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MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The agenda for the annual meeting of the Central Council, in London, on Whit-Tuesday is published this week, and, judging by the amount of business which it contains, it will doubtless provide the members with a full day's work. It being the first meeting of a new Council, there will be, of course, the election of officers for the triennial period, and other preliminary business; there are also the reports of five committees to be received and no fewer than eight notices of motion, some at any rate, of a very contentious nature, to be considered. But, while being lengthy, the agenda is certainly not an uninteresting one, and for the most part consists of matters which closely concern those who take part in peal-ringing. If the practical men qualified to speak on some of these subjects will only ventilate their views, a useful purpose will be served.

The question of peal values comes up in two forms—on the report of the Committee of Points for Peals, and on a motion with regard to the appointment of a Special Committee to consider the scale for six and five bell performances. The value of peals in various methods is a matter which has been debated for years, and it is one which seems as far off a satisfactory settlement as ever. The real divergence arises because of the marked difference between the views of the six-bell ringers and those who ring upon higher numbers as to the relative value of these performances, and while such a committee as is to be proposed could doubtless draw up a scale which would satisfy the six-bell men, the task which it is suggested to give them in conjunction with the Peal Values Committee of "finding a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances, compared with that of peals on higher numbers, can be fixed," is not an easy one. For such a purpose one requires men who are in the habit of ringing peals on all numbers of bells from five upwards—and these are not numerous.

The question of the number of true 720's which must be had to make up a peal is again to be brought up, doubtless by the Rev. H. Law James, who introduced it last year. Upon all the other resolutions we have not space in this issue to touch, but to us there is a special interest in two of them. One has reference to the relation between the Central Council and *The Ringing World* and to this subject we shall return next week. The other, which we are extremely pleased to see, is framed to give the Council's blessing upon any Benevolent Fund established on a sound financial basis, for the benefit of members of the Exercise who may stand in need of help. Such an action, if it should be carried—and we see no reason why it should not be—should give an impetus to the setting up of Benevolent Funds by all the stronger, at any rate, of our ringing organisations.

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February 19th, 1912.

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Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

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 ALBERT WALKER.

The Guild take this opportunity to thank the Rev. Canon Taylor for the use of the bells, Mr. E. P. O'Meara who made the necessary arrangements, and the many ringing friends who met the band before and after the peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM TRUSS 2	FREDERICK J. HARDY 7
ALFRED B. PECK 3	THOMAS FAULKNER 8
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4	EMANUEL HALL 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	HERBERT LANGDON ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung, with bells half-muffled, for those lost in the SS. "Titanic."

BEDFORD.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5051 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HARDY ... Treble	*HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN ... 3	WILLIAM BARRY 8
*HERBERT SHARP 4	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. This peal was rung on the 151st anniversary of the first peal on the bells, the latter being a peal of Bob Major by the same Society on May 11th, 1761.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... Treble	WILLIAM G. SPICE 6
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 2	*ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 8
CHARLES W. BRETT 4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 9
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal on ten bells. This peal was rung for Divine Service in the evening.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S. Tenor 19 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs., in E.

*F. CHRICH Treble	J. P. POLLARD 5
J. T. POLLARD 2	F. ROWLEY 6
†ALFRED WYLD 3	A. PARKER 7
E. MANNERS 4	†J. WYLES Tenor

Conducted by A. PARKER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung as a farewell to Alfred Parker, who is leaving for West Australia; all the ringers wishing him success in his new sphere of labour. First peal on the bells by a local band.

KIRKBURTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT B. SHAW ... Treble	JOHN ROLLINSON 5
*HARRY ARMITAGE 2	†EDWIN R. ARMITAGE ... 6
WILLIAM MOORHOUSE ... 3	JOHN ALLEN 7
HERBERT PICKERING ... 4	JOE W. PICKERING ... Tenor

Composed by S. MARSH, and Conducted by E. R. ARMITAGE.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

FRED ABBOTT Treble	HARRY ALLRED 5
JAMES ALLRED 2	HERBERT ALLRED 6
JOHN T. ALLRED 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
JOSEPH RIDYARD 4	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS, and Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

Rung as a birthday peal to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th and tenor. This is the longest peal on the bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM WILLSON, JUNR. Treble	FRED. W. HERBERT 5
*EDGAR VALLANCE 2	T. HENRY HARDY 6
REV. R. P. FARROW 3	JAMES HARRIS 7
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON ... 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal on eight bells. This composition has 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place at a course-end.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lbs., in C sharp.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN ... Treble	*ROBERT SPALDING 5
EDWIN R. TODD 2	DENISON HAYWARD 6
CHARLES HARDING 3	FREDERICK PESTELL 7
CHARLES PIDGEON 4	WILLIAM LEE Tenor

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

* First peal on eight bells. Arranged for Mr. Spalding, who hails from Thorpe.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS Treble	MAURICE WARD 5
*THOMAS O'HARA 2	FRANCIS WARD 6
†J. E. L. COCKEY 3	WILLIAM BURGAR 7
*JAMES EVINSON 4	CHARLES HAYNES Tenor

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

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal in any method by
J. E. L. Cockey, to whom it was rung as a birthday compliment.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs., in F.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE... Treble	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3	CHARLES EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE... .. Tenor

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

The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for
the use of the bells, and the steeple-keeper for having everything in
readiness. First peal of Major on the bells. Mr. Hesse was elected
a life member of the above Guild previous to starting. The band
represents four counties and eight parishes.

NUNEATON.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROWLAND O. POLLARD ... Treble	*FRED COTTON 5
THOMAS DICKINS 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
*THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7
ERNEST STONE 4	HARRY ARGYLE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

* First peal in the method.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN SINDEN Treble	JAMES LIVERMORE, JUNR. 5
WALTER ALCOCK 2	GEORGE WATSON 6
ROBERT W. GREEN 3	WALTER FRANKS 7
*PERCY CARTER 4	JAMES LIVERMORE, SENR. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WATSON.

* First peal. First peal in the method by R. W. Green, who hails
from London, and for whom this peal was arranged.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, JUNR. ... Treble	EDWIN WHITING 5
*FRANK COPEMAN 2	*ALFRED FUNNELL 6
FREDERICK J. BORRETT ... 3	*GEORGE POYNITZ 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

BENJAMIN S. HILL ... Treble	JOSEPH BRETTELL 5
GEORGE HINTON, SENR. ... 2	ALBERT HILL 6
*GEORGE HINTON, JUNR. ... 3	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... 7
*WILLIAM BANKS 4	WILLIAM EDGINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by ALBERT HILL.

* First peal.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 3). Tenor 8 cwt.

*ALFRED WHITE... .. Treble	ARTHUR HUTCHINGS... .. 5
HENRY STALHAM 2	FREDERICK W. STEELE ... 6
†JAMES W. WHITE 3	BERT CHALLON... .. 7
GEORGE GATLAND 4	*HARRY SAMSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples and first
attempt.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(BATH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JESSE HALLETT... .. Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
*FRANCIS W. NEATE... .. 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
GEORGE HILL 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4	LUTHER P. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

* First peal on eight bells. This peal was arranged and rung as the
quarterly peal for the Bath District, and it was the first as such.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	BEN. S. THOMPSON 5
FREDERICK KNIGHTS 2	*GEORGE ORFORD 6
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 3	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7
ALBERT G. WARNES 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by G. CROSS.

* First peal in method.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER SADLER ... Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
WILLIAM NEVARD 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	DAVID ELLIOTT... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung on the ninth anniversary of the 14, 112 London Surprise Major.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON... <i>Treble</i>	*FREDERICK A. POULSON... 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	*CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 6
SAMUEL EVANS 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 7
*REV. EDWARD J. TEESDALE 4	WILLIAM DENT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. The ringers were entertained to tea at Long Melford after the peal by the Rev. E. J. Teesdale.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.	
STANLEY COLE <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS WRIGHT 5
JOHN WIGMORE 2	*FRED MILLARD 6
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	FRANK COLE 7
WILLIAM HALE 4	HUBERT HANKS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Proctor, of Painswick, on attaining her rooth birthday.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qrs.	
FREDERICK C. RICH <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 5
SIDNEY HILLIER... .. 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 6
ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
JOHN S. RUMMING 4	LUTHER P. SMITH ... } <i>Tenor</i>
	†FREDERICK HAYES ... }

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

J. S. Rumming and F. Hayes were elected members of the Bath and Wells Association previous to starting for the peal. † First peal.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.	
*B. RIDGWAY <i>Treble</i>	*S. WHITE 5
*A. MOORE 2	†F. COTTON... .. 6
*J. TANSEY 3	G. THOMPSON 7
*W. SHARPE 4	*H. SHARRATT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6368 CHANGES ;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.	
FRANK WILD <i>Treble</i>	SAMUEL STOTT... .. 5
HARRY HAMPSON... .. 2	HERBERT BARLOW ... 6
JOSEPH GODDARD... .. 3	CHARLES MARSLAND ... 7
SAM BUTTERWORTH ... 4	ISAAC SCHOFIELD <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and
Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
WILLIAM A. GARRARD ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 5
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2	HARRY BARTON... .. 6
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE ... 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
WILLIAM MOTTS 4	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged and rung for Messrs. W. E. Garrard and W. A. Garrard, of St. Mary Abbots' Society, London, and Mr. H. Barton, of Southwold, Suffolk. A peal should have been attempted at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, but owing to repairs to the steeple the Church authorities have forbidden the bells to be rung upon any occasion.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6240 CHANGES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
HARRY BRIGGS <i>Treble</i>	FRED H. DEXTER 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER ... 7
ARTHUR PETTIT 4	ARTHUR K. ALDHAM... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. F. DEXTER, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

This peal, now rung for the first time, is the longest on the bells and is also T. W. Chapman's rooth peal for the Midland Counties Association.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.	
WILLIAM DAVIES <i>Treble</i>	JAMES HOPKIN 5
JAMES JONES 2	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... 6
JOHN CORRIGAN 3	*FRANK BENNETT ... 7
WILLIAM H. JONES 4	CHARLES ALLEN <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt., in G.	
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	ISAAC EMERY 5
*JACK BURLES 2	REUBEN BALDWIN ... 6
GEORGE HUXLEY 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
GEORGE DURLING 4	WILLIAM WEST <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal on eight bells.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*LEONARD OSBORNETreble	ALFRED WATMORE 5
CHARLES GILES 2	ROBERT J. DAWE 6
WALTER A. WEBB 3	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 7
REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 4	REUBEN SAWYERTenor

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

* First peal of Stedman. Leonard Osborne is only 13 years 10 months old. R. J. Dawe, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Seaford, Sussex. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Horace Osborne, brother of ringer of treble.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(CHARLES' SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REGINALD A. H. DOBSON Treble	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ... 4
WALTER H. MARSH 2	FRANK HOCKADAY 5
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 3	ERNEST W. MARSHTenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal in seven methods by all; also the first peal in seven methods in Devon and by the Guild.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOSEPH READ, Senr. ...Treble	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
ALBERT J. GREEN 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Arranged for and rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. Clarke. The band wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. H. Nelson Ward, for the use of the bells.

IDEN, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Grandsire, and two 720's each of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

†ERNEST P. BRYANT ...Treble	*FREDERICK WELLS 4
†GEORGE WOOD 2	†WILLIAM R. WOOD 5
†GEORGE KENWARD 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS ...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods by the Guild and on the bells. The conductor belongs to Rye and the rest are Iden ringers.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's:—i. Double and Single Court; ii. Double and Single Bob; iii. Oxford Bob; iv. Double Oxford; v. Cambridge Surprise; vi. Oxford Treble Bob; vii. Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON ...Treble	C. WILLIAM SMITH 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 5
JAMES OSBORN 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, after the funeral of Mrs. James, mother of the Vicar of Surfleet, who was interred at Gloucester.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cumberland Exercise, London Treble Bob, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Woodbine and Oxford.

JOHN E. WHEELDON ...Treble	*LEONARD CLARKSON ... 4
CHARLES PRESTON 2	DANIEL PRESTON 5
CLEMENT POINTON 3	WILLIAM WHEELDON ...Tenor

Conducted by C. POINTON.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

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

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES S. BETTSTreble	GEORGE FLINTHAM 4
*RICHARD T. SHARPE 2	*ARTHUR R. DUDLEY 5
GEORGE CHESTER 3	WILLIAM CLARKETenor

Conducted by JAMES S. BETTS.

* First peal. The band included members from all the four ringing towers of Lincoln.

BARTON ST. DAVID.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

S. HAWKINSTreble	*E. W. DABBINETT 3
G. H. HEAD 2	T. W. CREED 4
T. J. LLOYD 3Tenor

Conducted by T. J. LLOYD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM JACQUES ...Treble	WILLIAM FREEMAN 4
FREDERICK W. BOOTH ... 2	FREDERICK J. MYNARD ... 5
†GEORGE H. F. WEST ... 3	EDWIN S. MYNARDTenor

Conducted by E. S. MYNARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal away from Treble. First peal as conductor.

HOPTON, NEAR THETFORD, SUFFOLK.
 THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
 AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.
 On Sunday, May 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

HORACE W. FOWLGER ... Treble	FRANK J. LEVETT 4
OLIVER BULLMAN 2	FREDERICK DEWELL 5
ROBERT WILDING 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. FOWLGER.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.

On Sunday, May 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*HARRY WHYMARK Treble	*LEONARD HEAD 4
ARTHUR KEEBLE 2	THOMAS REED 5
*WILLIAM GLEED 3	WILLIAM STIF Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STIF.

* First peal. W. Gleed belongs to Kersey, T. Reed to Hadley, and the rest to Monks Eleigh.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*HENRY S. BREALEY... .. Treble	GEORGE BASELEY 4
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	JOHN HOUGH 5
HERBERT HURDMAN... .. 3	DAVID L. COTTON Tenor

Conducted by J. HOUGH.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and tenor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen-and-a-half Minutes,

At 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES ;

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2	HUBERT EDEN 7-8
WILLIAM HODGETTS 3-4	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 9-10
GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6	CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 11-12

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
 Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpires: CHARLES W. SMITH and WALTER SEAR.

First twelve bell peal in the county and by the Association. It was rung at the first attempt.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,

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
FREDERICK G. WOODISS... 9-10	

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
 Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: GEORGE H. DAYNES.

First peal of Bob Royal on handbells by the Association and by all the band. Rung at the first attempt. Miss Bennett is the first lady to score a peal of Bob Royal. This composition, which contains the extent of the 6th at home, is now rung for the first time.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
 IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6144 CHANGES ;

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

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

* First peal in the method away from 7-8. In this peal the 4th, 5th and 6th bells have their extent each way in 5-6, and it contains the greatest number of changes ever rung to a peal by the Guild. The Composition is from Snowdon's "Treble Bob," page 13.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES ;

MERVYN DUCK 1-2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER... 5-6
JOHN W. LOWTHER 3-4	*RICHARD DUCK 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

Umpire: FREDERICK TOWNSEND.

* First peal on handbells. First peal of Major on handbells by all, and by the above Association.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Nuneaton, on April 26th, was Frank E. Pervin, and not Perrin as published.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal at Horley, published last week, was Albert Songhurst, and not Longhurst as stated.

BELL RESTORATION AT FONTMELL MAGNA.

The interest so readily shown when the work of restoration of the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Fontmell Magna, Dorset, was first taken in hand was still apparent on the day of the re-dedication service which was performed by the Archdeacon of Dorset. Quite a large congregation gathered at the Parish Church to take part in the service, the form used being very similar to that used at the opening of the Wimborne Minster bells. Following upon the actual prayers of dedication, the ringers repaired to the tower and rang a short touch. Then followed an appropriate address by Archdeacon Dundas, who chose as his text, "Let all things praise the Lord." The special hymn, beginning, "Lifted safe within the tower, now our bells are set on high," and the Blessing, brought the service to a close.

After the service, several touches were rung by the ringers, all of whom expressed themselves as very well pleased with the bells in their renovated condition. The work was entrusted to the well-known firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London, and it is interesting to note that the bells were restored by the same firm some 50 years previously. The work of restoration, included the recasting of the third, and it is a matter of congratulation to all concerned to know that the work has been well and thoroughly done, and that so loyal has been the support of the parishioners that not a penny of debt now rests upon the village in connection with the scheme.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury district was held at Canterbury, on Saturday, when about 60 members attended, and the bells of St. Stephen's and of the Cathedral were available in the afternoon and evening. The tea, given by the Association, was provided by Mr. Sergeant, in St. Peter's Parish Room, and gave great satisfaction.—The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore presided at the subsequent meeting, and remarked that during the year 15 peals had been rung in the district, that 35 of its members had taken part in them, six had rung their first peal, and one acted as conductor for the first time.—The secretary and representative on the Central Committee were re-elected.—St. Peter's, Thanet, was chosen for the autumn meeting, Wickhambreaux for the spring, and Ospringe for the annual meeting. An extra meeting was arranged for Hernhill.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and for his work in connection with the Association generally, concluded the business.

A SCHOLASTIC PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Lately we seem to have had several peals by men of various occupations. Parsons, policemen and printers have already been successful. Why should not a scholastic peal be attempted? I do not know to what extent the teaching profession is represented in the Exercise, but if any teachers who are ringers, and think anything of this suggestion, would drop me a post card, I should be delighted to do anything I could to forward matters.—Yours, etc.,

T. CUTFORTH.

2, Fairfield Cottages, Gordon Road, South Woodford.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

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 the 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 to 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 720's, 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 720's 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 Peal Values' Committee, try to 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 substitution steel or 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 members of the Exercise, who may stand in need of help.
14. That this meeting of the Council, while recognising 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 objects for which the 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 the Council and their ringing friends.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE UPON PEAL VALUES.

Your committee, having carefully considered the questions referred to them at the meeting of the Council, at Leicester last year, beg leave to report as follows:—

As regards points for peals on seven bells and upwards, they recommend the adoption of the schedule brought forward by Mr. J. Griffin, and supported by Mr. A. T. King, and calculated from the formula.

$$VN^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$8^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

In the matter of points for peals of Minor, they recommend: 1 point for each 720 rung in any plain method, 2 for each 720 in any Treble Bob Method, 3 for each such in any method with "Broken Leads," and 4 for each such in any Surprise Method, each 720 to be counted as such, whether rung all through in one and the same method in the usual manner, or composed of touches in more than one method, making up, when taken together, one true 720. Also, in addition to the points thus apportioned to the seven 720's, of which the peal consists, they recommend that a point be given for each method rung, commencing with the second method. Thus, for a peal consisting of seven 720's in one and the same plain method, such as Plain Bob, 7 points would be given; and for one consisting of seven 720's in fourteen Surprise Methods 41 points would be given; that is, 28 points for the seven 720's, and 13 points for the fourteen methods.

(Signed) ARTHUR B. CARPENTER,
JOHN CARTER,
HENRY DAINS,
CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Note.—Though signing this report, Mr. Carter wishes it to be stated that he is strongly averse to any 720, consisting of portions in different methods. He considers that each 720 should be rung straight through in one and the same method.

ORIGIN OF COLLEGE BOB IV.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In order to satisfy your correspondent who writes re "Bocking Treble Bob" (so-called), I have taken down Stedman's "Campanologia," A.D. 1677, and find the figures given in "Standard Methods" (last edition) as "College Bob IV." absolutely correct.

The "Collection of Legitimate Methods" contains much that is really good, intermixed with a fair amount of what I have previously termed "twaddle"; but why—except for pure "cussedness"—they did not label the true "College Bob IV." as such, and leave its neighbours alone, I leave to those fond of conundrums. What I consider worst in the collection is the weakness of many of the so-called "Surprise Methods." But why the alteration of a place at treble's lead should give us a new method worthy of a separate name is another puzzle!—Yours truly,
WM. SNOWDON.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association was held at Magor, Mon., on Saturday afternoon, and was well attended by representatives from Llandaff, Cardiff, Newport, Caerleon, Llanfrechfa, Caldicot, Chepstow, Nash, etc. Previous to the meeting, touches in various methods were rung on the bells.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, through illness, Mr. J. Prickett, of Chepstow, was voted to the chair.—Acknowledgments were received for the receipts of the amounts sent to the Vicar of Marshfield, for the restoration of Peterston bells, and also from Shoreditch for the small amount sent there.—Instructors reports were next dealt with, Mr. Jones reporting progress at Machen, and it was unanimously decided to again invite Mr. Jones to continue his instruction.

Rhymney tower had written asking to be re-elected, and also asked for an instructor, and it was decided to accept the offer of help given by members of the Caerphilly tower to Rhymney.

New members were also elected from Llanfrechfa, Blaenavon, Caerleon and Chepstow.—It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting at Bassaleg, the Glamorganshire meeting having already been arranged for Llanbradach.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, with an expression of regret that illness prevented him coming to the meeting.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the Chairman for presiding.—Further ringing then took place, the methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent.

With one exception, the bells, a ring of six, are by Rudhall, 1785, and badly want attention, there being a great deal of movement in the frame, causing a thrust on the tower, while the bells, too, go badly. The frame is decidedly unsafe, especially between 5 and 6. It was stated that, through illness, the Vicar is resigning, and that it was not likely that anything would be done to the bells at present.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—Norwich Diocesan Guild.—On Easter Sunday, 540 Bob Royal: G. Neale 1, J. Moy 2, E. Suffling 3, G. Soame 4, E. H. King 5, F. W. Elliott 6, Jacob Moy, 7, W. Rought 8, W. Miller 9, G. Moy (conductor) 10.—On Thursday, April 11th, 540 Bob Royal. Also a touch and a plain course of Grandsire Caters.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

PROPOSED RINGING COMPETITION.

The ancient town of Devizes was this year the scene of the annual festival of the Salisbury Guild, which was held last Monday week. Ringers gathered from all parts of Wilts and Dorset, assembling first in the fine old Parish Church of St. John for the service, at which the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Salisbury preached. He took for his text, St. Matthew xi, 28, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The Bishop dwelt most eloquently on the message of the words selected, specially showing the force of each individual word in a text which he called "the most beautiful text in the Bible." The duty of coming, the universality of the invitation—Come . . . all—the almost universality, too, of weariness which exists; all these were dwelt on with much care, and in a most impressive manner. Then the preacher powerfully brought home to ringers that it was their office to emphasise and repeat this welcome message. He also showed how the voice of the bells reaches further than the voice of any preacher. Not only a few hundred of people, but whole districts are within the sound of their voices—homes near and far, whether they are homes of godly or of ungodly people, are forced to hear their voice. He also spoke most urgently to the ringers to be true to their office, fulfilling their duties in the best possible way with zeal and earnestness, and in the fear of God.

A large congregation almost filled the church. Amongst the clergy present were: The Right Rev. F. Wallis, D.D. (Archdeacon of Wilts), the Revs. Canon Gardiner, B.D. (Vicar of Southbrook), C. A. Phillips (Bournemouth), H. E. Tilney Bassett (Beechingstoke), F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), H. H. Mogg (Bishop's Cannings), A. E. G. Peters (St. Mary, Marlborough), E. C. Alexander (Edington). The Rev. P. W. G. Filleul (Rector of Devizes) read the service of the Guild, and the secretary, the Rev. W. P. Schuster, who read the lesson, 1 Pet. ii, 11—18, acted as Bishop's chaplain. The day being King's Accession, the Collect, "O God who providest," from the Accession Service, was said after the Collect for the day, and the first verse of the National Anthem was sung after the sermon.

An excellent lunch, to which 82 sat down, and at which the Bishop presided, was served by Mr. Studweeks, proprietor of the Bear Hotel.

THE BISHOP AND RINGING.

After the loyal toast, the health of the Bishop was cordially drunk, and his Lordship, in acknowledging the compliment, remarked that he had never heard such bell-like voices before (laughter). He said for some time past he had taken a very keen interest in ringing, and he had had a great deal to do with it in Middlesex, before he came into this diocese. It was a great joy to him to hear the bells. He had not been able to go round to their towers and see their work, but he had been rung into a good many of their parishes, and also rung out again (laughter). He was always delighted to hear the music of the bells. Anything he could do to further the bell ringing of this diocese would be gladly done, and with all his heart (applause).

The Rev. W. H. Kewley, speaking as Rural Dean, proposed the health of the hon. secretary, the Rev. W. P. Schuster, to whose work on behalf of the Guild he paid a warm tribute.—The Rev. W. P. Schuster replied, after the toast had been received with musical honours, and referred to the fact that out of four certificates which he had brought for signature by the Master of the Guild, three of them were for ladies (applause). He was glad to say that Mr. T. H. Beams had kindly offered to assist him during the coming year, otherwise he would not have been able to continue to carry out the duties. He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. P. W. G. Filleul for arranging the service at his beautiful and interesting old church; also to the organist and choir.

The Rev. P. W. G. Filleul responded, saying it was a great pleasure to him to welcome them all at Devizes. He was especially glad to welcome the Bishop on the occasion of his first visit to their parishes. He was glad to welcome the ringers. They had a guild of ladies at St. John's, who helped in the ringing of the bells. At 6 o'clock on Easter Sunday there were five ladies, three men and himself present, and the ladies took their share of the ringing (applause). He (the Rector) only wished they would do more change ringing.

This concluded the toast list, and the Bishop left for an engagement in Dorsetshire.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The Rev. W. H. Kewley presided over this part of the proceedings. The report recapitulated the doings during the year, and stated that since the last meeting (at Bridport) history had been made. Instead of four there were now six branches, three in Wilts and three in Dorset. The year was also a record, inasmuch as there had been an addition of two bells to the ring at Wimborne Minster, making the only ten in the diocese. Death had deprived them of some well known and honoured members, and the report added a special tribute to the late Bishop, whose passing bell was tolled on August 16th, 1912. In his successor they were happy to have one who warmly appreciated the efforts and skill of the bell ringers.

The balance sheet showed that the year commenced with a cash balance of £36 5s. 3d. Other receipts brought the total up to £66 19s.

6d. There was a balance in hand of £35 3s. 6d., notwithstanding a heavy account for printing.

The Vice-Presidents were elected en bloc, and Mr. Martin Stewart was unanimously re-elected as Master of the Guild.

Mr. M. H. W. Devenish, of the Wilts and Dorset Bank, Salisbury, was re-elected hon. treasurer.—On the motion of the Rev. Canon Gardiner, seconded by the Rev. C. A. Phillips, the Rev. W. P. Schuster was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary. Mr. G. C. Filliter, of Wareham, was re-elected hon. auditor; and the committee were re-elected en bloc, on the motion of the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett.

SUGGESTED CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

The Rev. H. Tilney Bassett then introduced a matter which led to some discussion and a divergence of opinion. He suggested that it would be for the good of the Guild if they slightly altered its name and constitution, and called it the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers. (It is now the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers). They need not, he said, disturb the membership of the existing ringers, but give them two years' probation, in which to qualify themselves by passing a test of ringing the 120 half-pulls on the treble bell. There would be no difficulty about that. So far as round ringers were concerned, there was no inducement for them to go further in their practices, but change ringing was always progressive. There were some 60 Guilds of bell ringers in the country, and all, he believed, with the exception of about two, were change ringers. Let them, in this Guild, go on and not stand still. The change would affect no one in the Guild at present, but it would be for the benefit of those who came after, and it would be a distinct gain in 5, 10, or 20 years' time.

Mr. Rammings, of Salisbury, seconded, and said if the change were carried out they would all do their best to help the round ringers.

The Rev. Canon Thynne strongly opposed the change, as he believed it would be the greatest mistake, and was absolutely unnecessary. He was sure that it would lead to a large diminution in the number of members. The effect of this resolution, he thought, would be to make the round ringers feel that they occupied a sort of inferior position. He deprecated this, and said they ought to strive to encourage the most humble of the ringers in the diocese. He was sure it would be the very worst thing for the Guild to alter the name.

Some discussion ensued, in which various opinions were expressed, for and against the change, it being pointed out under one of the rules it was not possible to pass a resolution dealing with the constitution of the Guild unless proper notice had been given.—The Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett gave notice that he would bring the matter up again at the next annual meeting.—The Rev. Canon Thynne expressed a hope that sufficient notice would be given to every member before the next annual meeting that this matter would be considered.

Mr. Martin Stewart next introduced the subject of establishing a bell ringing competition among the members.—This appeared to be generally approved, though there was a strong desire expressed that the round ringers should have equal representation on the special sub-committee which had to consider details and report to the Central Committee, the latter body being empowered to act. Eventually a committee was appointed to deal with details, and the meeting closed.

During the afternoon and evening ringing took place in the towers of St. John and St. Mary, and Southbrook (Devizes), and also at Rowde, Potterne and Urchfont.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH.

After several poorly attended gatherings, the Marlborough branch held a record meeting, from the point of view of numbers, at Overton, on Saturday last. The ringers met at St. Michael's Church, where, after ringing, a service was held, the new Guild Service being used for the first time in the branch. Afterwards the ringers enjoyed an excellent tea at the residence of Mr. Waite. At the subsequent meeting, the Rev. H. Tootell, Vicar of Overton, was made an hon. member of the Guild. The next three meetings were fixed for Wootton Bassett, Savernake and Compton Bassett respectively, if permission can be obtained.—The Rev. A. E. G. Peters, chairman of the Marlborough branch, gave a report of the annual festival held at Devizes, and business concluded with the election of the Chairman to represent the branch on a committee for the discussion of a competition for the Guild. Ringing was afterwards resumed.

LEEDS SOCIETY AT SHIPLEY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Shipley, on Saturday. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted in the afternoon, but unfortunately was lost, after ringing about 2½ hours. Touches were then rung by visitors.—The business meeting was held at the Sun Hotel in the evening.—The President occupied the chair, supported by a large gathering of members from Bolton, Calverley, Guiseley, Holbeck, Hunslet, Leeds, Mirfield, Pudsey, and the local band.—The President announced the death of Mr. Tom Flint, of Headingley, and a vote of sympathy and condolence with the bereaved relatives was passed by all standing in silence.—The arrangements for a peal attempt at Tong, on June 1st, were left in the secretary's hands.—Mr. J. Foster, of Queensbury, was elected a member of the Society, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Shipley, and to the local company, was proposed by Mr. W. Woodhead, seconded by Mr. J. W. Baxendale, and carried unanimously.—Mr. T. B. Kendall responded.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman was also passed.—The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—CANTERBURY.

We publish below the first of the series of interesting articles, written specially for "The Ringing World" by Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, upon the bells of our English Cathedrals. The present article deals with Canterbury and the next will describe the history of bells of York Minster.



At the present time the south-west tower of Canterbury Cathedral contains a peal of ten bells, tenor 32 cwt. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

THOMAS MEARS LONDON FECIT. A.D. 1802.
PACE REDDITA.

Second.

T. MEARS FECIT. 1802. T. POWYS DN. W.
WELFITT V. DN. H. RADCLIFFE TR. E. WALSBY RR.

Third.

C. & G. MEARS FOUNDERS, LONDON, SAM'L. NORRIS.
GULS. GOSTLING, A.M. S.K. 1726. A.D. MDCCCLV.
BENJ: HARRISON, A.M. THESAURO. H. G. AUSTIN ARCHITO.

Fourth.

∪ GVL-AYERST, S.T.B. GVL-EGERTON, L.L.D.
JOHANNES GOSTLING, A.M. SAM. KNIGHT, 1726.

Fifth.

∪ SAM-HOLCOMBE, S.T.P. JOHN CLARK, S.T.P.
S.K. R.B. 1726.

Sixth.

C. & G. MEARS FOUNDERS, LONDON. DAVID WILKINS, S.T.P.
EDWARDUS WAKE, S.T.P. S.K. 1726. A.D. MDCCCLV. BENJ.
HARRISON, A. M. THESAURO. H. G. AUSTIN, ARCHITO.

Seventh.

∪ IOHNNES GRANDORGE, S.T.P. IOHNNES
HANCOCK, S.T.P. S.K. 1727.

Eighth.

∪ EDUARDUS TENISON, S.T.P. HON—
EDUARDUS FINCH, A.M. S.K. FECIT. 1728.

Ninth.

∪ RADULPHUS BLOMER, S.T.P. ELLAS
SYDAL, S.T.P. S.K. FECIT. 1726.

Tenor

PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1778.
YE RINGERS ALL THAT PRIZE YOUR HEALTH AND
HAPPINESS: BE SOBER, MERRY, WISE, & YOU'LL
THE SAME POSSESS.

It will be seen from the above inscriptions that this was originally a peal of eight, cast by Samuel Knight, in 1726; the tenor having been recast by Pack & Chapman in 1778. The two trebles were added by Thomas Mears in 1802, and the third and fifth were recast by C. and G. Mears in 1855.

The arms on the fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and ninth are those of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury; Azure, a cross argent charged with the Greek letter *Chi* surmounted by *Iota*. In a pent-house, on the top of the south-west tower, hangs the "Dunstan bell," weighing over three tons. It has the following inscription:—

GULIELMO FRIEND, S.T.P. DECANO, LESTER &
PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1762, WM. CHAPMAN
MOLDED ME.

The original "Dunstan bell" was given by Prior Molash in 1430. Whether this bell survived till 1758 is not

known; but in that year the bell known as "Dunstan" was cracked. A futile attempt to mend the crack was made, of course without success. Eventually it was recast within the cathedral precincts in 1762, by William Chapman, then foreman and afterwards partner in the firm of Lester and Pack, of the Whitechapel foundry. While Chapman was moulding the bell he noticed a young man who appeared to be intensely interested in the work; and he offered to take him back to London with him to learn the art of bell founding. The offer was accepted. That young man was none other than William Mears; and thus the Whitechapel foundry came into the hands of the Mears family, who have carried it on for several generations.

The central tower contains a *Call-bell*, known as "*Bell Harry*," which is rung for the last quarter of an hour before the services. This bell is inscribed:—

IOSEPH HATCH ME FECIT 1635.

There is a tradition (probably an erroneous one) that the original bell, which this represents, was given by Henry VIII, hence the name by which it is known.

The following notes on the earlier bells of the Cathedral is taken from the *Church Bells of Kent*, by the late Mr. J. C. L. Stahlschmidt, published in 1887: From *Anglia Sacra* it appears that Prior Ernulph gave one large bell about the year 1100. This was recast by his successor, Conrad, who added four smaller ones to it. Some 60 years later Prior Wybert added a sixth bell of very large size—"Signum quoque magnum in clocario posuit, quod triginta duo homines ad sonandum trahunt," which means to say that it took 32 men to ring it. This shows that the bell must have been rung by treading a plank, and not by means of a rope. All these bells seem to have been hung in a detached campanile. In 1316 Henry of Eastry, Prior, added another large bell dedicated to St. Thomas-the-Martyr, which weighed 8,000 lbs. Between 1339 and 1370 Prior Hathbrand put up "duas magnas campanas in clocario, viz.: Jesu et Dunstan." In 1382 the campanile fell in consequence of an earthquake shock, when no doubt the bells were broken; but there is no record as to the disposal of the metal.

With regard to the central, or "angel" tower, this does not seem to have possessed any bells till 1317; when Prior Eastry bought three new bells and placed them therein. The largest of these is said to have weighed 1,460 lbs., the middle one 1,210 lbs., and the smallest 1,124 lbs. Archbishop Arundel also placed four bells in this tower about the year 1390, the largest of which weighed 7,188 lbs. About the same time Prior Chillenden is said to have given a bell, dedicated to the Holy Trinity, which was no doubt hung in the central tower. The register of the benediction of the five bells is preserved in the registry at Lambeth.

At the close of the fifteenth century the central tower was rebuilt, and the five bells, known as the "Arundel ring," were removed to the north-west tower, which was thenceforward called the "Arundel" tower. Other bells, however, remained in the central tower, viz.: Eastry's three and two others, of whose casting no record is preserved. These five were confiscated by the Crown at the dissolution in 1540, and their metal was sold.

With regard to the bells in the north-west tower, it is recorded that in 1316 Prior Henry of Eastry placed four bells therein, three of which evidently formed a peal of three, the largest weighing 2,400 lbs. The other was a small bell, and was used to summon the Chapter. To this tower, as has been already stated, the Arundel peal was removed. There is no record of any further changes or

additions; but it is certain that the tower contained six bells in 1726, which were taken down in that year and cast into the back eight of the present peal of ten in the south-west tower by Samuel Knight. The inscriptions on these six bells were as follows:—

1. Josephus Hatch me fecit 1635.
2. Josephus Hatch me fecit 1636.
3. Sancte Thoma Ora Pro Nobis. T. G. Prior.
4. Robertus Mot me fecit 1585. E.R.
5. Joseph Hatch made me 1606.
6. Beate Trinitati Campana hec sacra primo fusa 1408 secundo 1624. Josephus Hatch me fecit.

Previous to 1726 the south-west tower seems only to have contained the "Dunstan" bell. The present peal of ten were formerly hung in a timber frame, the front five above and the five larger bells below. In 1897 they were rehung in a massive cast iron frame, all on one level, designed by the writer of this article, and executed by Mr. Thomas Blackbourn, of Salisbury. At the same time new quarter chimes were added to the clock, composed by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of the Cathedral.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well, eight members of the Middlesex County Association will attempt a long peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch, Essex, on Whit-Monday, starting about 8-30 a.m.

ANOTHER PEAL OF EIGHT FOR EALING.

OPENING BY THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

At the invitation of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, bell founders, the South and West District of the Middlesex Association held a most successful meeting at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday last, for the purpose of opening a new peal of eight, and Ealing is now in the proud possession of three peals of bells within a mile.

The new ring, with a tenor 14 cwt., was commenced as far back as 1906, three bells then being put in the tower. In 1908, a tenor and treble were added, and in 1911 the octave was completed. At that time, however, the bells were only hung for chiming, but they have now been tuned and completely rehung in an iron and steel frame by Messrs. Warner and Sons, who are to be congratulated upon their work, the tone and "go" of the bells being excellent.

The re-dedication on Saturday was performed by the Rev. W. Templeton King, the Rural Dean, who gave a most impressive address upon the message of the bells. He also alluded sympathetically to the late Vicar, who started the scheme, and whose ambition it was to complete the work, and to hear the bells ring out. Death, however, intervened, and he was called home before this was accomplished.

The first touch after service was a well-struck 216 of Stedman Triples by the following: J. H. B. Hesse 1, W. Lawrence 2, H. C. Chandler 3, C. S. Bird (conductor) 4, T. Beadle 5, A. Harding 6, H. H. Chandler 7, G. A. Gladman 8. Ringing was afterwards continued by members from Slough, Hanwell, Ealing, Isleworth, Putney, Hammersmith, Willesden, Shepherd's Bush, Heston, Burnham, Feltham, Norwood Green, Sunbury, Harrow Weald, Watford, Hornsey, Brockley, Bermondsey, New Cross, Hounslow, Teddington, Stamford Hill, and Hillingdon.

At 5 o'clock an adjournment was made to the Mission Hall for tea, which had been kindly provided by the churchwardens, the company numbering 50, and including Messrs. Robert and Andrew Warner, of the Spitalfields Foundry. Justice having been done to the good things provided, Mr. Gunning (churchwarden) bade the Association a very hearty welcome, and thanked them for coming upon that auspicious occasion.—Mr. T. Beadle, District Master, suitably responded, assuring the authorities that the best thanks of the Association were due to them, and Messrs. Warner, for inviting them to hold the meeting that day.—A short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. A. T. G. Hunt. Three new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Norwood Green, in June.—The tower was again visited in the evening, and touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, etc., concluded a very pleasant and successful meeting.

GREAT WOLFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Wednesday, April 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor: A. Large 1, C. Randall 2, G. Large 3, B. Large 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, C. Locke 6.

BLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, April 14th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Rowley 1, J. Harris 2, W. B. Biss (conductor) 3, F. Pitcher 4, T. Cox 5, J. Clutterbuck 6, S. Dawe 7, J. Aldridge 8. Longest length Treble Bob Major by all.

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Oran-ges and le-mons, says the bells of 'St. Clemen 's; You owe me five farthings, says the D.C. When will that be?' says the bells of Step - ney; I do not know, says the bells of St. Mar-tin's; When will you pay me, says the bells of Old Bai - ley; great bell of Bow.

D.C.

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In this connection we recall the fact that within recent years peals of Stedman Cinques have been rung by the Birmingham men at places so far apart as Shrewsbury, Sheffield, Painswick, and London, not to mention West Bromwich and Wolverhampton which are of course close home. Last Saturday's performance on the magnificent bells at Southwark is a crowning achievement, and Mr. Albert Walker and his band are to be congratulated heartily upon the peal.

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The day was a very full one for the band, who left Birmingham early on Saturday, and reached home again in the "wee sma' 'oors" of Sunday. The day's itinerary included a railway journey of considerably more than 200 miles, a trot round many of London's show places, including the Houses of Parliament and St. Paul's, concluding with an excellent peal in the evening, which was listened to by a large number of well-known London ringers.

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The ringers of St. John's Church, Deretend, Birmingham, have lost one of their number, Mr. Alfred Hall, who was killed while at work on the railway. The deceased leaves a widow and three children, for whom much sympathy is felt. An attempt for a half-muffled peal of Grand sire Triples was made at St. John's Church on Saturday week, as a last token of respect to the deceased, but a change course occurred after 45 mins. and a touch of 1,008 was then rung by S. Coley 1, T. Collinson 2, J. Corrigan 3, W. F. Webb 4, E. Large 5, A. T. Scrivens 6, J. B. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8. The bells were also rung muffled for both services on the following day.

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With regard to the seven Minor methods rung on handbells and to which reference has been previously made, Mr. W. Keeble inquires if seven Treble Bob Methods had been rung prior to the one at Bolsover in May, 1909, by members of the Midland Counties Association. If not, of course, the band can claim it as the first Treble Bob in seven methods rung "in hand."

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We are glad to learn that a good many of the bands affiliated to the Kent County Association have responded to the appeal issued by Mr. W. Spice, of Pond Cottages, Tunstall, for help for the widow and family of the late Mr. A. J. Day. There may, however, be other ringers who will like to assist this most pathetic case and their contributions should be sent without delay to Mr. Spice.

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The bells of Kingsland Parish Church, Herefordshire, are to be rehung and the tenor recast. The work of restoration is to be carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Son, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

The Bristol Surprise record set up at Knebworth on Easter Monday is soon to be challenged. The Middlesex Association intend going for a longer peal, either 13,472 or 15,264, as yet it is not decided which, at Hornchurch on Whit-Monday, where there is a good peal of bells with the tenor about 20 cwt.

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By a pure coincidence the peal at St. Paul's, Bedford, last Saturday, by Royal Cumberland Youths was rung on the 151st anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which, curiously enough, was rung by the same society. This was a peal of Bob Major, on May 11th, 1761. The peal last Saturday was arranged some weeks before it was discovered that it was an anniversary celebration.

WHERE CROMWELL FOUGHT.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD'S VISIT.

In a remote part of South Warwickshire is situated the little village of Burton-Dasset, and thither some members of the Warwickshire Guild from Coventry, Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon made their way last Saturday. Burton Dasset is also known in the locality as Dasset Magna, and the dwellers in the land state that it was once a flourishing market town. Whether this was so or not, the church and vicarage and one farm are all that can now be noted from the hill above: the remainder of the village lies hidden in the valley some distance away. From the top of the tower a fine view is obtained of the Edge Hill, and of the scene of the ancient battle between Royalists and Parliamentarians. The legend goes indeed that Oliver Cromwell actually watched the progress of the battle from the church tower, and then slid down a bell rope to make his escape! There is a record that three bells were in the tower from 1552, and a sanctus bell: now all that remains of the latter is its clapper. The present ring of six is a complete ring by Henry and Matthew Bagley in partnership, and all bear the date 1686. They are beautiful in tone, the tenor not much exceeding 13 cwt., although the local men would give her credit for being nearer 19 cwt.

The bells now hang in an iron frame, but unfortunately the two centre joists which bear the fifth and tenor are only superficially fixed at the ends, and the consequence is that they are on the move the whole time when the bells are ringing. This fact rather spoils the "go" of the bells, and, under present conditions, it would call forth some endurance to ring a 5000 on them. The following ringing was done, and it was probably the first change ringing ever done on the bells: a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, 720 of Kent Treble Bob and some Stedman and Grand sire Doubles, besides a few odd touches of Minor. The band for the 720 was: E. H. Johnston 1, Rev. G. C. Cox 2, F. Pervin 3, W. T. Cox 4, A. Roberts (conductor) 5, E. H. Adams 6. Mr. Pryce and Mr. W. G. Dickens also joined in the other touches. It may be noted, Mr. Adams, of Warwick, kindly lent the ropes for the occasion, the local ones being out of the question for change ringing.—Tea was partaken of by the visitors and the local ringers on the lawn of the vicarage, and the visitors feel very much indebted to the Vicar and his wife for their kind hospitality and hearty welcome. The afternoon proved thoroughly enjoyable, and full of interest for archaeologists and campanologists alike.—C. C. C.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES PETTITT.

Another veteran of the Exercise—a giant in his day—has passed away in the person of Mr. James Pettitt, than whom there has been no better known ringer in London.

A leading member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, he was for 30 years the conductor at St. Paul's Cathedral and throughout the wide circle of friends and acquaintances which he made he was universally esteemed and respected; he was truly a "fine old English gentleman," and to no one did his description apply more aptly than to James Pettitt. His was a striking personality and no man was ever more gentle or more just than he.

Advancing years and ill-health had kept him from the belfry for some time and now he has passed away at the ripe age of 78 years.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday), at Manor Park Cemetery at 4 o'clock. (Forest Gate or Manor Park Stations on the Great Eastern Railway.)

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHESTERFIELD.

A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday week at Chesterfield, and proved very successful. The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going almost continuously till 6 p.m., and again from 8 to 9 p.m. The attendance was affected by the inclement weather, but nevertheless about 40 ringers turned up from Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Dore, Eckington, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Selstone, Sheffield, and Staveley. The methods rung included Kent Treble Bob Royal, New Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Bristol, London and Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich and Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor, and some good striking was heard.

The business meeting was held in the Vestry, the Ven. Archdeacon Crosse, of Chesterfield, presiding, supported by the President (Mr. J. Flint), the vice-presidents and secretary.—The Archdeacon, who is very popular, and whose genial presence was much appreciated, opened the proceedings by remarking upon the pleasure it always gave him to be amongst the ringers.

THE REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary presented the balance sheet and his report. In the latter, it was stated that there were in the society 18 affiliated towers, and a membership of 187, this total including only those who took an active part in the society. About 30 new members had been enrolled since last May. Twenty-five peals had been rung, and the standard of methods had been very high—indeed it was doubted if it could be surpassed in any part of the country. The first peals of New Cambridge, Bristol and Norfolk Surprise, at Bolsover, and Double Norwich Caters at Chesterfield had been recorded by the Society. Mr. S. Thomas headed the list of conductors with 10 peals to his credit, Mr. J. Flint being a good second with eight, followed by Mr. A. Knights two, and Messrs. B. A. Knights, J. P. Brearley, D. Brearley, A. Craven and G. Lewis with one apiece. The Society's silver cup and framed certificate for the best Sunday ringing attendances for the year ended March 31st had been won by the Dore company with 99.5 per cent., followed by Doncaster (holders) with 95 per cent., and Ranmoor with 90.5 per cent. The Dore company were to be congratulated upon their fine record. The hope was expressed that all companies would enter for the competition. The importance of regular Sunday attendances (which it was the object of the competition to promote) could hardly be over-estimated, and good striking, which should be the aim of all change ringers would almost surely follow. In conclusion, the Hon. Secretary added: "I believe the Society is on the up grade. I believe that we are doing good work in the district, in promoting change ringing, with its attendant advantages of orderliness and decent behaviour in belfries, and in so doing I believe that we merit the support and interest of all incumbents who possess peals of bells, and of all ringers. I am glad to be able to say that we are all good friends one with another, as is only right in a branch of the Church to which we all belong. It is one of the aims of the Society to avoid all friction and ill-feeling in connection with the art of change ringing, and I hope and believe that we shall continue to set a good example in this matter. If so, I believe that there is a big future in front of the Society, and that we shall progress in every sense of the word."

The election of officers for the ensuing year was the next business. Mr. J. Flint was again proposed as President, but declined to stand again, remarking that he had had two years in office, and he thought that the honour should go round. He himself proposed Mr. G. Halksworth, of Doncaster (one of the vice-presidents), who was unanimously elected, and who suitably acknowledged the compliment paid him. Mr. J. P. Tarlton (North Wingfield) was re-elected vice-president, and Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield) was elected in place of Mr. G. Halksworth. Mr. D. Brearley (Bolsterstone), and Mr. J. E. L. Cockey (Ranmoor) were unanimously re-elected treasurer and hon. secretary respectively. Mr. G. Hollis (Chesterfield) was elected assistant hon. secretary in place of Mr. T. Riley (Bolsover), who did not seek re-election. Messrs. G. W. Bemrose (Bolsover) and W. Peabody (Chesterfield) were re-elected auditors. The committee were elected as nominated, the new members being: Messrs. G. Thompson (Chesterfield), J. Morton (Eckington), H. Haigh (Worksop), and J. Holman (Sheffield) for the unattached members.—It was decided that the Cup Competition Subcommittee should in future consist of the president, two vice-presidents, hon. secretary and trustee (Mr. S. Thomas).

ARCHDEACON'S PRAISE OF RINGING.

The next business was the presentation of the Society's silver cup and framed certificate to the Christ Church, Dore, Company, for the best attendance for Sunday ringing (90.5 per cent.) for the year ending March 31st, 1912.

The Archdeacon, in making the presentation, gave a most eloquent and encouraging address to those present. Bell ringers, he thought, were rather apt to be overlooked by other members of the Church, they were away by themselves and out of sight. It was different with the choir. People soon began to ask questions if there was anything wrong with their work, but somehow many people seemed almost to have the idea that the bells rang themselves. Nothing could be far-

ther from the truth. Ringers were most important Church workers, and those in authority were always under a great debt to them. It had been his experience to spend six months in South Africa, where churches were built mostly of tin and wood, and bells were a rarity. One could never realise till one got abroad how much one could miss the music of the bells of old England, he said. Proceeding, the Archdeacon related an incident in his experience. There was a meeting held in Johannesburg, in connection with the largest church in South Africa. They wished to build a new church. There was a committee formed, and the matter was started. The first money received was a cheque for £1,000, the donor stating that it was expressly intended for a peal of bells for the church. This, he said, showed how some people longed for the sound of the bells, when far away from home. Ringers, he added, should not only consider themselves as Church workers, but as an integral part of the national life. He was in Holland a short while ago. They had some good bells there, but he deplored the way they were rung, all clashing together, not even rung in rotation—a very travesty of music, and a great contrast to the beautiful pealing at home. One cannot realise, he said, until one is away, how real a part of national life bellringing is. It had been his experience to have to listen to a single bell at one of his parishes. It was cracked, and he had it for 13 years. He could hardly tell them of the pleasure he received when he first came to Chesterfield, in listening to their sweet-toned peal. Someone, who objected to the bells, expressed the hope that he would make very stringent rules with regard to the use of the bells. He did, and the rule was that they were to be rung on every possible occasion (applause). Change ringing, he said, is as great a piece of Church work as it is possible to give to the service of God. Another point which struck him was this: "The bells reflect their ringers." He verily believed that the ringers put their character into the bells, and when conducted by such men as in their Society, the bells not only gave out sweet music, but had an actual effect in raising the character of those listening. Change ringers, he believed, were born, not made. Some people, otherwise clever, might try, but if it were not in him, a "dunderhead" he would be at the start, and a "dunderhead" he would always remain. Change ringing was a special gift of God. Where better, then, could it be used than in the service of God? Ringers were a circle amongst themselves, it was in the nature of things, they were such keen chaps, always talking about change ringing, and they rather tended to keep themselves apart. They should always remember to stand by and encourage one another, and to cheer and help those who needed it. It gave him the greatest pleasure to present the cup and certificate to the Dore company, and to congratulate them on their fine record.

Mr. T. H. Greaves, receiving the cup, remarked on the hard work it had been to them all, to stick together, so as to put in every possible attendance, and of the pleasure it now gave them to receive their reward.

The fixtures for the forthcoming year were confirmed. Notice of alteration of rules having been handed in by Mr. J. Flint, Mr. S. Thomas and Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, these were next discussed. The main point in Mr. J. Flint's proposal was the institution of a class of life members, residing outside a radius of 25 miles of either Sheffield or Chesterfield, who should be admitted to the Society upon a single payment of 2s. 6d.—Mr. S. Thomas' proposal was to the effect that "all nominations for any of the officers' position should be in the hands of the secretary by March 31st." The third proposal was a formal matter, relating to excursion fares.—After some discussion, all three proposals were accepted.

Mr. H. Ward (Eckington) and Messrs. G. Barron and J. Bailey (Derby) were elected members of the Society.

VOTES OF THANKS.

A very cordial vote of thanks to Archdeacon Crosse for his kindness in presiding at the meeting, and in granting the use of the bells, was proposed by Mr. S. Thomas (Ranmoor), who, after referring to the kindness and geniality of the Archdeacon, expressed the hope that other clergy in the district would follow his good example, and take a little more interest in the ringers than hitherto.—The motion was seconded by G. W. Bemrose (Bolsover), and was carried with acclamation.—The Archdeacon, in replying, again expressed his pleasure at being with the ringers, and assured the meeting that if there was any matter in which he could be of service to the society, it should have his attention. He concluded by wishing the Society every success.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Chesterfield company for their preparations for the meeting, was proposed by Mr. S. Thomas, seconded by Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), and carried unanimously.—The last business was a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring President (Mr. J. Flint, Bolsover), proposed in a eulogistic speech by Archdeacon Crosse, seconded by Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, and carried with acclamation.—Mr. Flint, in replying, referred to the greatly improved standard amongst ringers, both as regards character and performance, and concluded by saying that what he had done as President, had been done for his love of the Art, and for the cause of God.—This brought a highly successful meeting to a close.

MACCLESFIELD.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Bottomley 1, E. Atkins 2, G. Bottomley 3, W. Matthews 4, A. Burgess* 5, A. Mottershead 6, J. Norbury (conductor) 7, S. Mottershead 8.

YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

A VETERAN WHO LEARNED CHANGE RINGING AT 60.

At the ripe age of 75 years, Mr. John Easter, of Wragby, Yorks, the President of the Barasley and District Association, has passed away. He was at the last meeting of the Association, but contracted a chill soon after that attacked his hitherto robust constitution, and he succumbed after a very brief illness. The deceased had been head gardener to Lord St. Oswald for 21 years, and Lord and Lady St. Oswald were among the mourners who followed their trusted servant, full of years and honour, to the grave. All along the pathways through Nostell Park the coffin was borne shoulder high by relays of bearers, and the deceased was laid to rest beneath the shadows of the church he loved so well. With the bells fully muffled, 720 Oxford and 720 Primrose Treble Bob were rung, the latter being a method of which Mr. Easter was very fond. Although he learned to handle a bell as a youth, he was nearly 60 years of age before he became acquainted with change ringing, but so enthusiastic did he become that he was afterwards able to ring no fewer than 24 different Treble Bob methods. He was truly one of nature's gentlemen, gentle in thought, word, and deed, and, take him for all in all, it will not be easy to look upon his like again.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON BRANCH POSTPONES BUSINESS.

A meeting was held at Dunstable, on Saturday week, by the kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, President of the Association, for the purpose of electing officers for the Luton district, which has just been established, and which comprises Luton, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Woburn, Husborne Crawley, Aspley Guise, and the towers in the neighbourhood of these towns.

Owing, however, to showery weather, the attendance was small, numbering only just over 20, and it was thought best, seeing that all the towers in the district were not represented, to adjourn the business until the next meeting, which will be held at Leighton Buzzard on June 15th. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung including, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman, Bob Major and Grandsire. Master James Wing, of the Luton band, scored his first touch of Grandsire Triples on this fine ring of bells, and was congratulated on his performance by the Mayor of Dunstable (Alderman E. Franklin), who is one of the local company.

PRACTICAL HELP.

Much is said nowadays about the lack of instructors; here is an instance of what can be done with the aid of willing helpers. Until the visit of Messrs. T. T. Gofton, J. Gofton and A. Payne, of Whitley Bay, on May 4th, the local band at St. Oswin's, Wylam, Northumberland, had not rung any Bob Minor. The instructors travelled 19 miles each way at their own expense, and had the satisfaction of finding a keen and eager company who put up a good performance.—Two 720's of Bob Minor were rung, the first by: A. Payne 1, J. Appleby (first attempt) 2, J. Gofton 3, J. Smith 4, W. Hepple (first attempt) 5, T. T. Gofton (conductor) 6; and the second by: F. Hall (first attempt) 1, W. Hepple 2, J. Appleby 3, J. Smith 4, J. Gofton 5, T. T. Gofton (conductor) 6.

MEETING AT BARTHOMLEY.

On Saturday last, the Crewe branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their monthly meeting at Barthomley, about 30 ringers attending from Alsager, Lawton, Crewe, Northwich and Nantwich. Ringing took place during the afternoon in various methods, and tea was kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Skene, M.A.).—A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and for providing the tea, was carried with acclamation.—After passing the accounts for the past year, the visitors returned to the tower again, and touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Erin Triples, Treble Bob and Bob Major, were rung.

6240 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

The composition of the peal of 6240 Double Norwich, composed by F. H. Dexter, of Leicester, and rung for the first time at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, is as follows:—

23456	5	6	45236	5	6	54236	5	6
42635	—	—	24653	—	—	25643	—	—
64523	—	—	46253	—	—	56243	—	—
56342	—	—	24365	—	—	25364	—	—
35264	—	—	43265	—	—	53264	—	—
52364	—	—	32465	—	—	32564	—	—
23564	—	—	34265	s	—	53426	—	—
52436	—	—	42365	—	—	34526	—	—
24536	—	—	23465	—	—	45326	—	—
45236	—	—	42536	—	—	43526	—	—
			25436	—	—	35426	—	—
			54236	—	—	54326	—	—

The whole repeated.

The peal contains the extent of the 6th W. and R., with one call in a course, and is the smallest number with only four singles under these conditions.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANY TOPICS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Chorley on Saturday last, and the day was a fortunate selection in point of weather. The first contingent arrived from Manchester and Bolton, and made their way to St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung. Afterwards boarding a char-a-banc, the party motored to Whittle-le-Woods, where a new peal by Taylor were utilised for Kent, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. Afterwards, the visitors made their way to Chorley Parish Church, where a short service was taken by the President (the Rev. H. J. Elsee), in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Ven. Archdeacon Fletcher).—A meeting was afterwards held in the Institute, presided over by the President. There being no formal business, a "free and easy" discussion of things of interest to the Association took place, among the topics coming up for consideration being peal records, a benevolent fund, the Shoreditch appeal, and items of minor importance. Several members spoke strongly about many branch meetings being held the same day, and thought they should not be arranged to clash with the general meeting of the Association, as they had done for several years past. This, to some extent, accounted for the small number present, only about 40 out of over 1,000 attending, Rossendale, Manchester, Bolton, Rochdale, Blackburn, and Preston branches being represented.

A vote of thanks was passed to the authorities for the use of the bells and institute, after which the towers were again visited, and touches of Superlative, and also of some Minor Methods were rung. St. Mary's seemed to come in for the greater share of the ringing after the meeting, although the tenor is badly in need of the attention of a bell hanger.—Thanks are extended to the Rev. H. J. Elsee for taking the service, and for showing the visitors the old family pews and other items of interest in the old Parish Church.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

A meeting of the Rochdale branch was held on Saturday last, at East Crompton Church. There being only six bells, the attendance was poor, only eleven members being present.—Mr. W. Schofield, of Middleton, presided over the meeting, and said the six-bell towers did not get justice done to them with regard to the meetings.—During the day, a few touches of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung.

A meeting of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Whalley, May 4th, when a large number of ringers from Blackburn, Burnley, Colne, Clitheroe, Church Kirk, Mytton, and Padiham were present. Having obtained permission from the Vicar of Mytton, a few took the advantage of visiting Mytton Church, a very ancient building, where a few short touches in different methods were rung. After tea, the meeting was held at Whalley Church.—It was decided to hold the next branch meeting at Rishton on June 1st.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicars of Mytton and Whalley for the use of the bells, also to the ringers for having all in readiness.—The Rev. R. Newman, Vicar of Whalley, suitably responded, and hoped the branch would hold another meeting there before long.—Afterwards several touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman, were rung, and the meeting proved one of the most representative held by the branch for some time.

OXFORD GUILD NEWS.

On May 4th, six members of the St. Mary's Society, Reading, visited Shenfield, a small village about four miles from Reading, where they found a nice ring of six bells, with tenor about 14 cwt. Having raised the bells in peal, the visitors brought round a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Giles (conductor) 1, C. Cox 2, A. Watmore 3, W. A. Webb 4, J. Swain 5, A. E. Reeves 6. By this time some of the local ringers had arrived, with the Vicar (the Rev. H. Ll. Rice), who congratulated the party on the striking. The rest of the evening was devoted to the Shenfield men, who, by-the-bye, have lately joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and are struggling with change ringing, but before leaving all had rung in at least 180 of Bob Minor. The evening's outing was thoroughly enjoyed.

A combined practice for the members of the Sonning branch, was held at Hurst on May 4th, fifteen members being present, representing Easthampstead, Finchampstead, Binfield, Wokingham (All Saints), Sandhurst, Hurst, and Reading. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Forward Major and Plain Bob Minor were rung, several members ringing their first touches. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar in the Parish Room, and was much appreciated.

STOKE, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Monday, 120 Bob Doubles: J. Coleman 1, L. Wyman 2, R. Loveday 3, H. Guest 4, R. Dunkley (conductor) 5. 120 Grandsire: H. Guest 1, J. Hudson 2, J. Coleman 3, L. Wyman 4, R. Loveday (conductor) 5. Also another 120 Grandsire, with two of the local ringers standing in, and 120 Bob Doubles: J. Coleman 1, H. Guest 2, F. Tate 3, R. Loveday (conductor) 4, L. Wyman 5.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOURE.—On Monday, April 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. *P. Bird 1, W. Faulkner 2, C. Bird 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, H. Bird 5, *S. Begley 6. *Longest touch.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Eastwell, near Ashford, to-morrow (Saturday), May 18th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Special service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Lady Northcote has generously promised to provide Tea for the members attending and the gardens of Eastwell Park will be opened for them to look over.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at the Half Moon at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. G. Swindell. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 18th, 1912. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Business meeting after the service. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Church Eaton (3.30 p.m.) and Haughton (6 p.m.) on Saturday, May 18th. A free conveyance has been offered from Penkridge Station (return by train from Haughton) to those who notify me by first post on the previous Tuesday.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Meeting at 6.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 23rd; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 28th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; 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, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ross 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 Secretary.

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 (Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.) will unveil a peal board, and a good attendance is desired.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ditcheat on Saturday, May 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided free in the Church Schools 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Hampton-in-Arden, on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Shotton, Hon. Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Whitsun-Monday, May 27th. Committee meeting in Vestry, 11 a.m. Service at 12, preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Dinner in the Public Hall, 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 Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., The Precincts, Canterbury.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next general meeting will be held at Gosberton on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Divine service in the church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at the Public Hall at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner. Bells available all day.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at North Wingfield on Whit-Monday, May 27th, Church of St. Lawrence, 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.). Available 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Rector, with his usual generosity, has offered to provide tea in the schoolroom about 5 p.m., but only to those who inform me by p.c. of their intention of being present not later than May 22nd.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Bells available from 10 a.m.; service in the Parish Church at 12 noon; luncheon and business meeting at the Royal Hotel at 1 o'clock. As a definite number has to be given for lunch, will all those coming kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, May 21st.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

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 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, St. Andrew's 6.) Service at 5 p.m. Business meeting after.—F. S. Cook, Hon. Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

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 Rev. H. S. Sanders, Vicar of Woodford. 12.0 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. To ensure accommodation at the dinner, notice must be given to me not later than May 22nd. A brake will convey ringers to the neighbouring towers after the meeting.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The meeting at Scorton is cancelled, as I have received word that the bells will not be available.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

DEATH.

JAMES.—At 1, Palace Yard, Gloucester, on May 8th, Rosa James, the mother of the Revs. H. Law and E. Bankes James, aged 68.

SITUATIONS VACANT & WANTED.

FIRST CLASS BELL MOULDER, used to modern methods, required. Good wages and permanent situation.—Apply Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

UPHOLSTERER, Mattress and Blind Maker, all round hand seeks situation. Change ringer on 6 or 8 bells. Good references.—J. H. O., "Ringing World" Office, Woking.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 21st, 720 Wells Surprise: G. E. Lawrence 1, J. E. Wheeldon 2, W. C. Taylor 3, W. C. Lawrence (conductor) 4, W. P. Deane 5, F. T. Dawson 6.—On April 25th, 720 Violet: J. Walley 1, J. Jolley 2, W. C. Lawrence 3, J. Pointon 4, W. C. Taylor 5, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, April 30th, 720 Oxford: J. Turner 1, G. E. Lawrence 2, W. C. Taylor 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, B. Pegg 5, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 6.—On Easter Sunday, for Holy Eucharist, 720 Woodbine: J. Walley 1, E. Tigwell 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. C. Lawrence (conductor) 4, W. C. Taylor 5, A. Ryles 6. This 720 was rung in honour of J. Walley's 22nd birthday. Also, for evensong, 720 Oxford.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, April 14th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: J. Bates 1, H. Cooper 2, C. W. Clarke 3, J. Cooke 4, A. Robinson 5, W. Stapleton 6.—720 College Bob IV.: J. Bates 1, J. Cooke 2, C. W. Clarke 3, C. Stapleton 4, A. Robinson 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, also in the county.

DENTON, LANCs.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal (180 Plain Bob, 360 Duke of York, 360 Woodbine, 360 Kent): W. Wilde 1, W. Wright 2, A. E. Marshall 3, J. Pollitt 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6. The longest length for all except ringers of 3rd and 6th.

WOOD GREEN.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Easter Monday, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late verger, Mr. H. Mills: C. Tyler 1, B. Horton 2, E. Marlow 3, G. Peate 4, T. Hill 5, C. Wallater 6, E. J. Tyler (conductor) 7, W. Hill 8.

PORTSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 13th, on the occasion of the marriage of Lieut. Poland to Miss Weston, 252 Stedman Triples: J. Symonds 1, C. Groves 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Wheeler 4, Rev. W. Colchester 5, A. Collins 6, J. Harding (conductor) 7, J. Matthews 8. Also 336 and 112 Grandsire, conducted by A. Collins and J. Symonds.—On Sunday, April 14th, 630 Grandsire and 252 Stedman: A. S. Beer 1, M. Ellesmore 2, J. Symonds 3, S. Thomas 4, J. Harris (conductor) 5, C. Groves 6, A. Collins 7, J. Matthews 8.—On March 31st, W. Wheeler rang his first 504 Grandsire Triples as conductor.—On April 2nd, 168 and 336 Stedman Triples: *J. Smith 1, J. Symonds 2, *S. Thomas 3, *J. Wheeler 4, J. Harris 5, *W. Wheeler 6, J. Harding (conductor) 7, C. Groves 8. *First touch of Stedman, and first as conductor.

BRIDGEND.—On Easter Day, for afternoon service, at St. Illtyd's Church, 720 Bob Minor: *W. Evans 1, A. J. Stanley 2, R. Evans 3, John Cox 4, F. J. Evans 5, J. Evans 6, E. Gregory 7, J. Paul 8. *First 720 and longest touch.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday evening, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's

Original), in 50 mins.: J. Gray (longest length) 1, G. Wilson 2, W. Trigg 3, A. Trigg 4, W. Pervin 5, J. Wilson 6, H. Whittle (conductor) 7, W. Thorley 8. The above are all members of the Stanford band, of which Mr. Whittle was elected Master the previous week.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Easter Sunday, after evening service at St. Chad's (A.C.) Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes, in 46 mins.): W. Hunt 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, J. B. Collett 3, J. Corrigan 4, C. Mackenzie 5, J. Porter 6, E. Mullins (conductor) 7, T. Miller 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: J. Smith 1, J. H. Swinfield 2, E. W. Abbott 3, E. W. Cartwright 4, W. W. Worthington 5, H. W. Abbott 6, C. Harriman 7, J. Hutchby 8, E. Reader (conductor) 9, J. Powell 10.

UTTOXETER.—The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—On Easter Monday, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1912 changes): W. Cope (conductor) 1, J. Richardson 2, S. J. Kinnersley 3, A. B. Cope 4, W. Lunn 5, C. Smith 6, A. P. Cope 7, W. Walters 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Cope, who, on Easter Monday, completed his 60th year as a ringer at St. Mary's Church. This is also his longest touch.

ISHAM.—The Central Northants Association.—On Good Friday, for evensong, with bells half-muffled, a 720 Oxford Bob (26 singles and 34 bobs): R. T. Buswell 1, W. C. Lewis 2, W. T. Wilson 3, A. E. Fount 4, G. A. Blaxley 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6.—On Wednesday, March 27th, a course of Cambridge: F. Andrew 1, W. Robinson 2, W. C. Lewis 3, J. E. Chapman 4, W. T. Wilson 5, E. M. Atkins 6.

YATELEY, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At the St. Peter's Church, on Easter Sunday, at 5.30 a.m., 336 Grandsire Triples: C. Bunch 1, Miss B. Stilwell 2, W. G. Bunch 3, G. Butler 4, A. Hearmon 5, J. R. Bunch 6, S. Riddell 7, E. Denton 8. Also 504 in the same method at matins and evensong, with W. Horne and H. Tice taking part.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Sunday, for early service, 720, 216 and 180 Bob Minor. For morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 216 Bob Minor. For evening service, 240 and 144 Bob Minor, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. After Evening Service, 216 and 144 Bob Minor, conducted by J. Spencer and F. W. Naunton, the following taking part: G. Bertram, A. J. Naunton, F. W. Naunton, G. E. Naunton, L. Naunton, J. Spencer, E. Nunn, W. J. Sawyer.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On Monday, April 8th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Eastaugh 1, J. Spalding 2, F. W. Naunton 3, C. Button 4, J. Larter 5, N. R. Bailey 6. Conducted by N. R. Bailey.

EARNES, SURREY.—On April 14th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, E. H. Cook 2, H. Barrett 3, F. S. Revington 4, G. Iles 5, T. Bolton 6, C. F. W. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8.

KIBWORTH.—On Easter Day, for early service, 350 Grandsire Triples. For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Parker's six-part, in 40 mins.: H. Cutler 1, J. Waterfield 2, J. Taylor 3, D. Iliffe 4, W. N. Adkinson 5, J. Bolton 6, F. Staniforth (conductor) 7, E. Leech 8. For evening service, 882 Grandsire Triples, with J. Buckley tenor, and conducted by W. N. Adkinson.—On Monday, April 8th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, at Market Harboro' by the Kibworth Society, but after ringing about 2,000 changes, a shift brought it to an end.

NUNEATON.—On April 4th, at the house of Mr. T. W. Chapman, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. H. Argyle 1—2, T. W. Chapman 3—4, H. Argyle (conductor) 5—6, W. Martin (first quarter-peal on handbells) 7—8.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Easter Sunday for early service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, H. Little 2, G. Jordan 3, W. T. Prior 4, F. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.—On Sunday, April 14th, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, W. Prior 2, J. Ansell 3, F. Butler 4, H. J. Tucker 5, T. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Guest 1, J. Hudson 2, J. Guest 3, L. Wyman 4, R. Dunkley 5, R. Loveday (conductor) 6.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Monday, 120 Bob Doubles: R. Dunkley 1, J. Hudson 2, L. Wyman 3, H. Guest 4, R. Loveday (conductor) 5. Also 120 Grandsire: R. Loveday (conductor) 1, L. Wyman 2, R. Dunkley 3, J. Coleman 4, H. Guest 5. Tenor, 25 cwt.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Monday, 720 Bob Minor (30 bobs, 2 singles): J. Coleman 1, J. Hudson 2, L. Wyman 3, H. Guest 4, R. Dunkley 5, R. Loveday (conductor) 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob: J. Coleman 1, R. Loveday (conductor) 2, J. Hudson 3, H. Guest 4, R. Dunkley 5, L. Wyman 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, April 14th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Albert J. Day, 720 Bob Minor: S. J. Spice 1, W. G. Webb 2, T. Jull 3, H. Jewiss 4, W. E. Spice 5, G. H. Spice (conductor) 6. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1260 changes), being four 120's of Plain Bob, and six and a half of Grandsire called differently: S. Spico 1, W. E. Spice 2, T. Jull 3, P. J. Spice 4, W. Spice (conductor) 5, F. Foreman 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—Central Northants Association.—On St. Patrick's Day, for morning service, at St. Edmund's Church, 252 Erin Triples: B. Soden 1, F. Wilford 2, A. Deacon 3, J. Metherill 4, S. F. Millward 5, W. Rogers 6, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 7, W. Gammage 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Rev. — Sibthorpe, Vicar of Eye, Peterborough, and a former curate at the above church. This is the first time that Erin Triples have been rung in Northampton.

BOLNEY.—Sussex County Association. — For evening service, on Sunday, March 31st, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins.: J. King 1, G. Weller 2, A. Absalom 3, W. Wheeler 4, T. Gasson (composer and conductor) 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Vincent 7, W. Walder 8.

REIGATE, SURREY. — On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Dewey 1, H. Reeves (composer and conductor) 2, E. Dewey 3, H. Ewins 4, T. Brown 5, G. Croucher 6, W. Smith 7, T. Sparks 8, H. Hoad 9, G. F. Hoad 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.—On Monday, April 1st, 480 Kent Treble Bob Royal: G. Croucher 1, H. Reeves 2, H. Ewins 3, A. Harman 4, A. Holman 5, O. Gilbey 6, W. Bashford 7, T. Sparks 8, H. Hoad 9, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 10.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, March 31st, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Canon E. C. Lowe, D.D., Canon Residentiary of Ely, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Markwell 1, W. Lish 2, E. Lish 3, G. Payne 4, L. Payne 5, W. J. Amiss 6, C. Tyler (conductor) 7, A. Hodges 8.

SUTTON, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, March 31st, at Benhilton Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 48 mins.: S. Rayner 1, G. Rayner 2, L. Ferrige 3, J. Webb 4, F. Ford 5, J. Warwick 6, T. King 7, A. Clayton (conductor) 8. Rung to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 5th.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On March 29th, at the house of Mr. J. W. Lowther, Fylingthorpe, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), on handbells: M. Duck 1—2, J. W. Lowther 3—4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5—6, R. Duck 7—8.—On Palm Sunday, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: G. F. Alexander (conductor) 1, M. Duck 2, G. Welburn 3, J. W. Lowther 4, J. W. Wilkinson 5, R. Duck 6. For evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: M. Duck 1, C. Watson 2, G. Welburn 3, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 4, J. W. Lowther 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, R. Duck 7, F. Townsend 8.—On handbells, previous to ringing for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): M. Duck 1—2, G. F. Alexander 3—4, J. W. Lowther 5—6, R. Duck (first quarter on handbells as conductor) 7—8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On April 1st, 384, 672 and 1280 Bob Major, on handbells: C. Sanders 1—2, W. Sherliff 3—4, A. P. Wakley 5—6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7—8. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, March 31st, after Divine service, a 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Chandler 1, E. Bridger 2, A. Longley 3, C. Cook 4, H. Harrington 5, G. Edwards 6, E. Everest (conductor) 7, E. King 8. Rung as a farewell to R. Chandler, a past member of the band, who was leaving for Australia. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 4th and 5th, who hail from Hever.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On March 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Kitchener 1, *A. Talbot 2, *F. White 3, L. Chapman 4, *A. Kitchener 5, *J. Warner 6, S. Page (conductor) 7, H. Bolter 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.—On Sunday, March 31st, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Kitchener 1, A. Talbot 2, F. White 3, H. Bolter 4, A. Kitchener 5, J. Warner 6, S. Page 7, E. White 8. Rung as a farewell to F. White, who is going to Enfield.

SHIPLEBY, YORKS.—The Yorkshire Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins.: Thos. B. Kendall (conductor) 1, E. H. Murgatroyd 2, F. London 3, W. Joyce 4, J. Broadley 5, J. Joyce 6, J. A. Ross 7, G. A. Nettleton 8. Longest length on the bells since they were retuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The "go" is excellent.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On March 28th, at the Parish Church, for confirmation service, 560 Double Norwich: T. Lawrence 1, O. W. Layng 2, A. Lawrence 3, G. W. Townsend 4, R. W. Hyner 5, T. Robinson 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, E. Bishop (conductor) 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: O. W. Layng 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, G. W. Townsend 4, T. Robinson 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, J. M. Brinkworth 8. — On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples.

EASTHAMSTEAD, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On April 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. North (conductor) 1, A. Herrington (first with bob bell) 2, A. Pierce 3, W. Newton 4, A. Gough 5, E. C. Lambert 6. 720 Double Oxford: A. Herrington 1, A. Pierce 2, J. North 3, W. Newton 4, J. Rance (conductor) 5, E. C. Lambert 6. Also a 720 in five methods, conducted by J. North. Also a course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells: A. Pierce 1—2, J. North 3—4, E. C. Lambert 5—6, J. Rance 7—8.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 720 Kent: A. Herrington 1, H. Carder 2, R. Hawkins 3, W. Newton 4, A. Gough 5, J. North (conductor) 6. For evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob by the same ringers.

KEYNSHAM.—Bath and Wells Association.—On April 8th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. H. Seers 1, R. E. Waterson (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, A. E. Alexander 3, T. Hogsflesh 4, A. E. Seers (composer and conductor) 5, R. J. Cousins 6, C. Densley 7, E. J. Alexander 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Bovington 1, H. Skuse 2, J. J. Parker (composer and conductor) 3, H. Batten 4, G. Basden 5, J. Elderfield 6, W. Henley 7, W. Clarke 8.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—St. Thomas' Guild.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Kerley 1, C. Hughes 2, W. Harrison 3, G. Arnold 4, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 5, H. F. Elliott 6, S. Clark 7, S. Morris 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — The Oxford Guild. — On April 2nd, 504 Stedman Triples: T. East (conductor) 1, W. Webb 2, W. Napper 3, J. Napper 4, F. James 5, J. Bower 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Warwick 8. A 504 was also rung on March 19th, in which R. G. Rice, R. James and A. Woodley took part. These are the first 504's by all except Messrs. T. East and Rice. Mr. East has instructed the remainder of the band in the method with great success. The company includes Blewbury and Sreatley ringers.

BLEWBURY.—On Sunday, March 31st, for evening service, 210 Grandsire Triples, first touch by Wilfrid Aldridge, aged 15, who rang the treble. He is a member of the young band who are being taught at this church.

DEPTFORD.—The Keat County Association.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: K. Fosdike 1, A. G. Bennington 2, J. Law 3, F. W. Richardson 4, T. G. Deal (conductor) 5, W. Daynes (first quarter with a bob bell) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, C. H. Macklin 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Law on his 70th birthday.

FULHAM.—All Saints' Society.—On Sunday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 49 mins., for Divine service: L. Aitwater (conductor) 1, *B. Harvey 2, A. Cutmore 3, J. W. Driver 4, J. W. Kelly 5, *A. W. Darlington 6, W. J. Troughton 7, S. J. Collins 8, W. Hollier 9, G. F. Edwards 10. *First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

CAMBRIDGE. — Cambridge University Guild.—On May 5th, 1344 Bob Major, in the Master's room, St. Catherine's College: E. M. Atkins (conductor) 1—2, W. D. James 3—4, R. O. Street 5—6, J. B. Williamson (first quarter-peal) 7—8.

ROCHESTER, KENT. — At the Cathedral, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Tulett 1, R. Paine 2, O. Sullivan 3, J. Kidd 4, W. Easter 5, W. J. Walker 6, W. Haigh (conductor) 7, J. Rayner 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): G. Howse 1, J. Sharp 2, A. Gower 3, E. Bray 4, A. Miles 5, E. Gower 6, James George (composer and conductor) 7, C. Hatfield 8. Arranged for Mr. George.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday, April 16th, at St. John's Church, 720 Worcester Surprise Minor: W. Ranford 1, W. C. Jones 2, J. R. Newman 3, G. Checketts 4, A. Winterton 5, W. Page (conductor) 6. This is believed to be the first 720 of Worcester Surprise ever rung by the Worcester and Districts Association.—On Thursday, April 18th, at St. Helen's, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Page (conductor) 1, G. Hinton, senr., 2, W. C. Jones 3, J. Brettel 4, W. Edgington 5, E. Watkins 6. First 720 in method by all except Messrs Page and Jones.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes): G. Edser, senr., 1, F. Shepherd 2, A. F. Shepherd 3, W. Shepherd 4, W. A. Woodrow 5, A. Woodrow 6, F. J. Shepherd 7, J. Emery (conductor) 8. — On Tuesday, April 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Day (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Emery 2, G. Edser, senr., 3, J. Loveridge 4, A. Woodrow 5, F. J. Shepherd 6, F. Shepherd (conductor) 7, R. J. Polley 8.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—The Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On March 27th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Minor: A. Gwynne 1, H. Marklove 2, J. Blake 3, E. Summers 4, Walter Poston 5, Will Poston (conductor) 6. For 7 a.m. service, on Easter Day, 720 Canterbury, with J. Blake 2, J. Gwynne 3. For 11 a.m. service, 720 Bob Minor: R. Summers 1, J. Blake 2, J. Gwynne 3, E. Summers 4, Walter Poston 5, Will Poston (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Canterbury: A. Gwynne 1, H. Marklove 2, J. Blake 3, E. Summers 4, Walter Poston 5, Will Poston (conductor) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On April 15th, at St. Saviour's Church, 1302 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: O. L. Twist 1, J. C. Adams 2, G. W. Cooper 3, W. J. Cooper 4, W. J. E. Jones 5, H. F. Hull 6, H. Rumens (conductor) 7, G. B. Lucas, senr., 8. Also the Plain Course of Kent Treble Bob, E. D. Lillywhite in place of O. L. Twist. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. G. W. Cooper.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Saturday, April 13th, 720 New London Pleasure: G. Clarke 1, Rev. A. Rhys James 2, H. Woodhouse 3, E. Arrand 4, F. Clarke (conductor) 5, H. Trout 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by the local band.

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