph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. Tower open from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 9.15 at the Citizen, Houndsditch, E.C. All ringers welcome. — F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Francis S. Wilson, late of Ludlow, has removed to Southwood House, Tewkesbury, Glos.

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