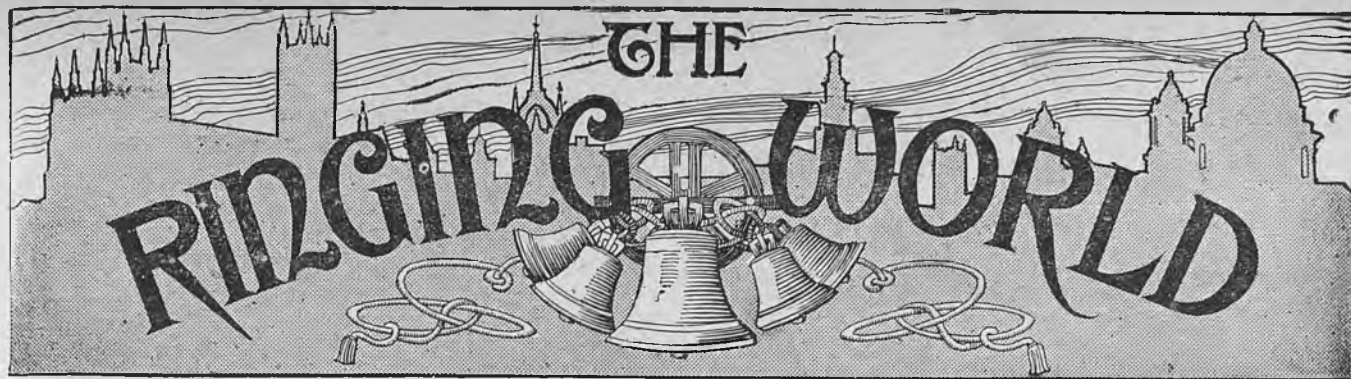




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Gentlemen,

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.

MODERN WORK.

WAKE UP, HEREFORD!

Thanks to the interest evinced by a correspondent, who may be termed somewhat of an "outsider," we are able to publish this week a report of the annual festival of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. But for this gentleman's thoughtful desire that the successful day's proceedings should not go unchronicled, no record would, we are informed, have been sent to the ringing papers. Now is this as it should be? We do not say that anyone is to blame, for very frequently it happens that what is anybody's business is nobody's business. At the same time it is surely in the interests of any association that the doings at its annual meeting should be known not only to those of its members who attend, but to that far larger section who are, for a variety of reasons, unable to be present—to say nothing of the general interest which other associations have in their neighbours. But on that point we need not dwell. A word to the wise is sufficient, and perhaps in future someone officially connected with the Guild will make himself responsible for sending a report of the proceedings, so that the members in particular and the Exercise in general may learn of the progress that is being made. In the present instance the friendly correspondent has supplied a concise and happily worded report.

There is, however, another matter in which Hereford may well "wake up." In some respects it is abreast of the times, such, for instance, as the provision of a paid instructor. But we learn with some surprise that there is apparently no system in operation for periodical meetings. Only once a year does the association meet—on the occasion of the annual festival, and it seems to us that by the absence of minor gatherings at frequent intervals it misses one of the greatest opportunities for extending its work and bringing it into close touch with the ringers of the diocese.

We are told that there are difficulties in the way of quarterly meetings. Surely they are not insurmountable! A little thoughtful organisation and much might be done; for what is possible in practically all the other associations ought to be feasible in Herefordshire. The advantages of quarterly or district meetings are so manifest and so well recognised that there is no need to enlarge upon the subject; indeed the Hereford Guild have gone some way to acknowledge the principle in "sanctioning" unofficial combined practices. We should like to see Herefordshire bring its organisation up to date. It has a lot of five and six bell towers, to say nothing of the churches with greater numbers, and there is no reason why it should not extend its activities, if organised on progressive lines.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE W. TOMKINS ... Treble	CHARLES H. GORDON ... 6
HARRY BROWNJOHN ... 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	WILLIAM STOWELL ... 8
ALBERT STOWELL ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9
GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ... 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and

Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

The conductor's rooth peal. Rung on the occasion of the great demonstration in Bristol against the Welsh Disestablishment Bill.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*GEORGE HOLLIS ... Treble	*JOHN C. DICKEN ... 6
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 2	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 7
SAMUEL WESLEY ... 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 8
GEORGE LEWIS ... 4	*THOMAS W. GORE ... 9
CLEMENT GLENN ... 5	*ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Royal in the method by the Association. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Royal in the method by the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

WALTER E. BRITAIN ... Treble	GEORGE HUGHES ... 6
EDGAR T. SMITH ... 2	*THOMAS HUGHES ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	ALFRED ROWLEY ... 8
ALBERT C. BLONDELL ... 4	WILLIAM E. COOPER ... 9
JESSE SCREEN ... 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. It is also the first peal of Stedman Caters for the Dudley and District Guild. This peal has the 6th 23 courses behind the 9th in the tittums, and 24 courses behind the 8th with 72 sixes with 8—6 behind in the hand stroke home position.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*WALTER SEATON ... Treble	THOMAS BLOORE ... 6
ALFRED JONES ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 7
†WILLIAM G. ANKER ... 3	JOHN JENNINGS ... 8
JAMES JONES ... 4	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... 9
WILLIAM H. JONES ... 5	WILLIAM DAVIES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters with a bob bell. W. Seaton was made a member before starting.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	ARTHUR HUGHES 7
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3	REUBEN SAUNDERS 8
HAROLD N. BURTON 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
ERNEST BRETT 5	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES WHEELER... .. Treble	WILLIAM WHEELER... .. 5
GEORGE DENT 2	WALTER TARLING 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	HENRY BOTTRILL 7
WILLIAM DELLAR 4	HARRY SMALE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by G. DENT.

Rung as a farewell peal to H. Smale, who has since left for Australia.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	JOHN SNELLING... .. 5
*BERTIE TURNER 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
FREDERICK SEAGER 3	CHARLES BRICE 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by C. BRICE.

* First peal in the method.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON Treble	ALBERT HOUGH 5
*HARRY WASHBROOK 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
ALFRED BARNES... .. 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
TOM WILDE 4	JOHN T. BOTTRILL Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY, and
Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	CHARLES FREEMAN 5
WILLIAM PRYCE 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 4	G. HARRY KETTLE Tenor

Conducted by ADOLPHUS ROBERTS.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. William T. Cox, a highly esteemed member of the Stoke Society.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs., in E flat.

*HARRY PAGE Treble	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN 5
*GEORGE CROSS 2	*WILLIAM PAGE 6
*TOM PAGE 3	*JAMES CROSS 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES 4	BENJAMIN THORPE Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

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

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Treble	BENJAMIN THOMPSON ... 5
WILLIAM HEMPEL 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	ALBERT G. WARNES 7
WILLIAM STEELE 4	FREDERICK MIDDLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

First peal in the method on the bells. This was the first of a series of farewell peals to the ringer of the 2nd prior to his leaving the district.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lbs.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM J. NEW 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	JOHN SPARROW 6
GEORGE SPENCER 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING... .. Treble	FREDERICK MANSER... .. 5
JOHN SNELLING 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	FREDERICK SEAGER 7
BERTIE TURNER 4	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

HERNEHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

*EDWARD R. TRENDELL ... Treble	EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... 5
IVO HADLOW 2	HORACE GILBERT 6
ALFRED T. W. BONES 3	EDWARD TRENDELL... .. 7
FRANK ELSEY 4	PERCY J. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by E. TRENDELL.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is 14 years of age.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

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

First peal in the method by Allen F. Bailey, who is only 17 years of age.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE Treble	JOHN HOUGH 5
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 6
*WALTER HAIR 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
HERBERT HURDMAN 4	*ALBERT WAGG Tenor

Conducted by J. GRIFFIN.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE FIELDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALBERT E. MILLETT ... Treble	HENRY RUMENS 5
GEORGE B. LUCAS, Senr. 2	WILLIAM J. COOPER ... 6
ALFRED HOWELL 3	FRED C. MAYNARD 7
JAMES C. ADAMS 4	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. B. LUCAS, Senr.

* First peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE JORDAN Treble	JOHN LUCKEY 5
ALFRED PRIOR 2	THOMAS JORDAN 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	THOMAS J. WATTS 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

First peal by A. Prior who hails from Leyton. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Butler.

BOLTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN PALFRAMAN Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	JOHN MCKELL 6
FRANCIS WOODHEAD 3	WILLIAM B. SMITH 7
JOHN B. JACKSON 4	JOHN W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Gill, a member of the local band.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY O. WHITE Treble	FREDERICK J. HERBERT ... 5
PETER ROURKE 2	*WALTER WILLIAMS 6
SAMUEL POOLE 3	WALTER MALINS 7
ARCHIBALD J. ROSS 4	WILLIAM G. TILCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WILLIAMS.

* First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells conducted by a local man. Messrs. W. Malins and H. O. White hail from Rugby, and the remainder are members of the St. Mary's Society.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK ... 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
*HORACE ROFFE BUTCHER 3	KEITH HART 7
EDWARD C. MERRITT ... 4	WILLIAM JENNER Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as the usual quarterly peal of the Eastern Division of the County.

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

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER Treble	JOHN THOMAS LADD ... 5
†WILLIAM DICKENSON ... 2	†CHARLES HENRY BAKER 6
*JOHN THOMAS BARTRAM ... 3	†PERCY BALLANCE ... 7
JOHN CHARLES TINKER ... 4	†WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Bob Major First peal of Major as conductor. Arranged for W. Ayre, who hails from Lenton, Nottingham.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM A. DONALDSON ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
EDWARD T. WIGG 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

This peal was rung as a farewell to W. A. Donaldson, who was leaving for Canada on the 19th.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine and three each of Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... Treble	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 4
FREDERICK BARKER 2	FRANK E. KEMPTON ... 5
ABRAHAM WILKINSON ... 3	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal on tower bells. This is the first peal on the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN BEVAN Treble	JOHN GWYNNE 4
ALLEN GWYNNE 2	EDWARD SUMMERS 5
JAMES BLAKE 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal. First in seven methods for all. The ringers are all members of the local company, and the peal was rung on the first occasion the complete band met to make the attempt.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	WALTER NICE 4
FRED CHALK 2	ALFRED SOUTH 5
FREDERICK WHITE 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CHAWTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells. It is believed to be the first time that even a 720 has been rung on these bells, and, as a result of this visit, the local ringers are going to take up change ringing.

WYKEHAM, NEAR SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 Six-Scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, called in eleven different ways. Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS COLE Treble	*FRANK DAVISON 3
HARRY GIBSON 2	HERBERT MILLNER 4
JOHN R. BARTON Tenor	

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

* First peal away from a covering bell. First peal on the bells which were installed by Taylor and Sons in 1901. First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST DAVIES Treble	THOMAS WOOD 4
DAVID THOMAS 2	ERNEST WILLIAMS 5
*JAMES PARTRIDGE 3	RUPERT SHARP Tenor

Conducted by T. WOOD.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Miss Llewellyn for kindly providing tea after the peal.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5520 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, as follows: i Double Court Bob and Single Court Bob, ii Double Bob and Plain Bob, iii Double Oxford Bob and Oxford Bob, iv St. Clement's Bob, v Woodbine Treble Bob, vi Oxford Treble Bob, vii Kent Treble Bob, and 480 changes of Little Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

REX T. BUSWELL Treble	WILLIAM C. LEWIS 4
WALTER T. WILSON 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5
FRANK H. TALBUTT 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The above is the first peal in eleven methods by the Association and by all the band. It was rung on the seventh anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK DAINTY 1	WALTER CROSS 4
THOMAS VAUGHAN 2	GEORGE JUTSON 5-6
HUGH BEECHEY 3	

Conducted by G. JUTSON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	FRANK BLONDELL 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: SYDNEY G. STEER.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

LATE PEALS.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*MISS DOROTHY STEEL ... Treble	*EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	*EDWARD WHITE 6
†HORACE H. SMITH 3	FRANK WEBB 7
†MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Major inside.

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

On Monday, June 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

†MISS MAUD PIGOTT Treble	*GEORGE GARRISON 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
†J. HERBERT BENFIELD 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
HORACE HOWELL 4	JOSEPH PIGGOTT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method as conductor.

PROGRESS IN AMERICA.

ASSOCIATION FORMED AT BOSTON.

This week's mail from Boston, U.S.A., brings news from Dr. A. H. Nichols of a real start being made in the Art in the land of the Stars and Stripes. The band is now practically complete, and as no less than five of the number rank as conductors, it is obvious that the company is a very capable one. A society has been formally organised under the name of the Boston Association of Change Ringers, Dr. Nichols having been elected President and Secretary, and Mr. P. J. Allfrey, Master.

On Tuesday of last week, the Association, by special invitation, gave an exhibition of change ringing before the Boston Society of Architects, and other friends. This meeting was in the line of a plan to educate the community as to the advantage of installing musical peals of bells, and encouraging skilled ringers.

THE FIRST RINGERS' OUTING IN AMERICA.

Friday, May 20th, a holiday devoted to the veterans of the civil war and the decoration of soldiers' graves, was rendered noteworthy as being the occasion of the first ringers' outing held in the western hemisphere. The Boston Guild, now equipped for any service, contributed to the celebration of the day by ringing in three towers in detached districts, giving in each locality a meritorious performance. Inasmuch as it was thought expedient to admit the curious public to the ringing chamber, and even the belfry, no peal was practicable; but the regularity of rhythm with which the touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were tapped off did not fail to impress the listeners as a novel treatment of bells, conveying the conception of a kaleidoscope of agreeable, musical changes.

After performing at Watertown and Christ Church, the band dined at the house of Dr. Nichols, and then proceeded by train to Hingham. Here it was arranged that to the ringers should be assigned a prominent part in the public ceremony, and as the procession of soldiers and civilians marched around the memorial tower containing the fine ring of ten, the bells were set in motion, deeply muffled, except the back stroke of the tenor, and rung until the audience was seated in the adjacent church. Upon the conclusion of the services, the bells were again rung for nearly two hours to an appreciative throng which had been attracted by previous announcements in the schools and local newspaper of the visit of the English ringers.

The men were assured that one result of this visit was the demonstration of the wisdom of the committee in charge of the tower in selecting English bells adapted to half-pull ringing. The following members took part in the outing: P. J. Allfrey, Wm. Bashford, Frank Bugar, Jas. F. Laker, G. Mackman, G. Moore, R. Newton, Dr. Nichols, S. J. Perkins, S. W. Sturgis.

At the Perkins' Institute on May 23rd, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 34 minutes, by: P. J. Allfrey 1, S. J. Perkins 2, Geo. Moore 3, J. F. Laker 4, Wm. Bashford (conductor) 5, R. Newton 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL COUNCIL TOPICS DISCUSSED.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Bromsgrove on Saturday. About 40 members were present from Old Hill, Tipton, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Stourbridge, Hallow, Worcester, Redditch, Northfield, King's Norton, Clent, Edgbaston, Wolverley, Elmley Lovett, Birmingham, and Selly Oak, together with the local ringers. Service was held in the Parish Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Noel Patterson) gave a very interesting and instructive address from Proverbs xviii, 10. In passing, he said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to that church, which, he said, had been a landmark for the last 500 years. There was a great deal of talk about war, but the battle they were fighting was much harder. The speaker alluded to the great loss they had sustained in the death of the captain of the Bromsgrove ringers, Mr. Oliver James, who, he said, was a straightforward and conscientious man, but as time rolled by the gaps would have to be filled, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to see so many young men among them that day taking such a great interest in the art of change ringing. It was a great art, and one which required great skill and patience and plenty of hard work, but as members of the Church, they made it a labour of love.

After the service, tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar, took place in the Vicarage grounds, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding. Redditch was selected for the next quarterly meeting, on Saturday, September 27th. The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Bromsgrove, a very old and respected ringer, Mr. Geo. Hayward, being selected as conductor. It was decided to hold a meeting for combined practice at Halesowen, on July 19th, the methods to practice being Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major.

REPRESENTATION OF LADIES.

Mr. J. R. Newiman, the general secretary, gave an account of the Central Council meeting. The two matters he specially referred to were the representation on the Central Council of the Ladies' Guild and peal ringing in relation of the public. He said no vote would be taken at that meeting, as it would be a question that would come before them at the annual meeting.—Mr. Rock Small strongly advocated

the claims of the ladies to be represented on the Council, saying there was no doubt that all ringers would be better for their presence among them. He was speaking from practical experience, as it had been his pleasure to ring peals with some of them. He also referred to the splendid way in which the ladies' annual meeting was conducted at Harborne on Whit-Monday.—Mr. H. Mason, while advocating the claims of the Ladies Guild, said they should move slowly in the matter until it was shown that they were strong enough to have a representative on the Council.

In the discussion which followed, on peal ringing, the Vicar said his opinion was that the Central Council should have nothing to do with the matter. It was one for the local authorities only. As Vicar of a church which had a good peal of bells, and one who lived in the shadow of the church he was never tired of hearing them ringing, a remark which called forth an emphatic "hear, hear."

On the proposition of Mr. Mason, and seconded by Mr. R. Small, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the address, and to him and Mrs. Noel Patterson for their kindness in providing such an excellent repast.—The Vicar, in responding, said it was eight years since a meeting was held there, but he hoped it would not be so long again before another was held.—Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and various other methods brought to a close a very successful meeting.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

After an interval of eleven years, the annual festival was held again at Hereford on Thursday week, and certainly no trouble had been spared to present the members with a good day's programme. That the Dean and Chapter are only too ready to give all the encouragement in their power to ringers as church workers was plainly evident from the fact that the Cathedral bells were available for about four hours during the day. It made the writer, whose lot is not cast in such fair ground, positively envious.

The proceedings commenced with a fully-choral service in St. Nicholas' Church at 10.15, at which the special preacher was the Rev. E. V. Cox, who took for his text Eph. vi, 10, "Be strong in the Lord," and emphasised the duty of ringers as church workers to strengthen the hand of him who was sent to minister among them by their own conduct and example in fulfilling their obligations of church membership, especially in the matter of being regular and devout communicants. The service was intoned by the Rector, the Rev. A. B. Wynne-Wilson, and the special lesson was read by the secretary, the Rev. J. S. Roper, Rector of Quatt. A collection was taken for the funds of the Guild, and amounted to well over £1.

MORE MEETINGS WANTED.

The business meeting in the College Hall occupied the next hour. The Rev. A. O. Lee, Vicar of Lugwardine, presided in the unavoidable absence of the Master, Mr. J. G. Buchanan. The officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. After a letter had been read from Coalbrookdale tower suggesting that the festival be held on a Saturday, the feeling of the meeting was taken and found to be unanimously in favour of a Saturday not being entertained. "Minorities must suffer." However a very good suggestion was thrown out that interim meetings might be arranged unofficially for combined practices. Apparently, quarterly meetings are as yet unknown in this Guild, doubtless owing to the peculiar difficulties inseparable from workers in purely agricultural districts. The next annual festival was fixed to take place at Church Stretton.

An adjournment was then made to dinner at — well, no one seemed to know. It was not found at either of the alternative places on the programme, but with appetites by this time fully whetted, the members finally discovered it at the Wellington Hotel. — The Secretary apologised and made it quite clear that not he but the caterers were responsible for this "hide-and-seek" game. However, "all's well that ends well," and a party of nearly 90 sat down to an excellent dinner.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Rev. A. B. Wynne-Wilson proposed "Success to the Guild," and coupled the toast with the name of the secretary, who, in his reply, drew attention to the afternoon's programme, and announced that the Rev. A. C. Lee was very kindly providing tea at Lugwardine for all who were going to ring there.

Beside the Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas (6) in the city, the following towers were visited: Burghill (8), Holme Lacy (8), Lugwardine (6), Stoke Edith, Tarrington, and Withington. Ringers were present from the Cathedral, St. Nicholas, Lugwardine, Quatt, Ross, Newent, Birmingham, Ludlow, Walsall, Gloucester, Stoke Edith, Allensmore, Kingsland, Clifford, Leominster, Withington, Eardisland, Pembroke, Stokesay, Tarrington, Llangorron, Colwall, Coddington, Bosbury, Handsworth, Swindon, Madley, Norton Canon, and other places.

On learning that no official record of the meeting was going to be sent to the ringing papers, the writer has penned these notes with the conviction that such a festival was worthy of some printer's ink, and a place among the records of other similar gatherings.

ON PLEASURE BENT.

CAMPANOLOGY IN THE COTSWOLDS.

On Sunday week, an enjoyable afternoon was spent by members of the Cheltenham and District Guild, when a faithful band of six started out. Eight miles of easy riding brought them to Withington. Here the bells were raised, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles rung multo labore. Tea having been partaken of at the Old Mill Inn, the company continued their journey through the picturesque Chedworth Woods, justly famed for their wonderful growth of wild flowers. On emerging from the other side of the wood, a splendid view presented itself, inasmuch that it made one feel that it was good to be alive. The air was so clear that the famous Westbury White Horse, over forty miles distant, was plainly visible.

At Chedworth, the six bells recently rehung, were rung for service in Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. After a pleasant little service—no collection—the bells were again set going, and 720 Bob Minor, with two of the local men ringing inside—although they had rung no Minor for some years—was successfully brought round in 23 minutes: H. Holford 1, W. Yeend 2, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 3, O. Bartlett 4, W. Greenwood 5, A. S. Boar 6. Three of the party were now introduced to a new method, "New Bob or Double Extreme." With two locals, one calling, they started off with the sole knowledge that the "go-off" was 21435. Lo! they found themselves ringing Plain Bob. At the end of the plain course the conductor called "New Bob." However, the fourth's place single was made, and behold they had rung a six-score of "Double Extreme!" The return journey was soon resumed, and, after an hour's wandering over the unbeaconed Cotswold roads, four of the party finally reached the Oxford Road at Northleach, 12 miles from Cheltenham. However, they put their heads down and "plugged" into the wind, to such purpose that they caught up with the other members of the party (they had started before the 720 was rung), pedalling gently along Cheltenham High Street. The well-satisfied members of the expedition were: H. Holford, J. Pugh, J. Cooper, W. Yeend, J. T. Dyke and A. S. Boar, the conducting being shared by the three last-named.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

The third annual outing of the Bolney band was an unqualified success. A programme had been drawn up, which included a visit to Woolwich Arsenal as the principal item, and thanks to the excellent arrangements made beforehand, the whole programme was carried through without a hitch. Leaving Bolney in waggonettes, at 6.30 a.m., a most enjoyable drive brought the party to Hayward's Heath Station, where train was boarded for London Bridge. After breakfast, the journey was continued to Woolwich. A most enjoyable and instructive 2½ hours were spent in looking over the vast factories and workshops, the party, 13 in number, being divided into two sections, and conducted through the most interesting parts of factories. On leaving the Arsenal they visited Greenwich, and after dinner, at the Gloucester Hotel, the party visited St. Alfege Church, where permission had been granted for a short pull.

Here the party were welcomed by Mr. H. Hoskins, the hon. secretary of the St. Alfege tower, and during the short stay, the visitors had the pleasure of meeting Mr. I. G. Shade and other members of the Greenwich band. The party essayed to try their 'prentice hands in Grandsire Caters, but perhaps (owing to the heat, the number of bells, weight of metal, length of draught, or some other cause) the less said about the ringing the better. It was of the "outing order," and bad at that. The failure to obtain good striking, however, was quite overshadowed by the cordial welcome extended to the party by the local ringers, and which the visitors wish to take this opportunity of acknowledging, especially that of Mr. Hoskins, whose kindness in obtaining the use of the bells, and in looking out such excellent catering accommodation was highly appreciated. On leaving Greenwich, a short visit was paid to St. Paul's Cathedral, followed by tea, after which a move was made for the Palladium, where seats had been booked for the first "house." Hayward's Heath was reached just before eleven o'clock, and the journey to Bolney, by waggonettes, was completed just after 12 o'clock.

GRANTHAM MEN AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The Grantham ringers held a very enjoyable outing on Whit-Tuesday, when they visited the celebrated bell foundry at Loughborough. The visitors were met by the foreman of the works and several of the Loughborough ringers. After inspecting the various departments and processes used in the making of bells, touches of Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung on the light peal of eight at the foundry. A very pleasant surprise then awaited the visitors, for in the pattern shop, Messrs. Taylor had kindly provided refreshments for them. Several courses were very successfully brought round at the Churnwood Coffee House, where dinner was provided. Through the kindness of the Vicar of Loughborough (the Rev. T. Pitts) and the help of the local ringers, touches of Grandsire, Stedman Caters and Treble Ten were brought round on the bells of All Saints' Church. In the evening, the visitors closed a very successful outing, by ringing with the help of the Nottingham men, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters on the bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham. The Grantham ringers wish to tender, through "The Ringing World," their hearty thanks to Messrs. Taylor and Co; also to the Loughborough and Nottingham ringers for the kindness and the help given to them, and which helped to make the outing an unforgettable one.

MEETING AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

A ringing meeting took place on Saturday week at All Saints', Loughborough, when about 20 ringers turned up to ring on the famous bells, "where they rang the clock round." Repairs to the fabric and masonry had kept the peal silent for some time, so the re-opening was all the more pleasant. Mr. H. W. Abbott had made the necessary arrangements, and the bells were open for ringing between three o'clock and 5.30, Treble Ten, Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, and a course of Superlative on the back eight kept the bells going merrily. Among those present were: Messrs. J. W. Taylor, R. Lane, I. Hardy, T. Oldham, H. W. Abbott, H. Stubbs, and others, of Loughborough; Revs. C. J. Sturton and R. P. Farrow, M.A., Messrs. Bartram, of Melton; Norman, Vallance, Hardy and Willson, of Leicester; A. Coppock, Nottingham; W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale; and others. It is intended to hold another united practice shortly.

THE LATE MR. JOSEPH BAINES.

A NONOGENARIAN RINGER.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association has lost its oldest member, by the death of Mr. Joseph Baines, who passed away at the great age of 92 years. In presenting his annual report, the Hon. Secretary of the Association (Mr. T. Metcalfe) made a sympathetic reference to the loss which the Association had sustained, and expressed deep sorrow and regret at the passing away of so venerable a figure. Mr. Baines, he said, did not go in greatly for peal ringing, having rung only two 5000's during his whole ringing career, but as a Sunday service ringer he was always to be relied upon for punctuality and regularity of attendance. In this respect he was a man whom a great many of the present day ringers might well take a pattern from.



His ringing career commenced, when he was about the age of 22 years, under the tuition of his father at Sharow, when there were only six bells in the church. He followed ringing at that time only for a short period of about three years. Thinking that bell ringing was not a fit and proper work for Sunday, he gave it up, left the church and joined a dissenting body, associated with which he continued for about 40 years. He then rejoined the Church, and took up ringing again, but not before he had had an interview with the Vicar of Sharow (the Rev. Canon Nunn), and had satisfied himself that there was nothing wrong in any man ringing church bells on a Sunday, so long as they were rung for the purpose that they were intended for.

At this time, Mr. Baines was about 60 years of age, but he set himself to master the art of change ringing in the tower with which he was connected in his younger days, and where in the meantime the bells had been augmented from six to eight. After a few years at Sharow Church, he joined the Ripon Cathedral Society, and rang at both Sharow and Ripon for some years, the time for ringing in those days at the Cathedral allowing ringers to get to Sharow to ring there for service. Mr. Baines picked up Stedman and Double Norwich equally as quick as the junior ringers, his favourite methods being Stedman and Grandsire Triples. He finished his ringing career at Sharow, and although his home was some two miles distant from the church, despite his age he would be the first in the belfry ready to take his rope. At last, however, his strength failed him, and he was unable to ring for something like twelve months before his death. He was a man of high character, and one who was looked up to and respected.

Several members of the Association attended the funeral at Sharow, and rang the bells, deeply muffled and half-muffled, as a last tribute to one who was esteemed throughout the Association.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In accordance with the resolution of the Council passed at the recent meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Council's publications have been removed from the custody of Messrs. G. Allen and Co., and are now in the keeping of the hon. librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading), to whom alone all applications for copies should be made. All copies of the "Report on Calls, 1874" (sometimes known as "Catalogue of Peals"), and of "Bells, Belfries and Ringers," are sold out. All other publications are for sale at the prices hitherto advertised.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

MARSTON MAGNA.—Bath and Wells Association.—On April 19th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Jeanes 1, A. Wheaden 2, G. H. Head 3, T. W. Creed 4, G. Locke 5, T. J. Lloyd (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. JAMES E. DAVIS.

One of the best known ringers in the South of England is Mr. James Edward Davis, who has just lately joined the select band of those who have scored upwards of five hundred peals. By birth a Londoner, he first saw the light of day in the parish of St. James, Bermondsey, and he came of a family which has produced more than one good ringer. A dozen years ago his cousin, Mr. Harold N. Davis, was widely known as a ringer and composer of more than average ability. Mr. J. E. Davis learnt to handle a bell and ring rounds at St. George's, Camberwell, in 1892, and shortly after he went to live at Deptford, where he joined the St. John's band. These were the times before the present great increase of the number of peals and methods rung; when men rang one peal where now they ring a dozen, and when Grandsire and Stedman



MR. JAMES E. DAVIS.

Triples were good enough for the very best bands. It was therefore inevitable that his first peal should be Grandsire Triples, and this was rung on April 19th, 1893. For some years his work prevented him from making many peal attempts, but he had 54 to his credit in 1899, when he went to South Africa with the 2nd East Surrey Regiment to fight against the Boers. He served for sixteen months in Natal and the Transvaal mostly under General Sir Redvers Buller, and holds the Queen's medal and clasps for his services. How many of the enemy he accounted for we do not know. It must be, till you get used to it, a rather peculiar sensation to kill a man, but he was fortunate enough to keep his own skin whole, and in due time came home to London, when he took up ringing in real earnest.

Thirty years before the Waterloo Society had been formed, and for years it was one of the largest and most energetic of the Metropolitan Societies outside the two

original ones; being important enough to have representation on the Central Council. It included quite a large number of clever conductors, and the ambition of every conductor then was to call Holt's Original. Several of them, including Mr. Davis, called the peal many times, and the culminating feat was a non-conducted peal at St. John's, Waterloo Road, in which Mr. Davis rang the sixth. Take it all in all there are not many peals anywhere near so difficult to call as the Original, and that was a feat that anyone might be proud of. Mr. Davis holds the opinion that calling the Original is something like ringing London Surprise—it takes “a deuce of a trouble” to learn, but once learnt it is not easily forgotten. Not so long after this the Waterloo Society began to show signs of decay, perhaps its usefulness was passing. First the headquarters were moved from Waterloo Road to Vassal Road, Brixton, and shortly afterwards it peacefully expired, unless, as some think, it is only sleeping waiting for the time when some one will galvanise it into fresh activity. Our friend was the last Master who held office—we suppose he is still Master. But though the society was dead he did not let the practices at St. John's, Waterloo, lapse. He gathered together a band who met regularly, and before long the ringing was far better than it had ever been. Where Triples was almost the only thing rung, now Major, and the higher Major methods, are practiced. You will have to go back many years for the last peal of Stedman rung there by the local band, while it is quite the rule to ring on practice nights as many as six or seven Surprise methods. It is only stating the bare truth to say that the success of the ringing at Waterloo has depended entirely on Mr. Davis, and it is a wonderful tribute to the personality of the man that he has held his position all these years as the informal leader in a free community without rules, without officers, and without any interference from church authorities, able to do what he has done simply because he has earned the respect and confidence of the band.

Besides the ringing at Waterloo Mr. Davis has long been connected with St. Margaret's, Westminster. The conditions of these two towers are such that the two can be worked together without any clashing of interests. At St. Margaret's the Sunday ringing (which can only be done in the evening owing to the Abbey services) is purely voluntary, and the task of getting together and keeping together a band has been Mr. Davis'. It was a good thing for ringing when rather more than a twelve-month ago he was appointed steeple-keeper, and since that time there has not been, we believe, more than a single occasion when the bells have not been rung and rung well for service.

At the last Coronation he was one selected for the honour of ringing at the Abbey, for which he holds the medal given to all, from the Archbishop downwards, who took part in that historic ceremony. Below is a list of his peals, and it is one which for quality and variety of five thousands on tower bells has few equals and probably no superior. It ranges from Doubles to Cambridge Maximus and London Major, and includes the first peals in London of Duffield Royal, Forward Royal and Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Norfolk Surprise Major, and the only peal of Waterloo Major ever rung.

A strong man, Mr. Davis is usually found at the heavy end, and he is pre-eminently a “safe” ringer, rarely making a trip. As will be seen from his list he is quite at home in any of the highest methods, but probably the one

he likes the best is Double Norwich, of which we believe he has rung more peals than any one. Certainly no one has rung one bell more times to the same method than he has rung Waterloo tenor to Double Norwich. That bell and he know each other. His peal list will take a lot of beating, but there is this even better thing to be said of him, that everybody knows Jim Davis, and everybody likes and respects him.

Appended is the list of Mr. Davis' 500 peals:—

	Rung.	Conducted
Doubles	1	
Grandsire Triples	*23	5
Grandsire Major	1	
Grandsire Caters	16	
Bob Major	9	
Treble Bob Major	33	11
Treble Bob Royal	25	16
Treble Bob Maximus	3	
Stedman Triples	47	
Stedman Caters	71	26
Stedman Cinques	16	
Double Oxford Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	125	75
Double Norwich Royal	1	
Real Double Norwich Major	2	
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1	
Forward Major	1	1
Forward Royal	1	
Duffield Major	1	1
Duffield Royal	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	39	6
New Cumberland Surprise Major	5	
Norfolk Surprise Major	5	1
Bristol Surprise Major	15	1
London Surprise Major	6	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	4	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	34	7
Cambridge Surprise Royal	12	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	
	500	152

*Including Holt's Original rung silent.

ODD CHANGES.

It is satisfactory to see that the appeal made to the Central Council representatives to discuss the Central Council topics with their members is being acted upon. At meetings both in the Worcestershire and Ely Diocesan Associations matters discussed at Newcastle were ventilated. This is as it should be.

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There are not, we believe, a great many campaniles attached to churches in this country—Chichester Cathedral, Evesham and Beccles are perhaps the best known. But at the church of Wykeham, near Scarborough, there is a campanile containing a ring of five bells and upon them the first peal has just been rung by members of the Yorkshire Association belonging to the St. Mary's, Scarborough, band, who wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Newman) for the use of the bells, and Mr. Riby, the steeple-keeper, for having them in readiness. The tower is at the entrance to the churchyard, and, with the bells, was the gift of Lady Downes.

"James Smith," giving the somewhat vague address of "London," has sent us for publication a letter criticising the speech by Mr. A. T. King, at the Central Council meeting, in reference to peal ringing, and suggesting that members of the Middlesex Association, while doing much peal ringing, do not fulfil their duty with regard to ringing for Sunday services, and quotes St. Margaret's, Westminster, as an example.

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"James Smith" has seized upon, for him, a most unfortunate instance. In the first place the service ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, is not connected with the Middlesex Association, but is carried out by the St. Margaret's Society; while the band which would do "better if they rang for morning and evening service, and afterwards attended church," are, it should be known, entirely precluded from ringing on Sunday mornings on account of the Abbey services. On the rest of the letter there is no need to comment. Had "James Smith" given evidence of his bona-fides by enclosing his address we might have been able privately to put him right upon one or two points upon which he shows a decided ignorance of the facts.

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A peal board commemorating the "John" peal of Stedman Cinques is to be unveiled at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Saturday, June 28th, at 4 p.m. Ringers, and particularly members of the Waterloo Society, are invited to be present. The bells will be available until 6 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at The Crown, Crown Court, Fleet Street, at 6.30 p.m., can be arranged for those who send in their names to Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, Southfields, S.W., by Wednesday, June 25th. Handbells, etc., afterwards.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A MEETING IN YORKSHIRE.

The first northern district meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday week, at Burley, near Leeds, when Miss Willson, of Leicester, visited the Northern Counties. Although the lady ringers live so far apart, those who are identified with the Guild put in an appearance. With the help of a brother ringer on the tenor, the six bells of Burley were put through Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, the following members ringing the working bells: Miss C. Lumley (Middleham), Miss R. Stanford (Mirfield), Miss W. Hague (Rotherham), Miss A. Hicks (Leeds), Miss L. Willson (Leicester). Afterwards, a mixed band rang touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. In contra-distinction to the adverse criticism by certain members of the "C.C." brother ringers to the number of 25 came from many parts of Yorkshire to encourage the Guild members, and all sat down to a good tea provided in the Parish Room by Miss Hicks and Mr. Heap.

After tea, a business meeting followed, the Vicar (the Rev. W. James, M.A.), in the chair. The reverend gentleman said how pleased he was for the visitors to ring, and how proud he was that his church possessed one lady ringer (Miss Hicks), and hoped it would attract more young ladies to the belfry.

Miss Lilian Willson reported that there were now upwards of 70 members of the Guild. It was 20 years ago since Miss Alice White, of Basingstoke, startled the Exercise by ringing the first peal in the tower. Miss White was now unable to ring owing to ill-health, but the lady ringers of to-day showed their fraternity by making her the President, and young women were taking to ringing in most towns where opportunity offered.

Miss Ruth Coles, of Bridgwater, Somerset, was elected a member. Votes of thanks closed the meeting. Afterwards, Headingley tower, with its grand ring of eight bells, was visited, and touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and a course of Superlative rung.

Many thanks are due to Miss Hicks and the local branch for their kind services, and to the Headingley ringers for their warm welcome. —Mr. J. W. Moorhouse, of Wakefield, invited Miss Willson to ring at the Cathedral of that city on the following Tuesday, which invitation was accepted, she afterwards passing on to Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.

It is hoped this filip will be followed by more recruits to the ranks of the Ladies' Guild.



YORK MINSTER.

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

YORK MINSTER (Tenor $50\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.)

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

CHELMSFORD PRO CATHEDRAL (Tenor 32 cwt.)

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL AT WIMBORNE.

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Wimborne was extremely successful, and was attended by a large gathering of ringers from all parts of the diocese. The fine peal of bells at the Minster, recast and augmented to ten by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were a great attraction, and touches were rung upon them in a variety of methods throughout the day, Miss Alice White (President of the Ladies' Guild) being among those who took part. At the service, the singing was led by the Minster choristers. The prayers were read by the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, and the Lesson by the Rev. W. P. Schuster, Vicar of West Lulworth, hon. secretary of the Guild. There was a large congregation.

The Vicar (Canon J. M. J. Fletcher), in the course of his sermon, having traced the history of the use of bells and their introduction into this country, referred to the ancient character of the Minster bells, which were originally hung in the lantern tower of the building. At that time there was nothing in the form of a peal, but each bell, according to its depth of tone or size, had its special purpose. The art of change ringing was purely English, and he thought he was right in saying dated from post Reformation times. Some 300 years ago it was elaborated into a science, and after the restoration of the Monarchy of King Charles it became a popular pastime. It, however, gradually sank in favour and also with reference to those who took part. He quoted from the records of the Minster Churchwardens' accounts to show the quantity of beer that was granted the ringers in past days, and that they were on one occasion allowed a larger quantity in order to test the stability of the bell tower, irrespective of the danger that might accrue to their lives. They were pleased that all that was altered and the bells now formed an important part of Christian worship, and the ringers were honoured and responsible Church officers. He welcomed the members of the Guild to that ancient Minster, where for many centuries bells had been hung in one or other of the two towers. He thought there were many lessons to be learnt in change ringing. First there was attention, care, preparation, and concentration in the work; secondly, it taught the lesson of harmony and charity in its truest sense; thirdly, it taught the lesson of sympathy; and, lastly, the lesson of holiness and worship.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Dinner was partaken of at the Masonic Hall, the visitors being the guests of the Wimborne branch. There was a record gathering, over 200 being present. The Vicar presided, and was supported by the officers of the Guild, Mrs. Allan, Miss White, and Mr. W. J. Stanton (churchwarden).—The toast of "The King" was heartily received, on the proposition of the Vicar, after which a business meeting was held.

The Master of the Guild, Mr. Martin Stewart, proposed the election of the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, of Pewsey, as his successor, and remarked Mr. Bassett had worked very hard on behalf of the Guild.—The motion was carried unanimously, and the new Master, in expressing his thanks for the honour done him, said it would be his purpose to bring Wiltshire somewhat nearer to Dorset in the art of change ringing.—It was decided to ask Sir Everard Hambro to accept the office of President in the place of the late Earl Nelson. The other officers were re-elected.

Mr. Cyril Johnston proposed "Long Life and Prosperity to the

Guild," and said he had seen some of the excellent work that had been done by the Guild, whose officers could not be beaten for energy, perseverance, and enthusiasm. Change ringing was progressing by leaps and bounds in that part of England.—Mr. Martin Stewart, in reply, stated for some years the Guild had a struggle for existence, but it was now in a flourishing condition. There had been a change in the ringing world, and the art had now a firm hold in all parts of the diocese.

The Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett thanked the Vicar for presiding, also for his excellent and interesting sermon; the custodians of towers in the district; and the choir.—The Vicar and Mr. Stanton responded.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards gave the toast of "The Ladies."

Parties were then made up and visits paid to the towers of the Parish Churches of St. Giles, Cranborne, Canford, Poole, Lytchett Minster, Sturminster Marshall, Ringwood, and Fordingbridge.

The arrangements for the day were made by a local committee, consisting of the Vicar, the Revs. J. A. Bouquet (St. Giles), O. A. Phillips (Bournemouth), hon. secretary of the Wimborne branch, A. D. H. Allan, treasurer, and J. Cross (Sturminster Marshall), Messrs. T. G. Coles and W. J. Stanton (churchwardens), G. Lock, A. Osman, H. Burling (Colehill), and Sprake (Sturminster Marshall). The appeal to



WIMBORNE MINSTER.

residents in the neighbourhood to subscribe towards entertaining the ringers met with a cordial response, and funds also permitted of the provision of brakes for the ringers in their tour. Besides those mentioned, the Master of the Guild and the Rev. W. P. Schuster rendered appreciated assistance in regard to the arrangements for a very successful festival.

HERE AND THERE.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch was held at Newchurch on Saturday last, when 18 members were present from Bolton, Walkden Leigh, and Hindley, together with a good muster of the local company. Some very good touches of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob, were rung. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Westoughton.

At a successful meeting of the Middlesex Association at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, the members were entertained by the Vicar and Mrs. Thompson, and at the business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. H. B. Hesse (vice-president), the two sons of Mr. G. Harham (West Ealing), were among those elected members. In the presence of the company these youthful ringers each took a pair of handbells in a touch of Grandsire Triples, their performance being warmly applauded. Prior to tea, the ringers attended service, which was conducted by the Vicar, and during the day a variety of touches was brought round on the bells. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the St. Stephen's, Ealing, band, is by no means strong, and recruits will be welcomed any Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

There has been a lot of talk at Dereham, and a practical joker got to work in connection with Empire Day celebrations—or the absence of them. According to a local paper: "The Town Crier flourishes his bell, and ears strain to catch his voice, and they hear: 'Ladies and gentlemen, this is Empire Day, Royal Wedding Day and Royal Birthday! Where are the bells? Where are the decorations? What about the Empire Committee? Wake up, Dereham!' Result: Several flags

appear. Later the bell again, then the voice: 'Is it true? Is it true? Are all the flags and decorations put away for the Dereham Show? If so, don't be afraid to put them out then. Let us show outsiders we have not lost all our enthusiasm. Wake up! Wake up! Dereham town.'"

"These announcements caused a good deal of humorous comment, but some people were a little piqued over them, and regarded the action of the author or authors as more or less ridiculous nonsense. 'That's one for 'em,' chuckled one old chap, 'fancy three big royal events and no bells ringing. I never heard such a thing. I'd gone and pulled one rope myself if they'd asked me, and for nothing, so we could have had a ring of some sort or kind.'"

"Opinions vary as to who should be responsible for the ringing of the bells if they are to be rung in celebration of national events. Some do not consider that the expense should be borne by the church, but by the town or the Urban Council, and some think that the ringers might be patriotic enough to pull the ropes at such intervals of the day as they could conveniently spare without payment."

To celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. Garnham, a member of the Garboldisham band, and Miss Gertrude Hall, at Farsfield Church, a touch of 2640 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 1 hr. 30 mins., at Garboldisham, by: F. Chaplin 1, W. Bloomfield 2, S. Moule 3, T. Leapy 4, J. Bason (conductor) 5, J. Bennett 6. In the evening, 720 Plain Bob was rung, by: F. Chaplin (conductor) 1, O. Garnham 2, W. Bloomfield 3, J. Bennett 4, J. Bason 5, S. Moule 6.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY. ENTERTAINING RURAL EXPERIENCES.

How unlike a church a church can be was very strongly brought to the notice of members who cycled to Shreshill last Saturday. The Perpendicular tower, with a pretty band of ornament still stands, but the rest of the old church was destroyed about 1740, and was unfortunately replaced by "a hideous 'classical' monstrosity of red brick, with blue glass windows." However, the bells are a nice light ring of six, tenor 9 cwt. Our surprise can, therefore, be better imagined than described, when one of the locals assured us it was 21 cwt.; we much doubt if he is convinced of the true weight even now! The local band turned up well, and were able to make full use of the visiting "learners," as they called us, from Bloxwich, Rushall, Stafford, and St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. The band at Shreshill has been in the habit of ringing by whole-pulls, but after this visit they will receive proper instruction, and should come on well. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Kent Treble Bob all found a place in the afternoon's ringing. An adjournment to the post office for tea was a means of our becoming acquainted with a little of the "lighter vein" of village life.

The old postman informed us—as though such things occurred every week—that last Sunday morning he went to church in the waistcoat he was married in fifty years ago; but he added, "yer know, it's goin' a bit brown." Later on, he came out into the garden again, and the following brief conversation took place.

Postman: "Yer know, we had the Postmaster-General here the other day, to see about a pillar box being put up."

Ringer: "What part did he come from; not London, I suppose?"

Postman: "No, from Wolverhampton; that's the General Postmaster what's up in London."

The next cycle run takes place to Haughton and Church Eaton on July 26th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A ringing meeting of the Burton-on-Trent district was held at Alrewas on Saturday week, members being present from Burton, Lichfield, Alrewas, Tamworth, Rolleston, Newhall and Etwell. The bells are a very nice ring of six, but the "go" of two or three of them leaves much to be desired. Touches of Minor and Doubles in various methods were rung before and after tea, which, by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. — Webb, was provided for all attending.

At the business meeting, the Vicar, who presided, gave a hearty welcome to the ringers, and said he hoped they would pay another visit to his church on a future occasion.—One new ringing member was elected, and the place of the next meeting was left for the local secretary to arrange.—A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. A. P. Wakley, and seconded by Mr. C. Draper, to the Vicar for so kindly providing tea, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, was carried unanimously.—The meeting over, an adjournment was made to the tower, the bells being kept going until it was time to disperse for home.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL MEETING.

A meeting of the Cirencester branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Lechlade on Thursday week, and was well attended. At the service, the address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. P. Brownrigg), and 24 members were present.—Tea and business meeting followed, at which a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. R. Brownrigg for the use of the bells, and for arranging for the service, and to the organist for his services. The bells, a nice toned peal of six, were kept going during the afternoon and evening in Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, a 360 Grandsire Minor, and 720 Bob Minor being among the touches brought round. Some of the party also went boating on the river Thames.

THE CUMBERLANDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is not correct as stated recently that Prince Ernst of Cumberland is descended from the Duke from whom the Cumberland take their name. The latter was the second son of George II, the first is the great grandson of George III's fourth son. George III was the nephew of the first Duke of Cumberland, who had no son. Also, is there any real evidence that the medal was presented by the Duke? That it was made in honour of him cannot be doubted.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

"Ineruditus."—Three simple courses of College Single Minor can be had by calling any bell to run "out" three times, that is, when the treble is coming to take the observation bell off the lead. Or again, they can be got by calling any bell to run "in" three times, which occurs after turning the treble from behind. Two courses can be got by calling the 6th "in" and "out" in each course.—"Conductor."

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT RIPON.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at Ripon was attended by ringers from Richmond, Tanfield, Stockton, Middleham, Thirsk, Sharow, Hemingbrough, Ripon, Skelton, Maske, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Whitby, Wath, Darlington, Patley Bridge, Kettering and Ashby de la Zouche.

Dinner was provided at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. R. Macpherson (Precentor at Ripon Cathedral), Mr. W. W. Worthington, and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe), a company numbering 60 sitting down.—The usual toasts were honoured, and the President welcomed Mr. Nicholls, of Kettering, and Mr. Worthington, of Ashby de la Zouche. He also proposed that the best thanks of this Association be given to the Dean and Chapter of the Ripon Cathedral, and to Canon Palmer, Vicar of Sharow, for the use of their bells.—The Rev. R. Macpherson, in replying, gave the Association, in the name of the Dean and Chapter of Ripon, a most hearty welcome to Ripon. He had no idea that bell ringing was taken such a great interest in, but judging by that gathering, it was quite evident that there was a great deal more in bell ringing than the outside world was aware of. He hoped that they all would enjoy themselves on the Cathedral bells, and be able to give a good account of their work.—The report of the Association's work during the year was read by the secretary, who made a reference to the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, and pointed out that they as bell ringers and church workers should put their shoulder to the wheel and do everything in their power to keep their ancient rights, because if this Bill became law in Wales there was nothing to say that a similar Bill would not be brought into force in England, and if this were done it might very seriously interfere with the art so many of them loved. Turning to the work of the Association, the report complained of the slackness of local secretaries not sending tower reports for the Annual Report. This report showed that 24 peals had been rung during the year, which was a record in number of peals for the Association. They had been rung in the following methods:—Grandsire Caters, 1; Grandsire Triples, 10; Stedman Triples, 2; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 1; Kent Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1; Minor, 2. On handbells: Minor, 2; Bob Major, 2. Eleven conductors and 57 ringers had taken part in these peals, which compared favourably with previous years, being similar in point average. During the year, 27 members had been elected. The balance sheet showed that the Association stood in a good financial position, having a credit balance at the bank after paying all accounts and granting a sum of £5 to the Vicar of Whorlton towards defraying the cost of repairing the church bells, of £27 9s. 10½d. The meetings held by the Association had been well attended, and much useful work done among young ringers. The report concluded by expressing great appreciation of the work done by the President, and making a sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. Joseph Baines, a member of the Association, who had passed away at the advanced age of 92 years.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. R. Macpherson was elected an hon. member, Mr. W. W. Worthington a life member, and four lady members were also elected.

The President reported that the following places had been recommended by the committee for the meetings during the ensuing year: August Bank Holiday, Middlesbrough; September, Middleham; Easter Monday, 1914, Malton; and the annual meeting, Whit-Monday, 1914, Northallerton.

Mr. T. Stephenson proposed that the whole of the retiring officers be re-elected; this was seconded by Mr. J. W. Newton, and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. A. MacFarlane, seconded by Mr. W. Pollard, the President and secretary were elected representatives to the Central Council.

During the day, a good deal of ringing was done on the bells at the Cathedral and Sharow, the following methods being rung: Bob Minor, Kent Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Kent Royal. The meeting proved one of the most successful and enjoyable in the annals of the Association.

LINCOLN GUILD.

A meeting of the Grimsby district of the Lincoln Guild was held at Scunthorpe on Saturday week, under the presidency of the Vicar (the Rev. T. Boughton). Members were present from Gainsborough, Grimsby, Barrow, and the local tower. Previous to the meeting, the members sat down to a splendid tea.—Mr. Chapman, of Scunthorpe, was elected a ringing member.

Mr. J. Parkin, of Scunthorpe, read an interesting paper entitled "Why do I ring and why am I a church bell ringer?" In the course of a discussion, which followed, Mr. Tinker, of Gainsborough, and Mr. Richardson, of Grimsby, referred to the position of ringers fifty or sixty years ago, proving what good work the different associations in the country had done.—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Parkin for the paper he had read, and to Mr. Bird for the excellent arrangements he had made.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Plain Bob. The improvement noticeable in the striking was evidence of the value of the practice obtained at these meetings.

NOTICES.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at Christ Church, Blackfriars. Tower open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15. All ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—A combined meeting of the Eastern Division of the former and the Ashford District of the latter will be held at Rye on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available (Rye 6 and Iden 6) from 2 till 9. Special service at St. Mary's, Rye, at 5 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes, M.A.), who has also kindly invited all the members attending to the Monastery immediately after the service as his guests to tea. A short business meeting will follow. The usual travelling allowances will be made to the Sussex members attending on application to their secretary as below.—Secretary Eastern Division, Sussex, G. H. Howse, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne; Secretary Ashford District, Kent, Charles Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden, Kent.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Stafford, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3. Service at 5.30, with address by the Rector. Tea (9d.) at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Institute, Mount Street. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersley on Saturday, June 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. — R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at a quarter to five, in the Church Room.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting and 8 bell contest will take place at Ripponden Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Tenor 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Waterloo Inn. All subscriptions are now due. — F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATION. — The annual festival will be held at Greens Norton on Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Service in church at 11 a.m. Business meeting 12 o'clock. Dinner 12.30. Ringing at 2 o'clock.—Frank Causebrook, Hon. Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sandy tomorrow, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m.—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Winchester on Monday, June 23rd. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Services in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. A. D. Hill, the original

founder and first secretary of the Guild. Tea at 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.—George Williams, Honorary Secretary, West End, Near Southampton.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Saturday, June 28th. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. W. S. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock. All ringing friends are welcome. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, June 28th. Short service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Baillie. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4 p.m. Tea at the Globe Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please send notice by June 20th. St. Mary's tower will be open at 3.30 p.m. and St. Nicholas' by arrangement. All subscriptions in arrears should be forwarded at once to the Treasurer.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec., Shottery.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South Western Division).—The next meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at the Bull Inn at 5.30, to members who notify me by June 25th, at 9d. All ringers and friends invited.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, June 28th, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Business to follow. All members intending to be present at tea please inform me by Wednesday, June 25th.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Southern Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, July 5th, bells (6) available all day, service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Five Bells Inn at 4.45 p.m., business meeting following. It is hoped that ringers and friends will turn up in large numbers, and so make this meeting a very successful one. — S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing from 4 to 5 o'clock at St. John's, and from 6 to 8 o'clock at St. Peter's. By the kind invitation of Messrs. Johnston, tea will be provided for all who send their names to me by July 1st. A social meeting will be held at 8 o'clock. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the association will be held on Monday, July 7th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Tower open from

8 to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Long Stanton on Saturday, members being present from Cambridge, Cottenham, Fen Ditton, Stapleford, Ickleton, Lolworth, Royston, and the local tower.

A short service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Woolley) giving a very encouraging address from Hebrews x, 25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

A meat tea was provided in the Schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, and Mrs. Woolley being also present. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next district meeting at Ickleton, in September.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the kind welcome he had given to the Association, and for the use of the bells, and for his address, on the motion of Mr. T. R. Dennis, who, referring to what was said at the Central Council meeting regarding peal ringing and the public, urged all members present to see that the striking was good, even if it was only in a simple method, whenever they rang peals, as good striking pleased the public, although they did not understand the art themselves. The resolution was seconded by Mr P. Webb, who endorsed all Mr Dennis had said, and suggested that ringers, when they met for peals or even at meetings, should give a penny each to help the restoration of bells at various places. Though only a small sum, it would all help on the work.—The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Long Stanton.

During the afternoon and evening, the sweet little peal of eight bells were rung in the following methods, the Vicar taking a rope in most touches: Bob Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Downe on Saturday week, when twenty-three were present from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Deptford, Farningham, Hayes, and Lewisham. Touches of Doubles and Minor were brought round, and at the service, the Association's special form was used. The Rev. A. A. Gibson (Vicar) had most kindly secured the service of an organist and some of the choir boys, and the singing made the service very bright. An admirable address was given by the Vicar. Tea followed at the Queen's Head Hotel, the Vicar presiding.—Mr. W. J. Jeffries ably explained the advantages of belonging to the Association, and trusted the Downe band would soon become affiliated. In conclusion, he proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for so kindly arranging the service, and for the use of the bells, also to the organist and choir boys in their kindness.—The motion was seconded by the District Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge), and carried with applause.—The Vicar, in reply, said the visit had given him very great pleasure, and he trusted the Downe band would become affiliated. He (the Vicar) was very interested in change ringing, but at present lacked rope-sight. It would give him great pleasure to become an hon. member (applause).—A course of Grandsire Triples was then rung on the Vicar's handbells, and afterwards the tower was again visited, various touches being rung, including two courses of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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