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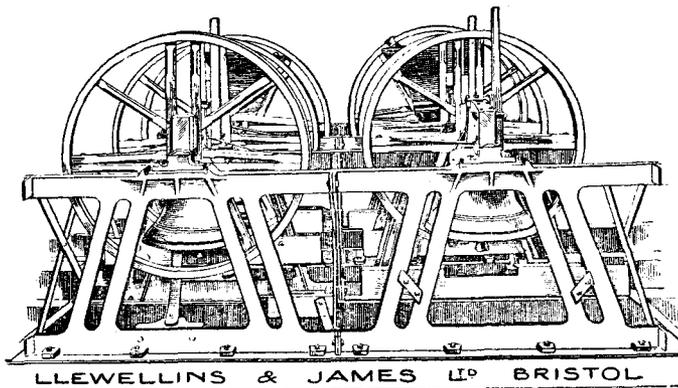
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SHERMANBURY (Sussex).—At St. Giles'  
Church, the Bishop of Chichester has  
dedicated a new oak pulpit, reading desk,  
and a tablet bearing the names of twenty-  
nine known rectors of the parish. These  
offerings are in memory of the Rev. H. W.  
Hunt, Rector of Shermanbury from 1872  
to 1911, and Rural Dean for a portion of  
that period. The Bishop was assisted in  
the dedication service by the present  
Rector, the former Archdeacon of London,  
and the Rev. H. D. Meyrick, Rural Dean,

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ASHFORD DIVISION.)

### HUGE GATHERING. A LADY'S GENEROUS GIFT.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford Division of the above Association was held at Eastwell on Saturday last, and considering that the bells have recently been restored, it was a very fitting occasion to visit that church to endeavour to secure the affiliation of the Eastwell tower to the Association. From what we gather it is probable that this will be done. In the circumstances it was very gratifying to know that the efforts of the seventy odd members present to persuade the local ringers to take up change-ringing were successful. The towers represented were: Appledore, Ashford, Boxley, Brabourne, Canterbury Cathedral, Chart, Headcorn, Horsmonden, Hythe, Iden, Mersham, New Romney, Rolvenden, Rye, Sellinge, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden and Woodchurch.

The church contains a peal of six. The tenor has been recast, and the whole peal rehung most satisfactorily by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Previous to the rehanging ringing was done on the ground floor, but a ringing chamber was erected at the time of the restoration. The whole expense was borne by Lady Northcote, of Eastwell House, in memory of the late Lord Northcote, and a tablet with a suitable inscription, recording the fact, has been placed on the north wall, inside the tower, near the entrance.

By kind permission of Lady Northcote the company were allowed to view the grounds of Eastwell House. The majority of the ringers could be compared unto the children of Israel. They had travelled many miles, and on arrival in the numerous conservatories at the spacious mansion, it must have made them feel they had reached the "land of Promise," for the palms and innumerable kinds of flowers, with various shades of blossoms, were so beautiful, that the pen of the writer could not begin to describe their excellence. From the conservatories the party wended their way over the lawns, which are kept in perfect condition, and it was quite evident that ere long the flower beds will present a magnificent spectacle. A portion of the kitchen garden was inspected, after which the company returned across the park, which is sixteen miles in circumference, back to the church. To give our readers some idea of the size and magnificence of Eastwell House and its surroundings, thirty gardeners are employed there.

A service was held at five o'clock, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary of the Association, intoning the prayers, while the hymns "O God, our help in ages past," and "Saviour again, to Thy dear name we raise," were sung, and suitable Psalms chanted.

The Rector (the Rev. J. A. Halloran), who delivered an address, took for his text II. Timothy 1, 9. "Who hath

saved us, and called us with a holy calling?" The last two words, said the rev. gentleman, seemed to so well describe ringers' work, which was a holy calling. Ordinary trades and businesses were often pursued by the same family from generation to generation, and that he thought was especially true about ringers. Probably it was so with some of the members of their Association, for several members of a family might form part of the ringers at one tower. There seemed to him to be very often a sort of family inheritance in connection with bellringing. The office of a ringer was a holy calling, and bellringers could always feel they were doing a direct and special work for God in calling people to church. The more they worked together and other kinds of church workers toiled together the more they recognised the respective callings they had as sacred, holy callings, the more it would tend to uplift the whole work done into a sphere of sanctity and brightness. Theirs was a very gracious duty, and they had to be skilful to perform it. They were God's messengers, summoning people to worship, and they who rang the bells were doing God's work by sending out the message. But they could not execute their duties without God's help. It was the same with the parson. He had to seek God's help, and if they also sought it, they would find their work would be much happier and more cheerful.

Subsequently an adjournment was made to the boat house, near the pretty lake. Here an excellent tea, given by Lady Northcote, was partaken of. The Rector presided, and the business meeting followed.

The Rector was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. H. C. Humphery and Albert Noake (New Romney) were admitted as probationers.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore moved a hearty vote of thanks to Lady Northcote for providing the tea and extending them the privilege of inspecting the grounds of Eastwell House. He thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and for his admirable address. He also mentioned that at the annual meeting of the Association, at Westerham, on Whit Monday, a special form of service, which had received the sanction of the three episcopal heads, would be used.

The votes of thanks were carried with acclamation, and in response the Rector said he was glad to welcome them to Eastwell. It was the first time they had visited there, and he hoped to have the pleasure of seeing them again. He would convey their message of thanks to Lady Northcote, who was not in residence at present, but he was sure if her ladyship was at Eastwell House when they came again she would attend personally. Continuing, the Rector referred to the restoration of the bells, and expressed the opinion that he thought the work was done well. He hoped the bells would long remain as a memorial to Lord Northcote, who was only with them a short period before he was called to rest. They knew little of him, but he had a very distinguished career, and although his time was short in their midst, they learnt to love and esteem him. In conclusion the rev. gentleman wished success to the Association.

The bells were kept going in the afternoon and evening,

among the methods practised being Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Mr. A. C. Kay, of Ashford, kindly obtained permission for Kennington, another six-bell tower to open during the evening, and some capital Minor was indulged in there.

Ringling concluded at nine o'clock, terminating one of the largest meetings held in the Ashford Division.

### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

A meeting of the above district was held on Saturday last at St. Mary's, Putney, there being a record attendance. Ringing commenced at four o'clock, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative being rung. The business meeting was held at the "Half Moon" hotel, at eight o'clock. The Master (Mr. H. S. Ellis) occupied the chair. The place chosen for the next meeting was Isleworth, provided the necessary permission was granted; if Isleworth were not available then St. Stephen's, Ealing. The date of the meeting is the third Saturday in July. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of St. Mary's for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Bolton (Master) and Honeyball (Secretary), of the Putney band. To this Mr. Bolton suitably replied, saying he was very pleased to meet the members of the Association at Putney. The Master having to leave to fulfil a special engagement, Mr. H. Mance took the chair and conducted a musical evening, when a programme of touches on handbells, songs, recitations, &c., was rendered, most of those present taking part.

### LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On June 1st, five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild will attempt a long peal of Stedman Caters at Guildford. The length will be about 14,000, and the starting time is 2.30. The band is made up as follows: Messrs. F. Blondell, J. Hunt, and A. H. Pulling (Guildford); J. S. Goldsmith (Woking); and W. Shepherd (Hersham).

### Correspondence.

#### POINTS FOR PEALS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—In view of the Central Council meeting next week, will you permit me to ask if the Committee of Points for peals is not setting an exaggerated value on the idea that Minor peals should be of one class throughout, that is all Surprise, Treble Bob, or Plain? For example, under the proposed scale seven 720s of Kent Treble Bob would receive 14 points, while the same number would be given for six plain methods and Kent. One Surprise method would get 28 points, while the same method with six Treble Bob methods would receive only 22.

Would it not be simpler and more satisfactory to take as a base for all Minor peals a fixed number "x," and add to this an agreed number of points for each plain, Treble Bob, or other class of method rung? If considered advisable the points for the first method in each class could be greater than for subsequent 720s in other methods of the same class in the peal.—Yours &c.,

E. S. POWELL,

Holbeton Vicarage,  
Plymouth.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

A successful and well-represented meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Willingham on Saturday, May 18th, members being present from Gainsborough, West Stockwith, Brigg, Scunthorpe, Laughterton, and Bramston, in addition to some of the local company. Early in the afternoon the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Ven. J. Bond, Archdeacon of Stow, and Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral; also Mr. F. M. Burton, F.L.S., F.G.S., of Highfield, Gainsborough, who were honorary members of the Guild, and had passed away during the week. Tea was provided at The Half Moon, and followed by the business meeting at which the Vicar of Willingham (Rev. C. H. R. Baldwin), presided. One performing member (Mr. W. Epworth, of Blyton, and one honorary member (Rev. C. H. R. Baldwin), were elected. The latter in his remarks made reference to the Welsh Disestablishment, and gave some sound practical advice to those present by urging upon them to stand firm by their Church, irrespective of their views in regard to politics.

A resolution that letters of condolence and sympathy be sent to the friends and relatives of the two late honorary members previously mentioned, was moved by Mr. J. C. Tinker, and on being put to the meeting, was unanimously carried by the whole of those present standing in silence. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to those who had been responsible for providing the tea concluded the meeting. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, including a 720 of Plain Bob by the following: W. Ayre, F. W. Atkinson, jun., J. W. Bartram, C. H. Baker, C. Crawford (conductor), J. T. Ladd.

### ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR 1911.

From the Annual Report of the Essex Association, just issued, we gather that a record in membership has been established the total number being 773, an increase of 36 during the year, while the addition of £8 to the Reserve Fund brings it up to £95 3s. 11d., making a second record. Beside this the General Account shows a balance of £11 2s. 2½d. in hand. Forty-nine peals had been rung in 27 towers, and five upon handbells. In bringing about this result 156 members took part, 28 of whom acted as conductors. The methods rung were Stedman Caters, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; New Cambridge, 3; Superlative Surprise, 2; Double Norwich, 11; Treble Bob Major, 11; Bob Major, 11; Stedman Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 2; Surprise Minor, 1; Minor in seven methods, 8; Minor in four methods, 1. The whole of the handbell peals were rung by the Harwich company. Two members have been removed by death—Canon Fraser, of South Weald, one of the oldest honorary members, and Mr. F. Squires, of Wanstead, a much-respected member, and a regular attendant at annual gatherings: Four towers, Brentwood, Galleywood, South Weald and St. Osyth have withdrawn from the Association, whilst Newport, Rickling and Fryerning have become affiliated, New treble bells have been added at Clavering, Shenfield, and Burnham-on-Crouch; the ring of five at Rickling has been overhauled, and the re-hanging of the ten at Chelmsford during the present year is contemplated.

## NOTES.

A party of Yorkshiremen from Leeds and District are staying in Surrey, with headquarters at Croydon, from Saturday morning till Tuesday morning. They are to attempt a peal on the ten at Beddington on the Saturday afternoon.

In connection with the Annual Meeting of the Central Council, our readers will note that the following towers will be open on Whit Tuesday, viz., St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5.30 to 7 p.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 7 to 8; St. Paul's Cathedral 8 to 9.

The Ashford District of the Kent County Association held a most enthusiastic and successful meeting at Eastwell on Saturday. The object of the visit was the conversion of the local band to change-ringing, which seems to have been achieved. This is doing good work, and work which the Association will reap the benefit of later.

Like its predecessor (Easter Monday), the Whitsun Bank Holiday seems to call ringers in all parts of the country to the Annual Meetings of their Associations. Given fine weather there should be record attendances, and we should hear of good business being done.

Altogether the holiday appears likely to be a very busy one.

At least two attempts at long peals are to be made next week. On Monday at Hornchurch, a band of Middlesex Association ringers will attempt a long peal of Bristol Surprise. At Guildford on Saturday, members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild will try for a peal of 14,000 Stedman Caters on handbells.

Death was busy last week among members and supporters of the Exercise. Lincoln lost two honorary members in the Ven. Archdeacon Bond, and Mr. F. M. Burton, F.L.S., F.G.S., of Gainsborough, while in Mr. Jas. Pettit, the Ancient Society of College Youths lost not only a past Master, but a member who was highly esteemed and respected by a large body of ringers, and one who had done a vast amount of work for the advancement of the Art.

Mr. Tom Scarlett, with the aid of his band of handbell ringers, is organising a concert for the benefit of the widow of Mr. Ben Howard, late of Woodford, and a ringer at Braintree. Date and place will be announced later.

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SECTIONS.	COURSE ENDS.	CALLING.			FALSE COURSE ENDS.		
		M	W	H			
No. 5	23456				32546	24365	46253
	64352	-	-	-	46532	_____	_____
	35642	-	-	-	53462	_____	_____
	63542	-	-	*	36452	_____	_____
	56342	-	-	-	65432	_____	_____
No. 4	36245	-	-	-	63425	_____	_____
	42563	-	-	-	24653	_____	_____
	56423	-	-	-	65243	_____	_____
	45623	-	-	*	54263	_____	_____
	64523	-	-	-	46253	_____	_____
No. 3	54326	-	-	-	45236	_____	_____
	23645	-	-	-	32465	_____	_____
	64235	-	-	-	46325	62453	_____
	26435	-	-	*	62345	_____	_____
	42635	-	-	-	24365	_____	_____
No. 2	56234	-	-	-	65324	_____	_____
	23564	-	-	-	32654	_____	_____
	52364	-	-	*	25634	_____	_____
	35264	-	-	-	53624	_____	_____
	25463	-	-	-	52643	_____	_____
No. 1	45362	-	-	-	54632	_____	_____
	63254	-	-	-	36524	_____	_____
	52436	-	-	-	25346	_____	_____
	35426	-	-	-	53246	_____	_____
	42356	-	-	-	24536	43265	_____
	34256	-	-	*	43526	_____	_____
	23456	-	-	-	_____	_____	_____
FRAGMENTARY COURSE ENDS.							
	43652				34562		
	62534				26354		

When placing the 6th bell in 56 in an earlier part of this article I stated that when only a part of the rows of a group are used such course ends must be brought up plain, and not by bobs. These fragmentary course ends prove that statement to be correct.

Now in the first course, from the bob M up to the H bob, the coursing order of the bells is 4 3 6 5 2, and this would be the course ends by omitting the H bob. This, then, although hidden behind 6 4 3 5 2, must be proved with other course ends, whether its proof is covered by the fragment of another course or not, as 6 4 3 5 2 is no relation at all to the first course of this composition. 6 2 5 3 4 is another fragment that must be proved, as this is hidden behind 5 6 2 3 4, and is thus obscured from view.

An exception may be taken to the bringing up of the odd row of a group by pointing out that as there are two rows, 5 4 3 2 6 and 3 5 4 2 6, of the same group, these could be brought up by H bobs. The reply is that this would place us in a worse dilemma, for the third row of that group must then be proved with the others. This row is 4 3 5 2 6, and thus is false against 3 4 2 5 6, and for this and several other reasons 4 3 5 2 6 is inadmissible as a course end.

Now by a scan of the Skeleton Course it will be noticed there are rows in lead IV. and lead VIII. marked E, and upon a further scan rows will be found in lead IV. and lead IX. marked F. These when treated in the way shown in given diagrams produce the false course ends 4 6 2 5 3 and 3 2 5 4 6

respectively, which, of course, are nothing new in this proof except to show that these blocks bristle with these rows, and I here give them in order to emphasize the importance of proving the fragmentary course ends by the false course ends, the same as the full courses are proved. In conclusion let me add that any peal built upon these lines, providing the bob changes are correct, will undoubtedly prove a true composition.

COMPOSITION BY SECTIONS.

In reference to this part of the article I may here say it is well known to many old friends that I have given but a very very small percentage of the figures, &c., involved in the building of a composition. Had I given them all the space occupied would doubtless cover at least a double number of the good old "BELL NEWS." Be this as it may, I have given an introduction to this brain-puzzling part of the bell-ringer's art, and while I could have added plenty more, sufficient for the day, &c.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

Some few months ago it was found that the fittings of the five old bells in Metheringham Church were in a very dilapidated and unsafe condition. All ringing was stopped, and a meeting called to consider the question of restoration. Eventually Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were entrusted with the work of supplying three smaller bells to complete the octave, and hanging the whole in a modern iron frame, the old bells being sent to the foundry to be tuned.

The opening ceremony was performed on Wednesday, May 15th, at half-past two, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. I. S. Rawson. The other clergy present included the Rev. Canon Townrow (Lincoln), the Rev. H. Law James (Surfleet), and the Rev. C. H. Scott (Lincoln). The five old bells had been previously rung up, and immediately the dedication of the three new ones was over, these were also raised, and three leads of Grandsire Triples were then rung by the following: Rev. H. Law James, F. W. Stokes, R. Richardson, A. Mackears, A. Holmes, J. T. Holmes, W. Dickinson, F. R. Kettlebory. The service was then proceeded with, a very fitting sermon being preached by the Rev. Canon Townrow.

At the conclusion of the service a peal of Double Norwich Major was attempted, but this unfortunately came to grief, "stand" being called half-way through the peal, owing to a change-course. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea in the Parish Room, afterwards returning to the church to ring for evening service at 7.30. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round. The sermon at this service was preached by the Rev. G. H. Chard, Vicar of Nocton.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, head of the famous Loughborough firm, was present at the dedication, and was warmly congratulated on the excellence of the work. The three new bells are exceptionally fine in tone, and harmonize beautifully with the rest, the result being a musical ring of eight, with a tenor of 8½ cwt. in A flat. All who had the pleasure of taking part in the ringing expressed themselves highly satisfied with the splendid "go" of the bells. At the present time there is no band of change-ringers in Metheringham, but the local band has already started handbell practice, and it is to be hoped that before very long the first "local" peal may be attempted.

**Notices.**

The charge or the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 28th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
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**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hornsey on Saturday, June 8th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Bernard Spink). Bells available from 3.30. Meeting at 6. All are welcome. C. T. COLLS, Hon. Sec.  
173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. The President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, will unveil a peal-board, and a good attendance is desired. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.  
Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**The Kent County Association.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Whit Monday, May 27th. Committee Meeting in Vestry at 11 o'clock. Divine Service at noon. Preacher.—The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Dinner in the Public Hall at 1 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Westerham (8), Brasted (6). Limpsfield (St. Peter's, 6), and St. Andrew's (6). The elected Central Council Representatives will be expected to attend the meeting on Whitsun Tuesday. For dinner tickets, etc., apply to

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**The Warwickshire Guild.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Hampton-in-Arden on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. REV. C. COX, Hon. Sec.  
Shottonery.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, May 25th. Bells will be ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. T. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—Isle of Ely District.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris on Whit Monday, May 27th. Bells of Chatteris (6) and Doddington (5) available during the afternoon. Short service in parish church at 5.30. Tea at 5.45 p.m. F. ROWLINSON, District Secretary.  
Burnsfield Street, Chatteris.

**The Essex Association.**—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Kelvedon. 11.0.—Divine Service at St. Mary's church with address by the Rev. H. S. Sanders, Vicar of Woodford, 11.0.—Annual Meeting at the Infant School, 1.30.—Dinner at the Church Hall. Tickets 1s. each to members who give notice beforehand. Non-members 2s. each. A brake will convey ringers to the neighbouring towers during the afternoon. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**Durham and Newcastle Association.**—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at West Hartlepool. Bells of St. Oswald, St. Aidan, and Stranton available all day. Committee meets at Grand hotel at 1.0 p.m. Dinner at 1.30. Members intending to be present please notify

CHAS TODD, Hon. Secretary.  
26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

**Peterborough and District Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whittlesea on Whit Monday, May 27th. Bells available all day. St. Mary's (8), and St. Andrew's (6). Service at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after. F. T. COOKE, Hon. Sec.  
195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—Biggleswade and District Branch.—Biggleswade.—Re-opening and dedication of new bells (8), on Sunday afternoon next, May 26th, at 3 o'clock. Bedfordshire members kindly note. F. BLOOD, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. in the Harwood Road Schools. J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, June 1st. Please notify Mr. P. Preston, 3, Red Hill, Church Street, Stone, of how many intend to be present not later than May 28th.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } Hon. Secs.  
J. JOHNSON, }  
143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

**Notice.**—Shoreditch Bells Fund.—Funds are urgently needed to put this grand old peal in proper repair. £50 wanted before the work can be commenced. Who will help a poor parish? Contributions thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged. Collecting cards also supplied by H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

**Long Peal Attempt.**—All being well, eight members of the Middlesex County Association will attempt a long peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch on Monday, May 27th, starting about 8.30 a.m.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

The monthly meeting of the Swindon Branch took place at Castle Eaton on Saturday, May 18th. There was a fairly large number of members present from Coln St. Aldwyns, Down Ampney, South Cerney, Stratton St. Margaret, Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon. The Rev. C. M. R. Luckman (Vicar), granted the use of the bells, and during the afternoon several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. An excellent tea, provided by Mr. W. Greenaway, of The Red Lion inn, was thoroughly enjoyed, and a business meeting followed. Mr. O. W. Lang presided in the absence of Mr. E. Bishop, Branch President. One new member was elected, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Grittleton on Saturday, June 8th. A vote of thanks to the Rev. C. M. R. Luckman was heartily accorded, and a similar compliment was paid the Rev. A. N. Scott

(Vicar of Kempford), whose invitation to ring at that church was taken advantage of in the evening. The party then reunited at Castle Eaton, where Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were practised until 9 p.m.

**5033 STEDMAN CINQUES.**

BY JOHN CARTER.

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324165				S		

Round 5th change next six.

A. 1s, 2, 4, 14, 16, 18.  
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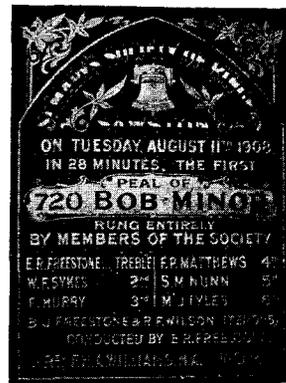
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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1912.

Nothing could better describe the message of church bells, or emphasize the sacred character of the office of ringer than do the words of the Rev. W. Templeton King, Rural Dean, in the course of his address at the dedication of the new bells of St. Stephen's, West Ealing. "A church tower without its bells was," he said, "incomplete, and however perfect architecturally, a dumb and speechless thing. The bells endowed it with a voice; he might almost say with a soul, when one thought of the skill and art of the ringers. That voice possessed its own peculiar nature and characteristics. The bells had not only a voice, but a unique one, capable of expressing shades of feeling, tones, and moods, that could not otherwise be uttered. And since we were spiritual and rational beings, this new

faculty for expression meant an enlarged, heightened, and intensified capacity for emotional experience. To take one or two brief examples. When the bells were rung as a 'muffled peal,' the very heavens seemed 'hung with black,' so mournful and solemn was their sound. But when not all the bells were muffled, and one perhaps left free, then a note of proud mysterious triumph seemed to be blended with their wailing sorrow, as when some great one of the earth, some monarch, victorious general, or national hero passed to his rest. Again, the bells had another voice, that of symbolism. Ringing high above the ground and men's heads, their music might seem as a voice from heaven. Sounding as they did from the tower of a church, a sanctuary for God's worship, that voice might be a veritable 'sursum corda,' a summons to all who heard its music, to 'lift up their hearts,' both calling for and even demanding that response which the church gave in her enthusiastic worship, 'We lift them up unto the Lord.' Again, the way their music was produced suggested an obvious parable. Each bell had its own peculiar note, but when all were rung by a band of skilled and disciplined ringers their harmony was a richer and nobler thing than could be got from any single bell, however great in size or fine in tone."

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first session of the eighth Council (22nd Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, 28th May, 1912, in the Small Hall of the Church House, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously, at 9.45 a.m., in the same room.

N.B.—The entrance to the Small Hall is from Great Smith Street.

AGENDA, 1912.

- 1.—Election of President, and of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
- 2.—Minutes of last Meeting.
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
- 4.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 5.—Introduction of new Members to the President.
- 6.—Election of Standing Committee.
- 7.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees; and re-appoint, or alter the constitution of, the Committees, as may be thought desirable. viz. :—
  - (a) Peal Collection.
  - (b) Church Press.
  - (c) Legitimate Methods.
  - (d) Peal Values.
  - (e) Peals Analysis.
- To discuss the following :—
  - 8.—A Peal of Minor must consist of at least seven true 720s, and the bells must strike Rounds only once at the end of each, and immediately go into the next. The peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720s fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720 changes to make up some definite number.
  - 9.—(a) That a Committee of five (?) six-bell ringers be appointed to draw up a scale of Points for performances on five and six bells.
  - (b) That this Committee, together with the Peals Values Committee, try and find a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances compared with that of peals on higher numbers can be fixed.
  - 10.—That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of Methods, as stated on page 18 of "Rules and Decisions," 1904.
  - 11.—That this Council, in extending its hearty welcome to the

"Ringing World," has heard with satisfaction from the Hon. Secretary that he has, from the first appearance of the paper, sent for publication in its columns all essential Official Notices and Reports of the Council, and notes with pleasure that the Analysis of Peals for the past year has been compiled from, and has appeared in identical terms in both ringing papers alike.

12.—That the Hon. Secretary of the Council be instructed to write to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and request them to meet a deputation from the Council and discuss the supposed danger to towers caused by substituting iron bell-frames for wooden frames.

That the Hon. Secretary also bring to the notice of the Royal Institute of British Architects the Council's recommendations with regard to the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows.

13.—That the Council, while itself declining to take part in the formation or subsequent management of such an enterprise, if set on foot, and without in any sense pledging its individual members, would nevertheless view with satisfaction the establishment on a sound financial basis of a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of any members of the Exercise who may stand in need of help.

14.—That this meeting of the Council, while recognizing the value of peal-ringing generally, and the laudable desire of the members to assist in placing their own Association at the head of the Peal Table, wishes to express the strong conviction that the chief aim of all members should be the encouragement in all towers of ringing, rather than chiming, the bells for Sunday services, thus helping to achieve the primary object for which bells are hung, viz., the Glory of God and the calling of the parishioners together for His worship.

15.—To fix the place of meeting for next year.

16.—Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary.*

A Social Gathering will be held at the Westminster Palace Hotel at 9 p.m., to which Sir Arthur Heywood invites the Members of Council and their ringing friends.

The following towers will be open on Whit Tuesday :—  
St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5.30 to 7; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 7 to 8; and St. Paul's Cathedral 8 to 9 p.m.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. Treble.	FRANK HAIRS .. .. . 5.
ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE .. 2.	ALFRED W. GRIMES.. .. 6.
FREDK. J. HOLDEN .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
BERTRAM FREWETT .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and  
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

POTTON (Beds.)—On Sunday morning, May 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. A. O. Bailey, F. Pratt, F. Blood, C. A. Pratt, L. F. Taylor, S. R. Roper (conductor). First 720 of Kent by the treble ringer.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

## LONDON.

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

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 2.	JAMES WELLS .. .. 8.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD.. .. 9.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 10.
WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 11.
THOMAS H. REEVES.. .. 6.	JOHN NEAL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by A. WALKER

The Guild take this opportunity to thank the Rev. Canon Taylor for the use of the bells, and also the many London ringers who met them before and after the peal and gave them such a hearty welcome. Rang on the 9th anniversary of the Record Peal of London Surprise Major by the Guild.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. DONALDSON .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 5.
ALBERT A. HUGHES.. .. 2.	HAROLD W. CLARE .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 4.	DALBY HODGSON.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. GRIMES.. .. 6.
GEORGE H. JAYE .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

## The Provinces.

## CHESHUNT, HERTS.

## THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY G. ROWE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 5.
FREDK. G. PEBBIN .. .. 2.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDEES .. .. 7.
FRANK HAIRS .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS,  
First peal of Major on the bells.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday, May 12th, at St. Mary's church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Long, A. Brooks, L. A. Smith, T. Ball, G. Brooks, J. Monk conductor, J. Brooks, C. Walker. L. A. Smith hails from Leckhampstead, Bucks., and this is his first quarter-peal.

## ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

HENRY G. KETTLE* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 4.
JOSEPH H. WHITE .. .. 2.	CHARLES FREEMAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. COX .. .. 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

\*First peal of Minor.

## CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble.	*HORACE W. HUMBLE .. 5.
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 2.	GEORGE DURLING .. .. 6.
SPENCER MARSHALL.. .. 3.	ALFRED JAMES .. .. 7.
GEORGE FRENCH .. .. 4.	HARRY DURLING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

## ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being three 720s of Oxford, and four of Kent.

WILLIAM MORRIS* .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.
HARRY BOTTRILL .. .. 2.	ISAAC CAVILL .. .. 5.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 3.	HARRY SMALE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by I. CAVILL.

\*First attempt for a peal.

## THAXTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK SUCCLING .. Treble.	HARRY E. BOWERS .. .. 5.
HARRY P. EMERY .. .. 2.	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 6.
FREDERICK C. RADLEY .. 3.	H. WALTER SMITH .. .. 7.
JOHN T. BARKER .. .. 4.	EDWARD CLAYDON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

## HULME, MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES.. .. Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
ALFRED CROSS .. .. 2.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HOLBROOK.. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. COOPER .. 7.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON.. 4.	JOHN T. BOTTRILL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. FLEMING, and Conducted by J. T. BOTTRILL.

First peal as conductor. Rang on Ascension Day.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On May 14th, 720 London Surprise Minor. F. Varo, O. Gilbey, F. Bashford, W. Cheesman, W. Bashford, A. Harinan (conductor). First in the method on the bells and by all the band.

LANE END, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Wednesday, May 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob, and five 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lbs. in B.

WILLIAM BOWNES .. .. Treble.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 4.
RICHARD BOLTON .. .. 2.	ROBERT H. YOUNG .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BOLTON .. .. 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

GAYWOOD, KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720s. Tenor 12 cwt.

CRAIK SHIPP .. .. Treble.	TOM GREENAGRE .. .. 4.
WM. MITCHELL .. .. 2.	B. M. TARGETT .. .. 5.
PERCY JOHNSON .. .. 3.	GEO. HAWES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. HAWES.

First peal on the bells, and first peal by all the band.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. in F sharp.

HUBERT J. DAY .. .. Treble.	PETRE LAFLIN .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	JAMES BETTS .. .. 6.
JAMES MOTTS .. .. 3.	ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 7.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. .. 4.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER S. INWOOD .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HODGETTS .. .. 5.
CHARLES N. LEMAN .. .. 2.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 6.
CHARLES W. SMITH* .. .. 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 7.
FRANK F. MARTIN .. .. 4.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by EDWARD WHITEHEAD.

\*First peal in the method.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SMITH* .. .. 4.	JOHN WOODBERRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal in the method.

HURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,  
(Sonning Branch.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF J. J. PARBER'S TWELVE-PART,

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs.

ALBERT PIERCE* .. .. Treble.	JAMES NORTH .. .. 5.
JOSEPH WHITE .. .. 2.	HARRY BUNGAY .. .. 6.
FRANK LUSH .. .. 3.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 7.
JOHN RANCE .. .. 4.	JOHN PRINCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\*First peal. This peal was rung as a farewell to James North, who left England for Australia on the 23rd inst., the ringers wishing him every success in his new sphere of labour. At the close of the peal. Mr. Jos. White, on behalf of the branch members attending the monthly combined practices, presented him with a Gladstone bag, as a token of their goodwill, and in appreciation of his regular attendance and assistance on those occasions. Messrs. Pierce, Bungay, and Lambert hail from Binfield; White and Prince from Hurst; Lush from Wokingham; Rance and North from Easthampstead.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

BERNARD FISHER .. .. Treble.	EDWIN S. MYNARD .. .. 4.
HENRY W. GAYTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM JACQUES .. .. 5.
FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLAREE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

First peal as conductor in seven methods.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

F. CHELL* .. .. Treble.	C. PAGE .. .. 5.
T. CHELL* .. .. 2.	J. GOODALL .. .. 6.
S. CHURTON .. .. 3.	P. PRESTON .. .. 7.
E. LANDON .. .. 4.	J. ABBERLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. CHURTON.

\*First peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BEN THORP .. .. Treble.	*WILFRED LLOYD .. .. 5.
JOSEPH E. SYKES .. .. 2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	†R. WILFRED COLLIER .. 7.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4.	JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. WILFRED COLLIER.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor.

SANDY (Beds).—On Sunday evening, May 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. C. Fox, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, F. Blood, C. A. Pratt, S. R. Roper (conductor), L. F. Taylor. First 720 of Treble Bob by the ringer of the treble. The above were rung to oblige Messrs. Taylor and Roper, who hail from Croydon.

## KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

ERNEST FISHER .. .. Treble.	ALFRED NEWSON .. .. 5.
FRED SALTER .. .. 2.	THOMAS FITZJOHN .. .. 6.
ALFREO MARCO .. .. 3.	CHARLES CARTER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ADCOCK .. .. 4.	FRED BURROWS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by F. BURROWS,

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S. Tenor 17 cwt.

FRED HINDLE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MALLINSON* .. 5.
JOHN FOULDS* .. .. 2.	JOHN WATSON .. .. 6.
EMMANUEL DUTTON .. 4.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. 7.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 4.	JAMES ASHTON .. .. Tenor.

\*First peal of Stedman. †Fiftieth peal. Rung on the thirty-fourth anniversary of the 5th ringers first peal. The ringers of the 2nd and 5th hail from Colne; the rest belong to the local company.

## ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FRANK TALBOT .. .. Treble.	JAMES HARRIS .. .. 5.
MISS LILIAN A. WILSON 2.	ELGAR VALLANCE .. .. 6.
LESLIE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILSON .. .. 7.
T. HENRY HARDY .. .. 4.	CONYERS BOULTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILSON.

First peal of Triples by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, and 6th

## Handbell Peals.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT 155, WATERLOO STREET,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

CHARLES SANDERS .. 1-2.	ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. 3-4.
*WILLIAM SHERCLIFF .. 5-6.	

Conducted by W. SHERCLIFF.

Umpire—H. Hurdman. First peal in seven methods on handbells by all. \*First peal in seven methods and first as conductor.

## HAGGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE "GEORGE THE FOURTH," BRUNSWICK STREET,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4.	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 7-8.
*ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Royal on handbells. Umpires—Messrs. W. Hewitt and J. E. Davis.

## CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

In the President's Room, Trinity College,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	REGINALD O STREET .. 5 6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 7-8.
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON* .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by G. HAYWARD, and  
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpire—Francis R. White. \*First peal. 50th peal by the Guild.

## Date Touches.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM.—At St. Ann's church, on Monday, May 20th, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor, 1912 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. E. Davidson, T. C. Ringrose, F. E. Ringrose, A. Howell, F. Fensom, C. H. Ross. Composed and conducted by C. H. Ross. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.)

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, May 12th, for Divine Service, 608 London Surprise. W. Tayler, A. J. Hessian, H. O. White, C. W. Wheeler, W. Malins, J. B. Fenton, J. A. Fenton, J. M. Chandler. Composed and conducted by W. Malins. On Ascension Day, May 16th, for Evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 54 mins. G. Watson, jun., R. Watson, sen., J. B. Fenton, W. H. Cole, W. Tayler, H. O. White, J. George, W. Malins. Composed by John Carter and conducted by James George. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 4th. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Friday, May 17th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Prior, first in the method, G. Joyce, R. Sanders, E. Wigg, W. Doran (conductor), A. N. Other. On Sunday, May 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. W. Doran, A. Scambler, W. Truss, T. Cranfield, A. Neale, W. Theobald, F. Newman, H. Torble, G. Haydon, G. Potter. Composed by J. Bradley and conducted by W. Doran.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. M. Pink, F. Chaffey, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, I. W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings conductor, A. Pain. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to those who lost their lives in the "Titanic" disaster.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD,

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, May 17th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. F. S. W. Butler, W. Ayre, C. H. Baker, J. C. Tinker, J. T. Ladd (conductor), W. Dickenson, H. Torr, A. H. Curtis. On Monday, May 20th, another quarter-peal in the same method, in 48 mins. F. S. W. Butler (conductor), C. H. Baker, J. T. Ladd, J. C. Tinker, W. Ayre, W. Dickenson, H. Torr, R. S. Lakin. Both the above were rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Ven. Archdeacon Bond and Mr. F. M. Burton, who were for a many years honorary members of the above Guild.

THE BELLS OF ST. STEPHEN'S, WEST EALING

DEDICATION BY THE RURAL DEAN.

"I praise the true God, I summon the people, I call together the clergy, I bewail the dead, I put to flight the plague, I celebrate the festivals,"—these were the words, clothed in Latin, in which, in olden times, the bells of many a church peal described their own mission. The fifth of these functions has dropped out, but the others remain to the present day, neither have the sentimental attraction which ever surrounds "the chimes" at all diminished, even in this materialistic age. This was evinced by the interested attitude of those who attended the dedication service for the newly-hung peal, held last Saturday afternoon in St. Stephen's church, which was conducted by the Rural Dean (the Rev. W. Templeton King), assisted by the Rev. Wilfred S. Tupholme, and the Rev. A. A. G. Hunt,

Several appropriate hymns were sung, and dedicatory prayers read, after which the Rural Dean delivered his charge, during which he described the occasion on which they were met as of rare occurrence. Probably few, if any, of the congregation now assembled, had ever in their lives been present at the dedication of a peal of bells, and had heard such a peal rung for the first time that afternoon. It was with mingled feelings they were assembled for the purpose of this service. Their late beloved Vicar had long desired to see the bells placed in the tower, and to hear them rung. That happiness had been denied him, but, perhaps, in some higher and different way, they might speak to him in the unseen world. If they did, then they would tell him that one reason why they had been so speedily hung, in fulfilment of his cherished wish, was that what he had planned might be carried out as a mark of reverence for this memory. He then went on to describe the uses of the bells, concluding by pointing out that this was a useful lesson for congregation or parish. When all worked together with unity of spirit and harmony of effort for God and His church and their fellow-men, greater and nobler things would result than would be accomplished by any individual, however gifted. These bells, now dedicated, which they would soon hear ringing for the first time, would be for unborn generations, and for centuries to come, calling men to lift up their hearts to God, calling the people of this parish to come to the worship of God in His house of prayer. Might their sound ever fall on hearing ears, and heedful and obedient hearts

With this addition, Ealing has three peals of eight bells, the octave having just been completed by the addition of three bells, by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields, who have also rehung the whole eight.

A touch of Stedman Triples was rung after service by members of the Middlesex Association, and after tea further touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford Bob were rung.

The eight bells of the peal were given by the following: Mrs. and Miss Dawes, Mr. A. A. George, the Misses Baron, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Young, and "A Parishioner." The actual cost of the improvement has been £205, £180 of which sum has been already raised.

The ringers, who were given tea in the Parish Room, being the guests of the ladies of the congregation, made the bells ring out their music again in the evening.

WANTED.—A copy of "CHURCH BELLS OF SHROPSHIRE," in good condition.—Address E. RODENHURST, The Heath House, Stanton-on-Hine-Heath, Salop.

EXTENSION MOVEMENT.

During the past year a number of District meetings, most of them well attended, have been held in connection with the Essex Association. We learn with much satisfaction that a series of meetings having for their object the affiliation of those towers which do not belong to the Association is being arranged. This movement is one which should be heartily supported by every member who desires to see the art of Change-ringing advance. It is hoped by means of these meetings to awaken the interest of those residing in the outlying parts of the county, and so make for even greater success in the future than has been achieved in the past.

SOME OLD RECORDS.

From some old records which came into our possession we learn that one of the most notable lords of the Manor of Cowley, Gloucestershire was one named Henry Brett. He was an eccentric man, and was notable for his fondness for bell-ringing, which he gratified by constantly travelling about the country with a company of ringers. So costly was the amusement that in the end he is said to have thus dissipated a splendid fortune. A reminder of the musical tastes of Henry Brett is to be found in the ring of six bells which he gave to the church of St. Mary, at Cowley, in 1730, and which still hang in the tower.

OLD BELFRY RHYMES.

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BISHOPS WALTHAM,—A.D. 1766

Ye ringers all that use this Belfry  
Your hats throw off, your gloves lay by,  
The Steward's fees you can't deny.  
And if a bell you overthrow,  
You shall pay twopence e'er you go.  
And if you shall a wager lay,  
Or such a thing presume to say,  
You shall for that a penny pay.  
And if you take God's name in vain,  
You shall pay sixpence for your pain,  
And when you come the bells to ring,  
Drink soberly, God save the King.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, May 19th, for Divine Service, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. G. Croucher, H. Reeves, H. Ewins, F. T. Hoad, sen., A. Holman, O. Gilbey, A. Harman, T. Sparks, H. A. Hoad, G. F. Hoad (conductor). On Monday, May 20th, for practice, two courses of Stedman Caters. H. Ewins, G. Croucher, A. Holman, F. T. Hoad, H. A. Hoad, O. Gilbey, A. Harman, T. Sparks, G. F. Hoad, W. Smith.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON .. .. .	Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES .. .. .	5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. .. .	2.	FRANK I. HAINES .. .. .	6.
ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. .	3.	THOMAS LANGDEN .. .. .	7.
REUBEN SANDERS .. .. .	4.	JAMES E. DAVIES .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIES.

\*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

### FUNERAL OF MR. JAMES PETTIT.

It was a sorrowful party that gathered on Saturday last round the grave in Manor Park Cemetery, which is the last resting-place of all that remains of our late comrade, Mr. James Pettit, who died on May 12th, after a long illness, at the age of 78 years. Many members of the two old London Societies—The Ancient Society of College Youths, and the St. James's Society—were there, among whom we noticed the following:—

Messrs. J. P. Bradley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, Albert Coles, Arthur Coles, Mrs. W. Cooter, H. Dains, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. Doran, G. Dorrington, T. Faulkner, W. E. Garrard, York Green, E. Hall, S. Hayes, E. Horrex, sen., E. Horrex, jun., R. T. Hibbert, E. Howe, H. Hoskins, Mr. S. E. and Mrs. Joyce, H. Langdon, E. Lee, G. Margetson, E. Marsh, T. Mash, W. and Miss Prime, F. Rumens, H. and Mrs. Springall, H. Springall, jun., J. Scholes, T. H. Taffender, W. Thompson, G. Thurgood, W. Truss, E. Wallage, J. Waghorn, sen., C. Ward, W. Weatherstone, C. F. Winney, Mrs. Wallbank and her sister (nieces of deceased), Knight, etc.

These assembled to pay their last tribute of respect and regard to the memory of one who was fittingly described as a good and true man. Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a course of Stedman Caters over the grave at the conclusion of the burial service, as follows: F. E. Dawe, 1-2; T. H. Taffender, 3-4; C. F. Winney, 5-6; H. Langdon, 7-8; W. T. Cockerill, 9-10. In the evening at St. Paul's Cathedral, a whole pull and stand muffled peal was rung by E. Horrex, 1; A. Jones, 2; E. Gibbs, 3; R. French, 4; H. Springall, 5; F. E. Dawe, 6; E. Wallage, 7; C. F. Winney, 8; S. E. Joyce, 9; T. Taffender, 10; W. Prime, 11; W. T. Cockerill and C. S. Burden, tenor. Afterwards a course of Stedman Caters with T. H. Taffender, 7; R. T. Hibbert, 10; G. Dorrington and C. S. Burden, tenor. At the College Youths practice on Tuesday, May 21, at Southwark Cathedral, the bells were half-muffled, when Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Maximus, and Cambridge were rung as a mark of respect.

At St. Mary's church, Walthamstow, on Saturday evening, the whole pull and stand with the bells half-muffled, was rung by F. Rumens, J. H. Wilkins, G. W. Cooper, T. Cutforth, J. C. Adams, W. J. Hazell, H. Rumens, F. C. Maynard, R. J. Maynard, sen., and W. B. Manning.

Arrangements have been made for muffled peals to be attempted at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on Thursday evening, May 23rd, at 6.15 p.m., and at St. Giles, Cripple-gate, on Saturday, the 25th, at 3.30 p.m.

Born on April 25th, 1834, Mr. Pettit started his connection with the Art of bellringing early in life, his first peal for the College Youths being dated December 3rd, 1857, at the age of 23. The earlier peals booked by the Ancient Society of College Youths in which he took part are as follows:

1857, December 3rd, South Hackney, Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Green; 1862, November 26th, Bethnal Green, Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Cooter; 1863, May 22nd, Bethnal Green, Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by H. W. Haley; 1863, November 28th, Bermondsey, Stedman Caters, conducted by H. W. Haley; 1864, January 30th, Stepney, Kent Treble Bob Royal, conducted by H. W. Haley; 1865, March 18th, Southwark, Stedman Cinques, conducted by H. W. Haley; 1866, March 3rd, Bethnal Green, 8448 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by H. W. Haley; 1866, March 17th, Cornhill, Kent

Treble Bob Maximus, conducted by M. A. Wood; 1868, April 27th, Bethnal Green, 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by H. W. Haley; 1869, January 20th, South Hackney, Grandsire Triples, conducted by James Pettit.

This peal commenced a long series of performances of Holt's Original, in which many living members rang their first peal.

1872, July 27th, Waterford Cathedral, Holt's Original, first peal in Ireland, conducted by J. Pettit; 1881, October 15th, Southwark, Stedman Cinques, conducted by J. Pettit; 1881, December 10th, St. Paul's Cathedral, Stedman Cinques, conducted by J. Pettit; 1882, February 4th, St. Bride's, Fleet, Stedman Cinques, conducted by J. Pettit; 1882, November 11th, Shoreditch, Stedman Cinques, conducted by J. Pettit; 1883, December 8th, Fulham, 11,111 Stedman Caters, conducted by J. Pettit; 1884, October 23rd, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holt's Original, non-conducted.

From this date he may be reckoned the premier conductor of the Society with which he was connected all along, and for the St. James's Society as well as the College Youths he called many peals in the Standard methods, a complete list of which is not yet available.

On April 25th, 1896, his 62nd birthday, he conducted a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes, and was afterwards at The Essex Head, presented with a testimonial and purse of gold as a small token of the regard and esteem in which he was held, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Art of change-ringing. As long as health and strength permitted, he continued this good work with that personal charm and dignity so well remembered by all who had the privilege of his intimate acquaintance.

### CHELMSFORD BELLS NOT TO RING.

These bells which are in a very bad state of repair, and considered unsafe, will ring out for the last time on Whit Sunday next. The clergy and churchwardens are unanimous that the time has come for something to be done. A meeting is to be held early next month to decide what improvements are to be made. All ringing is suspended until further notice. HENRY F. COOPER, *Chelmsford*.

### SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

The heavy ring of five at this place are to be rebung in an iron frame, and a new treble is to be added. The Rector and churchwardens are inviting tenders, and the work is to be put in hand shortly.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On May 19th, for evening service at Bishop Ryder's Church, for the School Anniversary, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 50 mins. S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, G. A. Taylor, J. Porter, J. T. Perry (conductor), W. H. Carrod, J. B. Collett, W. Ellis.

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Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, Ltd., clock manufacturers, Guildford Street, Leeds, and Newcastle, are now erecting clocks at Skipton West Yorks; Christ Church, Carlisle; Askham Church, East Markham, Notts; and Righope Church, near Sunderland, Co. Durham; Carlton Robin Hood, County School, West Yorks, for memorial committee; and a memorial clock for East Yorkshire, and one at Brough, Westmorland, and other important work; also restoring and cleaning several church and public clocks in different parts of the country.

The Bishop of Willesden dedicated on Sunday week a Lady Chapel at All Saints' church, Child's Hill. The greater portion of the money for the work was contributed anonymously as a thankoffering for preservation from danger.

Last week the Bishop of London dedicated the north aisle and vestries of All

Saints' Church, Highgate, and also a reredos which had been erected to the memory of the first Vicar, the Rev. Edgar Smith. The enlargement has been carried out at a cost of £3000. Additional seating accommodation is provided for 200 persons bringing the total up to 550. Mr. John Stockdale, of Hart Street, W.C., was the architect.

The corner-stone of the new chancel which is being added to the Church of the Good Shepherd in Entwistle Road, Rochdale, was laid the other day. This addition will complete the fabric, of which the nave was built in 1904-5. Messrs. Ashworth and Woolfenden are the contractors for the chancel, Messrs. Nichol and Son being the sub-contractors for stonework. Mr. Lingen Barker, of Manchester and London is the architect for this addition, as for the nave. The chancel will be 31-ft. long by 22-ft. wide, and is to be in keeping with

the general structure. It will have a three-light east window, the gift of Sir Clement Royds, the subject being the Good Shepherd. The chancel and vestries will cost about £1300, exclusive of furnishing.

Plans have been prepared and adopted for the erection of a new church at Durrington near Worthing, Sussex. It is to seat 370 persons, and will be capable of future enlargement. The site is that of a former church, said to have been reduced to ruins in Cromwellian times, and of which the foundations still remain.

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BY GEO. CROSS, Norwich.

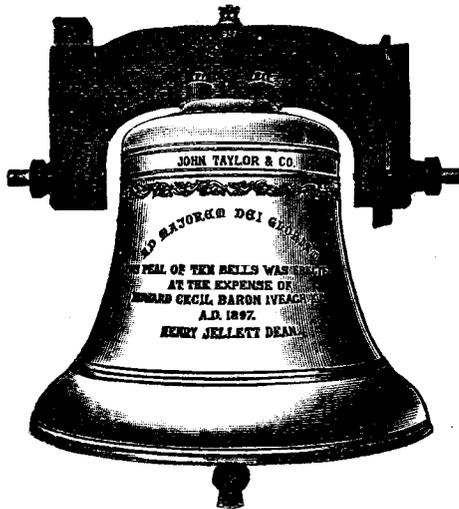
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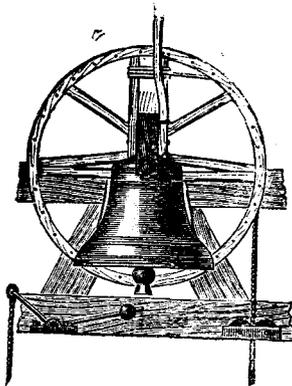
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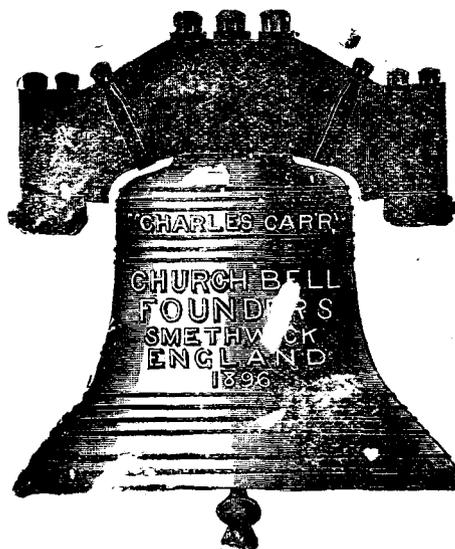
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